

MINUTES OF A UNION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at 10 am on Friday 9 December 2011 at University House

Present: President (in the Chair)
Vice-President Welfare Vice-President Education
Vice-President Community Vice-President Sport

Attending:
Paul Tatton, Chief Executive
James Brooks, Director of Commercial Services & Marketing

Absent: Vice-President Welfare

1 **Apologies** - Vice-President Scarborough, Laura Curtis

2 **Minutes of Previous Meeting** - agreed

3 **Matters Arising** - none

4 **Community Zone**

a) Achievements & progress

- There has been some great press coverage for Street Reps and Neighbourhood Network on Radio Humberside and Look North and the front page of Hull Daily Mail.
- HUU awards – 30 awards have been suggested and it is proposed spreading these across the zones. The VIP list was discussed with consideration to be given to splitting invitations to the HUU Awards, SLT Awards and AU Trophy Presentation.

Action: VPC to circulate a list with 4 places for members of the SMT and President to discuss with FJO

- HMO – VPC met Amanda Wilcox and presented lobbying plan. He is meeting with local councillors and landlords next week for further discussions.

5 **Education Zone**

a) Achievements & progress

- Lee Fallin attended the Course Rep Conference - his presentation went down well and he took part in the debating event in the evening.
- Academic Council went well – split into four focus groups to discuss support and retention, student charter and module evaluation questionnaires.
- VPE attended the QAA Sounding Board in London.
- VPE met with Jenny Potts to discuss the Student Led Teaching Awards and has booked the Lindsay Suite.
- The Student Charter is moving forward.
- Course Rep achievement awards for November are now on hull.student.

6 **Governance Zone**

a) Achievements & progress

- 5 students attended NUS “Women in Elections” meeting – may split information meetings for elections across Scarborough and Hull campuses.
- President attended the UD Zone and Brunel referendum.
- Council pre meeting and Governance Zone meeting went well.
- President thanked everyone who supported the Housing Roadshows.
- President said the Election timetable for internal publicity has now been completed.

- b) CE update
- Adverts for a new Trustee are being prepared and will be included in the Alumni email in January.
 - CE attended USS meeting in London. Employer contributions will be capped at 16% until 2016 – this will go out to consultation.
 - Jo Thompson, CE at Birmingham Students' Union will be visiting next week in her role as a Trustee of NUS.

7 **Sport Zone**

- a) Achievements & progress
- VPS confirmed that 673 deposits had been received for Tour.
 - Although the Sports Development Group meeting scheduled for Thursday had been cancelled, VPS met with Anthony Allen and Steve Curtis to discuss his proposal. The feedback was positive and Finance department will help put together a business case. VPS will meet David Thomson to discuss further.
 - The Rugby League club has discussed whether to remain in Super 8s as they say that other teams get backed by their universities. They are going to hold a 9s tournament and invite local teams to help recruitment of players.
 - Problems are being experienced with the Kukri website and VPS has asked for a meeting to resolve these.
 - Three clubs are currently in debt, but VPS is confident that this is temporary.
 - CE advised that affiliations should be recorded in the Annual Report and Accounts.

8 **Welfare Zone** - no report

9 **Scarborough**

- a) Achievements & progress
- Wayne Cullen advised that the Christian Union meeting went well – current President, Treasurer and Secretary were voted back in and will be working on a new constitution.
 - An Academic Review meeting is arranged for next week and he will provide feedback. The review should be finalised by February.

10 **Any Other Business**

- a) Higher Education Achievement Report (see attached)
- This policy governs the process and responsibilities for the issue of the University of Hull Higher Education Achievement Report. A review is to be conducted and Lee Fallin and Laura Curtis are attending a meeting to find out the implications for HUU. VPE expressed concern about the potential demand on resources.
- d) Housing Stalls
- Following Kexgill's presence recently in University House, it was agreed for guidelines to be published for advertising by landlords. Gina Rayment is preparing a draft and this will be circulated for comment.
- e) Employee of the Month
- Nominations had been received for Kate Falconer, Mike Porter and Colleen McGarry. Kate and Colleen were voted as joint winners.

Additional item

Discussion took place about publicity for ReFreshers – President wanted to ensure theme remained consistent. Marketing will produce further ideas for consideration.

12 **Next Meeting** – Friday 16 December at 11 am.