UNION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

PRESIDENT, CHAIR
TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2019, 2PM
MEETING ROOM 3. STUDENT CENTRAL

Present: Isobel Hall, President of The Students' Union (PRES); Abigail Morris, President of Inclusivity & Diversity (PID), Erin Pettit, President of Sports (PS), Orduen Nguper Simeon, President of Education (PE), Thomas McNamara, President of Activities (PA)

Attending: Leanne Spencer (Executive Support Co-Ordinator, ESC - minutes)

1. Apologies

Jane Stafford, Chief Executive (CEO)

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approved

3. Matters Arising

Agenda Item		Action	Actioned By	Outcome
3	Matters Arising	ESC to find out who the shortlisted students of the big three of HUU Awards are so that they can receive Lifetime Associate Memberships and then circulate to the President Team so that they can approve	ESC	ACTION ESC to check if Lifetime membership are still doable due to changes in Bye-Laws
3	Matters Arising	President Team to create a blog announcing the variety of healthy foods to students	PA	Ongoing
3	Matters Arising	PRES to chase Stephen Dale regarding updates on the Sustainable Development and Environment Group	PRES	Complete
4a	Working Group on Academic Regulations	ESC to send the decision to the Working Group on Academic Regulations	ESC	Complete
4a	Working Group on Academic Regulations	PE to report back to the President Team after the first meeting	PE	Ongoing



4b	Team GB Academic Steering Group	ESC to send the decision to the Team GB Academic Steering Group	ESC	Complete
4b	Team GB Academic Steering Group	PA and PE to report back to the President Team after the first meeting	PA and PE	Ongoing
4c	8005 UEC Standing Order and Terms of Reference	PRES to circulate the edited Standing Order to President Team to view and comment on	PRES	ACTION PRES to edit and re- circulate
5	Weekly Reports and Accountability	PRES to check with the Student Voice Manager and the Campaigns & Democracy Co-Ordinator regarding the number of Councillors of Scrutiny on the panel	PRES	Complete
5	Weekly Reports and Accountability	ESC to put some time in this week for PT to meet re PTO and Councillors of Scrutiny positions	ESC	Complete
5	Weekly Reports and Accountability	PRES and PID to put the Safety Cards in the hubs	PRES and PID	Complete
7	Any Other Business	ESC to set up a meeting with PE and Jenny Lawrence	ESC	Complete
7	Any Other Business	ESC to have the information about Associate Memberships amended on the website and in the documents	ESC	Complete
7	Any Other business	PRES to speak to the Campaigns & Democracy Co-Ordinator about not having Your Ideas on the website until the President Team have decided that the idea is plausible	PRES	Ongoing

4. For discussion & Decision

a. Associate Membership fees/payments

PRES explained that SOM had emailed the President Team asking where the fees from Associate Membership's will now as the old budget code was made dormant.

PRES suggested putting it towards the Societies and Clubs grant; the committee thinks that this is a good idea.

There was some confusion around why the fees for Associate Memberships were higher than those for students, the Sports Co-Ordinator (SC) was called in to clarify this. The committee asked SC for clarification; SC noted that the fee goes the Presidents' budget and never went to the old budget code. PRES asked if there was a reason they were charged more; SC explained that she had raised the question too and said that we have never disclosed where the money goes or what it is used for. PS felt that it makes sense for it to go into the Society or Club budget, depending on whether the person purchasing the Associate



Membership wanted to join a club or society. SC suggested that the fee could go to the society or club the member joins. There was a discussion about whether the fees should go to the society or club that the member joins.

The committee decided that the fee should go to the societies grant and sports clubs grant.

PRES said that we need to update the form to reflect the Bye-Laws

ACTION ESC with PA and PS and circulate to staff explaining the process and the update form

b. Movember Campaign Request Form

PID explained that we have had a lot of interest in Movember so far. PA said that he has made £700 so far. PS added that girls are also getting involved. PID said that we have asked for funding in the form, but that the Commercial Services Director has since offered some funds; PA explained that the Commercial Services Director is also offering vouchers. PID said that she and PA have spoken to marketing and they are happy to do posters for them, which will come out of the marketing budget.

