

## Welfare Zone meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2011 at 1.15pm

### University House, Meeting Room 3

#### 1. Present:

Sean Brawley (Chair Welfare & Councillor of Scrutiny), Dominique Richards (Chair Women's Committee), Nii Akoto Dodoo-Amoo (Chair Black Students), Daryl Jones (Chair Disabled Students), Ellen Ricketts (Chair LGBT)

Sophie Reid (minute taker)

#### 2. Apologies:

Jonathan Milnes (Chair LINKS), Thom Rawlinson (Councillor of Scrutiny), Phil Pocknee (VP Welfare)

#### 3. Reports:

##### **Chair Black Students**

- Black History Month is now over and feels that the goals they set out have been achieved.
- One workshop was not well attended, so hoping to run it again as he believes it was the best one. Hopefully get it set up for November and push it more. It was called 'Who is the British Barack Obama?'
- Working on an Identity Campaign, which will involve getting involved with different Societies, e.g. Chinese Society.
- The NUS Black Student Conference will be in the last week of November. Possibly going with the Scarborough Community Officer, Madonna Masuka.

##### Questions

- Dominique asked if any other committee member is going to the conference. VPW has not given any money for it. She suggested asking VPW to do some fundraising and talk to Phil and Aidan about getting more money.
- Chair Welfare asked if there were any policies to take to conference. Not yet.
- Chair Welfare asked if he had been contact with anyone from the Student Activities Centre about the Identity Campaign. It's still in the early stages but this is a good idea.

##### **Chair Women's Committee**

- Main efforts have been towards the White Ribbon Campaign. This will take place on the 25<sup>th</sup> November. Will have a stall, hand printing and Silent Witness event.
- Working on Reclaim the Night event. Have sent risk assessment to Council. Working on getting speakers for a rally. The march will start on Freetown Way at

6pm and will end at the University for about 7.30pm. The rally will then happen at the University.

- Executive have drafted the Zero Tolerance Policy. Will bring it for the extended meeting about the policy.
- Sending 3 executive members and 1 other to the Sister Activist training in Leeds.
- Preparing to write a feminist blog, rather than go through hullstudent. This is easier than having to rely on others to put stuff up. Have been approached by SURE blog, which is a network of feminist activists. Going to write articles for them.
- Working on ideas for fundraising: raffle, t-shirts and possible female comedy night.

#### Questions

- Chair Welfare suggested sending a letter to Hullfire, as they tend to publish every letter sent in.
- Dominique commented that there was an article written that said that women had no role in the revolution. She disagreed with this statement, and highlighted that her recent work on the Egyptian Revolution proves this.
- Nii asked for further details on Reclaim the Night. It would start off in town and end at University. They were keen to hit Beverley Road and Newland Avenue as they were seen as key areas. The first half of the event is for women only and then men can join for the second half.

#### Chair Disabled Students

- Had the Wheelchair Campaign last week in Scarborough, which went well.
- Looked at Scarborough Campus as a whole with the new building and found that they are breaking regulations in some places.
- Working on Mental Health Training.
- Going to go to the NUS Disabled Conference in March. Planning to bring a couple of motions.

#### Questions

- Dominique asked what motions were being taken to conference. Going to take one about holding NUS to account for representation, and another on all unions having an accessible toilet.

#### Chair LGBT

- Working towards World Aids Day, which is on the 1<sup>st</sup> December.
- Opening up discussion with the wider LGBT group next Monday to see about charities they would like to support. For fundraising: Stall, red pants party, events throughout the day and night.
- Hatecrime Awareness week. Going to have a stall in the Union.

- Poster campaign to push who the Committee are and what they do. Going to go to halls of residence as well. This will tie in with an identity campaign.
- LGBT history month is in February and this will probably be the biggest campaign they run.

## VP Welfare

VPW sent apologies for not attending but was at senate. He sent the following written report to members.

- Top priority this week has been Nightline, hearing back from the University later on this week to find out what and when building work is taking place on the building. The new mobile phone bought last week is not operational yet but once we know dates for the property we can request a temporary property where 2 volunteers can operate the line.
- Been spending time working towards two special weeks 8 and 9. 8 Being Hate Crime Week – I will ask people later in the week if they can cover stall shifts – We are on track to become a Hate Crime Reporting Centre, will have more info on that next meeting. Week 9 is inter-faith week and we have 2 main events, one booked for the 22<sup>nd</sup> evening 5-7 all about inter-faith anti poverty projects and another on faith and politics later in the week TBC.
- I have been attending university meetings, with Senate tomorrow, Access to Learning meeting each week too and more. I am now sitting on the Universities' working group on Retention and hopefully I will have things feeding back into the Zone's activity soon.
- Beyond that, yesterday I was in York talking through with their Welfare Sabb Bob about Student Support Services and much more. Also been attending society events and all kinds of fun things.
- Any questions on anything, don't hesitate to contact me. This is a very brief summary but I will be at the next WZ meeting and will have greater detail on all the progress from the above!

## Questions

- Daryl would like to know why the Disabled Committee link is not up on the website.
- Chair Welfare asked was the only avenue for reporting Hate Crime through the Advice Centre. Also questioned whether there would be similar services offered in Scarborough. Also asked about the International Office as another location for suitable footfall.
- Chair Welfare wanted further details on what was happening with Nightline. Specifically asked why it was originally said that they couldn't get temporary building and now they can. Also wanted clarity on why a temporary location cannot be confirmed until the extent of repair is known.

## 4. Any Other Business

### Zero Tolerance

- Dominique has drafted the policy. VPW had asked them to come up with a wish list on what they would like to see on the policy.

- Daryl commented that his committee were relatively happy but had a couple of comments to make.
- Chair Welfare confirmed that they would talk about it at the next zone meeting and then on the 30<sup>th</sup> November.
- Dominique asked Ellen whether NUS have published anything that can be used. She found it difficult to get information but should be able to get some valid statistics. Dominique commented that Aidan said the report had posted by NUS. Ellen will try and find this, as when she had tried it before the link did not work. Chair Welfare asked for it to be distributed to the Welfare Zone, if found.

### **Nightline**

- Questions asked by Chair Welfare, following VPW report (see above).
- Dominique asked if there were any fundraising ideas. VPW will need to follow up with response.

### **Away Day**

- Chair Welfare will be unable to attend but will investigate who all can attend, to determine whether a welfare zone meeting could take place.
- Will go through the Operations Plan and Budget for Welfare.

### **Hate Crime Week**

- Dominique commented the liberation away day was on the same week. Wasn't sure if this is a good thing or bad. However it was suggested as a good opportunity to do something in Scarborough for Hate Crime.
- Ellen asked what time they would be setting off for the liberation away day – VPW needs to follow up by confirming the date and times.
- Confirmed that there were stalls booked for Monday and Tuesday between 10am and 2pm. There will be massive posters, a white board and a anonymous box. Candlelit visual on the Friday. Suggested for Saturday but a lot of people will be going to the Student Activism training event in London, so Friday is better.

### **Minutes of Previous meeting**

- Agreed as a true record.

Meeting closed 1.50pm