PRES expressed concerns about using the money requested as a prize as they have already acquired a lot of donations; PS understands this and explained that she and PA have advertised that there is a prize. PID explained that the majority of the money has been donated by cricket, so this campaign money is to get others involved. PS said that some students grew a moustache last year and did not donate, so this extra push will encourage them to donate. PE is happy with the campaign and said that there are clear aims and objectives. PA suggested that the money goes towards an event that a club or society may want to run rather than giving it out as prize money. PID explained that the prize money would be for the club or society and not for an individual.

The Committee approved the campaign request.

5. Representation Request Forms

a. Breach of Confidentiality Policy Working Group

The President Team expressed confusion about this request form. PE asked why students should sit on this working group. PS voiced that students should not sit on this. PID said that the whole point of this working group is to look at the impact on students so students should not sit on it. PRES is confused by the confidentiality wording part of the form. PE said that he does not feel that he has the expertise to contribute to the working group.

The Committee decided that it was not appropriate to send a student representative to the working group.

ACTION ESC to email the University explaining that the form has been declined, President Team to send a line to explain why they are not sending a representative.

b. Academic Support Tuition Working Group

PRES explained that the working group is a sub-committee of the Education Committee. PRES said that her initial issue is that we do not supply students to the University to sit on working groups. PE explained that he had made it clear to the University at Education Committee that it is the job of the Faculty Rep to tell the Deputy Reps what to do and that it is not a job for the President Team.



PE explained that the University wanted Post Graduate representation, preferably a first year Post Graduate student. PRES expressed concerns that Post Graduate students were suggested by the University as representative as they are not elected to represent students. PID asked if it were appropriate to send the Post Graduate Research rep even though the form was asking for a Post Graduate Taught rep; PRES explained that the Post Graduate Research rep not elected to that area and so was not the appropriate person to represent Post Graduate Research students at the working group. PRES clarified that the University are not looking for a representative, they are looking for a student to tell their story. PID said that she can ask the Head of Student Engagement and Transition at the University if they have plans to consult all students. PRES suggested that PE goes in person to the initial working group meeting and report back to see if we need to send someone. PRES suggested that PE ask who in his zone would like to attend.

The Committee decided that PE would attend and ask his zone if someone would also like to attend.

ACTION ESC to email the University the outcome

6. To note

a. Ratification of new standing order 8009

To note for the minutes as agreed via email.

7. Accountability Reports

a. President of Students' Union

PID asked if PRES has had a response to their letter about nursing students; PRES replied that she has not yet and explained that these can take up to 6 weeks. PRES said that she will get back in touch with Diana Johnson's assistant to chase them up.

ACTION PRES to get back in touch with Diana Johnson's assistant to chase them up.

b. President of Inclusivity & Diversity

PID said she has one thing to add to her report. In priority for EDI work, PID has had a meeting with the Head of Graduate Development Services last week about inclusion in the library. PID said that he is very keen to work with her on this and said that if we can do it here then we can get other universities to do it too.

PRES asked where PID is at with her accessibility map; PID replied that she is working on it in the background, but would like to have it finished by Christmas.

c. President of Education

PID pointed out a typo; PE said that he will amend this.

PRES asked where PE is at with his BAME attainment gap work; PE replied that he is working with the University to make a video, PE explained that he is still in conversations with the University about that.



d. President of Activities

PID asked for clarification about the Medical Society nominations to their committee; PA explained that this is going to go through the Medical Society EGM.

PRES asked what the issue was around communication; PA explained that the Student Opportunities Manager and the Welcome Desk Assistant made a lot of the societies inactive because they did not do their training. The societies said, in response to this, that there have been so many emails so they have been missing important ones. PRES asked if there was still an issue around the amount of emails being sent; PA replied that it is being looked at and that it could be due to the fact that there were a lot of emails being sent or that they go to a spam inbox. PRES asked if we could spread out the emails so that they do not all go out on the same day. PA agreed and said that moving such things onto the SUMS dashboard may help with this.

e. President of Sport

PS explained that she has not submitted a report and suggested that she write one by the end of the week and circulate it.

ACTION PS to write the report and send it to ESC to add to the minutes

8. Any other Business

Representation Request for Surveys Group

PE explained that this group looks at the structure of surveys which are sent to students to ensure that the questions work. PRES explained that the University come up with a strategy to promote the survey to students. PE said that this year there will not be an incentive of any kind to encourage students to complete the survey. PE explained that he does not think that representation to this group is necessary, PRES agreed. PE said that he can tell students in group chats when the survey is live. PE suggested that lecturers should tell students and that they should make time in lectures for students to fill it in.

The Committee decided that they feel that PE is adequate representation for this meeting so they will not be sending any other reps.

ACTION ESC to go back with the response

9. Reserved Business

Next meeting: Tuesday 19th November 2019





President Report

President of the Students' Union Isobel Hall Submitted: Tuesday 16thth October 2019

My three priorities this month were:

- 1. Climate Emergency
- 2. Governance (Referendum/By-Elections/Bye-Laws)
- 3. Funding for Healthcare Students

Priority 1 Climate Emergency

Actions:

Organising Climate Strike - Promoting via social media channels

Making placards and collecting signatures – over 700 signatures gathered supporting climate action

Pizza and Placard Making Session - Torch TV got film footage

Interview with BBC Radio Humberside about the Climate Strike

Climate Strike - over 60 people attended on campus/Students' Union shut down for 1 hour/delivered speech with demands for the University/headed into the City and Hull City Strike/Delivered speech again in the City

Climate Meet-Up - 11 students attended

HUSSO/GIAG Bridlington Beach Clean - 25 kilos are waste collected

Water fountain on ground floor of the Students' Union installed

Wrote paper for the HUU Board of Trustees to declare climate emergency

Outcomes:

Over 700 signatures collected on placard calling for climate action



Torch TV produced film of the Climate Strike

Over 60 people got involved with the Climate Strike outside the Students' Union

Email from the VC showing support for our strike/Email from Head of Finance to look into ethical investment/Email from University PR to say how amazing the experience was/Got our voice heard on multiple outlets (Torch TV/Hull Daily Mail/University of Hull/Business Live/Viking FM/Diana Johnson MP social media/BBC Look North/BBC Radio Humberside)/Standing in solidarity with the global strikes

Climate Meet-Up - Actions for campaigns established

HUSSO/GIAG Bridlington Beach Clean - 25 kilos are waste collected

Water fountain on ground floor of the Students' Union installed

Paper for climate emergency is included in the papers for the HUU Trustee Board

How I told students:

Posting updates on social media and part of weekly updates

Included in monthly President Blogs

Facebook Group for students

Facebook event for the strike

Priority 2 Governance (Referendum/By-Elections/Bye-Laws)

Actions:

Promoting the referendum and PTO positions on social media (including a breakdown of what the articles were and the changes being made)

Running Chocolate and Chat to gain signatures for referendum and promote the PTO positions

Working with the Chair of Union Council, Student Voice Team and External Consultant to amend/update the Bye-Laws

Written motion for Union Council to approve the proposed changes to the Bye-Laws

Outcomes:



Referendum passed (90%+ in favour of the changes)

Motion for Union Council included in the papers for meeting on the 21st October

How I told students:

Social Media update/Weekly Update

Priority 3 Funding for Healthcare Students

Actions:

Joint letter sent to Baroness Dido Harding from Diana Johnson MP and myself.

Wrote article for Wonkhe titled 'Ministers shouldn't park funding for nursing students' https://wonkhe.com/blogs/ministers-shouldnt-park-funding-for-nursing-students/

Tweeted (with Wonkhe article): Paul Blomfield MP; APPG for Students; Diana Johnson MP: NHS: Office for Students

Emailed Paul Blomfield MP with student voices on the issues

Outcomes:

Waiting on response of letter to Baroness Dido Harding

Wonkhe article well received.

Paul Blomfield MP to raise issue as a Parliamentary Debate

How I told students:

Posting updates on social media (on profile and in nursing Facebook groups) and part of weekly updates

Meeting of the Month University Senate



Which priority it helped:

Value for Money/Hidden Costs/Representing Students

Who it was with:

University Senate - Chaired by the Vice Chancellor, includes approximately 30+ University staff in the room.

Outcome:

Ensured that there was student representation on a committee that did not have any – Terms of Reference were submitted to Senate and I raised the question

Asked question on whether the University would consider reducing the fee of foundation year study when this is a big debate in the Higher Education sector currently - tuition fees agenda item

Asked a question on why international students pay more when they get the same experience as home students; This then started a debate on why international students pay more for placements in comparison to home students – tuition fees agenda item. Action for a report to come back to the next Senate. President of Education to pursue at the Fees, Scholarships and Studentships Group.

Approved as trustee to the Ferens Education Trust

How I told students:

Included in my weekly update on Facebook

Next month I will be focusing on:

- 1. Climate Emergency
- 2. Funding for Health Care Students
- 3. Your Ideas/How to create change





President Report

President of Inclusivity & Diversity Abi Morris

Submitted: 14th October 2019

My three priorities this month were:

- 1. WelcomeFest and By-elections
- 2. EDI work
- 3. Mental Health

Priority 1 WelcomeFest and By-Elections

Actions:

Two very full weeks with Welcome activities, meeting as many people as possible and explaining what we can do for them. Four fairs each getting almost 3000 students attending and multiple Give it a Go events gave me the chance to interact with people and talk about upcoming events we have on as a students' union. This also gave me the chance to promote the upcoming by-elections in an attempt to fill the vacancies within the inclusivity and Diversity zone, as well as encourage people to vote in our Articles referendum.

Outcomes:

- Gave out around 7 boxes of safety cards (each with over 100 cards in) to new and returning students containing important numbers that are useful for everyone
- Managed to encourage people to run in the by-elections, filling two of the vacant positions in the zone with interest of another being filled after By-Elections (they came to me too late to nominate themselves)
- As a team we encouraged enough students to vote that we met our Quorum and got the changes to the articles passed.
- Had the opportunity to show University Council how successful our first couple of weeks were – of which they were impressed with (especially the number of people who attended the fairs)

How I told students:

I made sure to have a presence at all of the events I could possibly attend, telling students on social media where we would be and sharing as many photos as possible throughout the two weeks



Priority 2 **EDI Work**

Actions:

- Met with Phil Quinn who is now the lead for all Equality, Diversity and Inclusion work to discuss what the plan going forward is without the department
- Decided to start looking at accessibility around campus went on a trip around campus in a wheelchair with last year's Disabled Students Rep to look at where needs improvement → this was sparked by a couple of students (one new) emailing me saying that they had been struggling

Outcomes:

- Agreed to have regular catch ups with Phil, with him agreeing to keep me up to date between meets as well
- Mentioned to Phil my work on accessibility and he agreed that ensuring a fully inclusive campus is high on his agenda – he gave my contact details to the person who works on this and I have since been invited to sit on a group that looks as accessibility around campus
- Currently working on creating a map of accessibility around campus including
 instructions about where the lifts, toilets and accessible entrances are in each
 building to be used for not only our students, but for any visitors that may visit with
 accessibility needs

How I told students:

- A blog will be written when the map is completed with the map being published on the website for all to use
- Any update in regards to EDI will also be communicated with students I plan on informing my Zone at the first meeting we have

Priority 3 Mental Health

Actions:

- Mental health working group involved bringing along a MSc Clinical Psychology student to ensure that all decisions being made would have the input of a student
- Group involved providing an update on the Student Minds project Isobel and Jane currently in contact with them to find out more about what the pilot scheme entails
- World Mental Health Day a day of spreading messages about what services are
 out there, both in the university and nationally. Particular interest in promoting Big
 White Wall, an online platform available to anyone with a @hull.ac.uk email
 address



 Completed welfare training that will be delivered to all Welfare Officers as well as anyone else who wishes to attend, detailing about how to handle different situations and how to signpost people to appropriate services

Outcomes:

- Having a student on the group was amazing to make sure that everything was being decided with the students at the heart of the decision, with a student perspective to confirm this
- For world mental health day I was on the ground floor of the SU making our own Big White Wall, encouraging people to design a brick with either a mental health stigma or a positive message for people to read
- Welfare training will be delivered during Develop Week

How I told students:

- I recruited for the position on the Mental Health working group by writing something in the Psychology group chat as I knew there would be people in there who would love to get involved, especially because mental health will be something that a lot of them will want careers in
- The building of the wall was an event on facebook and will remain in the Students' Union building for people to continue to add to
- I will email welfare officers on committees inviting them to come to the training if there is no welfare officer I will email the president to encourage at least one person from most committees to attend









Meeting of the Month Inclusivity Award

Which priority it helped:

Inclusivity (Theme 2, Point 1 in Operations Plan)

Who it was with:

Have had had two meetings so far, has been involving Erin (PS), Tom (PA), Vanessa (AU Inclusivity and Diversity Officer) and Lee (SEC Inclusivity and Diversity Officer)

Outcome:

Beginning to shape the Sports and Societies Inclusivity award. Looking at it being a levelled system (e.g. bronze, silver, gold) that is awarded based on a criteria of a number of inclusive aspects, and groups can apply for the award by showing evidence. We are planning on running a pilot scheme this year where three clubs and three societies can help to shape the award and can use it in their recruitment of members in September. Have also planned to publish a survey asking groups how inclusive they think they are and what they think Inclusivity entails.

How I told students:

Once the survey is live, Erin and Tom will publish it on their respective pages to get clubs to promote it. Part of the survey asks whether they will want to be involved with the pilot scheme – I will do a post explaining what the award is and how people can get involved.

Next month I will be focusing on:

- 1. Accessibility and EDI
- 2. Sexual Health and safety (SHAG week)
- 3. Welfare Officer Work





President Report

President of Sports Erin Pettit

Submitted: 14th October 2019

My three priorities this month (24th September – 14th October) were:

- 1. Improving the accessibility of sport by working with liberation groups (Black History Month Show Racism the Red Card)
- 2. Improving the accessibility of sport by working to improve the social sport opportunities at the University of Hull. (GIAG week and meeting Sophie planned)
- 3. Welcome Fest / Referendum / By-Elections

Priority 1

Improving the accessibility of sport by working with liberation groups (Black History Month – Show Racism the Red Card)

Actions:

- Worked with Abi and HUU Marketing team to organise a charity dodgeball event. I secured the use of the courts free of charge. The organisation of the tournament was then left with Wing (HUU Marketing Team Member).
- Push clubs to train in red at AU Council and through Facebook groups

Outcomes:

- Dodgeball event planned for 18th October
- Hopefully many clubs will train in red throughout the week and will use the #ShowRacismTheRedCard.

How I told students:

• This will be shared through social media platforms

Priority 2

Improving the accessibility of sport by working to improve the social sport opportunities at the University of Hull.



Actions:

- GIAG week planned for week commencing 21/10/2019. Push clubs to join in with this and to hold GIAG training sessions on this week.
- Meeting with Sophie Johnson from Hull Sport to discuss the scope of more social/non-committal sport options on 08/10/2019.

Outcomes:

- A few clubs have already signed up to hold GIAG sessions during this week. I am still promoting the opportunities to clubs through the Presidents Facebook Page.
- The GIAG club sessions have been shared on social media.
- The meeting with Sophie was really informative. However, I think at the current stage that HUU and Hull Sport are at there is no real scope for further social sport options. Sophie spoke about a lot of the leg work and cost being on clubs with no real incentive to them. I will continue to think about this and currently am thinking I may be able to work it into the Hull Sport – HUU SLA.

How I told students:

- GIAG was communicated through social media
- The meeting with Sophie Johnson will not be communicated

Priority 3 Welcome Fest / Referendum / By-Elections

Actions:

- Catch up with the AU Presidents after Welcome Fest
- Promote and back the referendum.
- Promote part time officer positions available in my zone for the by-elections

Outcomes:

- I heard from the AU Presidents that Welcome Fest and the AU Fair went well.
- I have resolved any minor issues Presidents may have had with their committees/ sports hall bookings/etc.
- Referendum has passed and due to hard work from the SVOT team, the President Team and student staff.
- I have a women in sports rep now thanks to the by-elections

How I told students:

- Face to face meetings with Presidents and shared on Presidents Facebook page
- Referendum and by-elections shared on social media



Meeting of the Month Multiple Meetings with AU Clubs (and occasionally Hull Sport)

Which priority it helped:

- None in particular.
- Helped me maintain good relationships with AU Clubs.

Who it was with:

- Boxing
- MMA
- Men's Cricket
- Men's Football
- Women's Basketball
- Women's Lacrosse
- Hull Sport

Outcome:

- Received multiple benefits from Hull Sport for clubs
 - £500 contribution from Hull Sport towards a new boxing ring for Boxing and MMA
 - o £90 contribution from Hull Sport towards pitch hire for Men's Cricket
 - o £80 contribution from Hull Sport towards new balls for Women's Lacrosse
 - o 2 new balls from Hull Sport for Women's Basketball
 - o More frequent use of the 3G pitch for Men's Football

How I told students:

- Each club was informed individually.
- I am wanting to shout about the benefits I have received but am worried about how to communicate this well. I fear that some clubs may feel they have benefitted less if they see what other clubs have received.

Next month I will be focusing on:

- 1. Planning AU Ball
- 2. My first AU Council
- 3. AU Storage





President Report

President of Education Orduen Simeon Submitted: Wednesday, 16th October, 2019

My three priorities this month were:

- 1. Black History Month
- 2. Black Attainment Gap Campaign
- 3. Referendum and Bye-Elections

Priority 1

Black History Month1

Actions:

Abi & I have held several meetings running up to Black History Month. I wrote a post on Facebook to kick off Black History Month. I have also been in touch open to relevant Societies & students who are interested in having events for Black History Month.

Outcomes:

- The post for Black History Month on the 1st of October had the highest interaction for the month so far.
- The Afro-Caribbean Society have met stating their intention to join up as well as set up events.

How I told students:

- I posted on Facebook
- I sent emails across to clubs & societies. I also asked them to get in touch with us if they had anything they wanted us to do

Priority 2

BAME Attainment ("Awarding") Gap



Actions:

1:

- Planned to have focus groups to discuss the BAME Attainment Gap.
- Plans and chats with relevant societies in order to talk with them about the Attainment Gap and potentially get feedback from them.
- A survey has also been put up to get student feedback.

Abi and I also meet with Paula Gawthorpe and Elizabeth Ward, two of the fellows from the Teaching Excellence Academy (TEA). Katherine Hubbard was not present though; she is the one mainly in charge of retention.

Outcomes:

The Focus group unfortunately did not go as planned. However, I do not intend to relent. I have been chatted informally with Anotidashe (Ano) about what the way forward with this might be, as he was also concerned that things turned out that way. I have decided that talking to relevant societies is the quickest way to speak to students who are of the BAME demography.

During the conversation with the fellows from TEA, they enlightened me on the things they had been up to so far and the complexities that came with trying to deal with this problem across the campus.

How I told students:

- I communicated to students through Facebook about the Focus
- I also put out a post regarding the survey to Facebook. I have also shared it to students where possible through direct messages
- I sent emails to clubs and societies with a summary of the campaign, the survey and details regarding the focus group

Priority 3

All things Democracy (Referendum & Bye-Elections)

Actions:

1:

- Did lots of shout outs during this period e.g. I did a shout out in Sanc and spoke about it at lecture shout outs
- I also worked with the rest of the President team where possible e.g. we all joined up with Isobel for Chocolate & Chat)
- I also worked with other staff at HUU (i.e. the Student Voice Team & Marketing)



• Spoke to over at least a hundred students face to face about referendum.

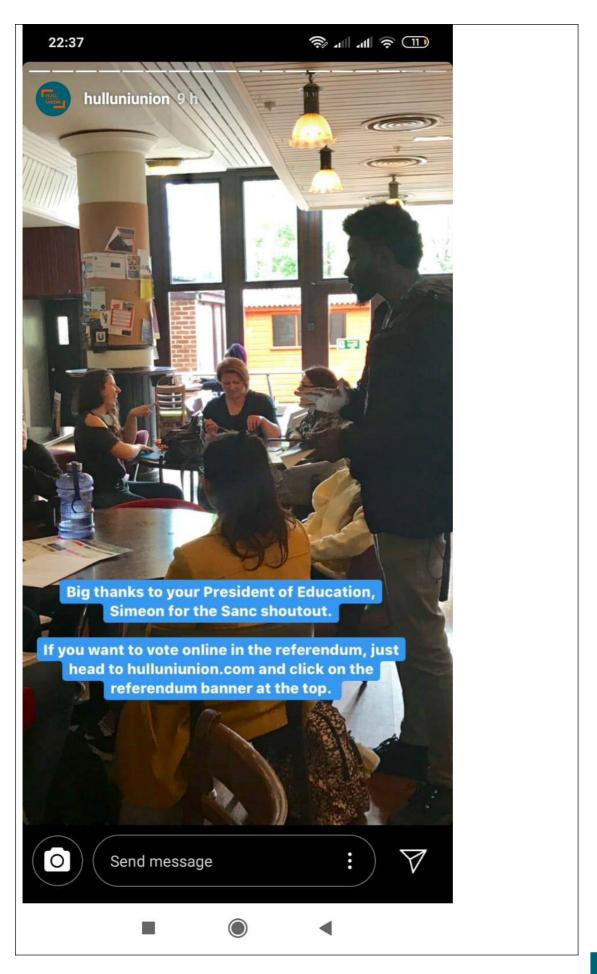
Outcomes:

We successfully passed quoracy for the Referendum.

How I told students:

- Facebook posts
- Several Face to Face chats
- A shout out at Sanc







Meeting(s) of the Month Talk show with Kofi Smiles (#NoFilter) & Senate

Which priority it helped:

- Black History Month
- BAME Attainment Gap
- Value for Money

Who it was with:

Talk show with Kofi Smiles: Ano, Arielle Neely & Rumbidzai Tigere (Rumbie)

Senate: Isobel Hall, Sanaa Sabir & Katherine Coates

Outcome:

- I have now been charged by Senate to raise the high cost of placement fees for International Students at the FSSG meeting
- Mid-Module Evaluations will commence this Semester
- Got the chance to talk around the challenges & accomplishments of Black people in the UK and across history such as slavery, colonialism, the standards of beauty, Black Inventors & Various cultures.

How I told students:

 Facebook: I uploaded a short video of myself and the rest of the gang as Arielle & Rumbie were talking about Black Representation & Racism.

Next month I will aim to:

- 1. Keep working on the BAME Attainment (or "Awarding") Gap
- 2. Make inquiries into placement fees for International students (Value for Money)
- 3. See what the First AST working Group is like, with intentions to make recommendations that should revamp the scheme (Openess)





President Report

President of Activities Tom McNamara Submitted: <20/10/19>

My three priorities this month were:

- 1. Recruiting and Supporting my Zone
- 2. Governance
- 3. WelcomeFest

Priority 1 Recruiting and Supporting my Zone

Actions:

As I have one of the larger volunteer remits out of the Presidents, a lot of my time over the last month has been in 1-2-1 meetings and communicating with committee members. There has been a lot of societies with general queries due to their predecessors generally not providing detailed handovers. Further detail provided below in outcomes.

Promoted vacant Part-Time Officer positions during By-Elections. Contacted HYMS Society Presidents directly asking them to promote the HYMS Societies Rep position.

Chaired the first Societies Executive Committee meeting of the year. Provided an introduction to HUU for the committee and talked through my Operational Plan. Looking into further training such as Social Media training for the Publicity Officers.

Chaired first Societies' Council of the year that raised issues from Society Presidents.

Helped RAG set up and promote their EGM, in order to recruit a new committee. Suggested a restructure of the committee to strip back unnecessary positions.

With the resignation of our former Student Opportunities Manager, I have sought out further support to be put in place for Student Media, to help manage my capacity.

Began interviewing for the Executive Committees for the Hullfire Newspaper and Torch TV alongside their respective Heads. Still waiting for



JAM Radio interviews to be arranged. (further update can be provided during the meeting)

Met with the LINKS Chair on a couple of occasions with our Volunteering Coordinators. Besides paying for their new radio and public access defibrillator; no major issues to note.

Outcomes:

Issues within Societies have been resolved where possible. Issues include:

- Communication issue around the amount of emails being sent from the Student Opportunities Team to Presidents/ Committees. Emails are being missed by committees on a regular basis because of this. Discussing with our Web Developer the possibility of updating the Dashboard on SUMS to include documents for sign off similar to our Staff HR platform (People HR).
- Trouble paying membership referred to the Web Developer and resolved.
- Conflict within Committees This has required extra support from myself and Alex (Student Opportunities Manager) to mediate in some cases. Conflict Resolution training is on offer during "Develop Week" but I think that some form of training should be mandatory for Presidents in future so that these issues can be prevented or resolved within committee.
- Feedback for online training is that it does not go into enough depth on certain areas of the finance training. Tams (SEC Finance Officer) is looking to run some more in depth in person training, with staff support.

A RAG Chair was elected in the By-Elections. EGM planned for 22nd Oct. Volunteering Coordinator to provide RAG training once committee is in place.

MedSoc are going to nominate someone from their membership to put forward for co-option at Union Council in November, for the position of HYMS Societies Rep.

Student Media will now be supported by one of our Marketing Coordinators to help promote Student Media's work and also open up options for collaboration between Student Media and our Marketing Team.

How I told students:

Facebook - Regular updates through my profile and in the Activities Zone group, regular contact with committees through messenger.

Email

In person meetings





Priority 2 Governance

Actions:

Had a catch up with Erin Pettit, Vicky Dean (Sports Coordinator) and Stephen Dowson (external consultant), to update on where we we've got up to since the initial policy review meeting in August.

Requested approval from UEC to create a new standing order: 8009 Standing Order governing Student Committee Elections. This will provide guidance to committees on the proper running of an AGM/EGM.

Outcomes:

I'm going to work with our Volunteering Coordinator and new RAG Chair to develop a Fundraising Policy to cover all fundraising done by students. CEO keen for HUU to be registered with the "Fundraising Regulator" so new policy needs to be in line with their Code of Fundraising Practice.

Committee Handovers is another piece of work we will be picking up next trimester to ensure information is passed on.

Standing Order 8009: Standing Order governing Student Committee Elections was created by UEC and seeks ratification at Union Council.

Further work needs doing on the standing orders in my zone but am waiting to review these fully with Stephen Dowson (external consultant).

How I told students:

Opened up a discussion at Societies' Council around what Presidents wish they had been told when they started. There was a lot of support for having standardised handovers across Societies and Clubs. This was fed back to the policy meeting mentioned above.

New Standing Order was discussed at Societies Council and shared with the SEC and Activities Zone.

Updates on social media.



Priority 3 WelcomeFest

Actions:

WelcomeFest has been a big part of the last month and so a significant amount of time was committed to it. It was a great opportunity for the President team to get our faces out there, meet students and promote the organisation and the opportunities available to students.

Attended:

- Arrivals Saturday
- Fairs
- Give it a Go Events
- Induction Talks
- Chinese Student Scholars Association (Society) Meet & Greet

Outcomes:

Met with committees (some for the first time), promoting them on social media and giving groups individual shout outs.

Made myself well known at the Fairs, which I think has seen an increase in the amount of people coming to me for support compared to last year.









How I told students:

Social Media

In-person



Meeting of the Month

Societies Council - Most significant meeting I have had within the priorities I have listed.

Which priority it helped:

Recruiting and Supporting my Zone

Who it was with:

Societies Executive Committee

Society Presidents

Student Opportunities Manager

Outcome:

Introduced Society Presidents to the SEC and the support they can get from them.

Discussed areas of work I am focusing on.

Discussed the big challenges that committees had been facing.

Discussed new standing order 8009: Standing Order governing Student Committee Elections.

Presidents approved that they would be happy for the SEC to approve the ratification of new societies with the provision that any controversial ideas or ideas that may pose a conflict with an existing society, are referred back to relevant Presidents.

Received feedback on committee training.

Received feedback on having the Fairs in Asylum.

Chief Executive gave a brief talk around Initiation Ceremonies and HUU's stance on them.

How I told students:

In Person

Next month I will be focusing on:

- 1. Academic Societies
- 2. Student Media



3. Commercial Services/ Events & Opportunities

