

Education Zone Open Meeting 2

11am on 26th November 2019

Simeon Orduen welcomed attendees to the meeting and asked them to log into Mentimeter to follow the meeting content. Simeon also thanked those that had attended the screening of Home Alone in Middleton Hall the night before, and Ellis McGlone for organising the event for Reps.

Rep progress:

- Simeon gave an update on the progress following questions from the first EZOM in October regarding the role Course Rep Leaders. Discussions are ongoing to find a practical solution, with the Student Voice Operations Group (SVOG) due to meet. This meeting is for HUU and University staff to discuss procedures and resolve issues relating to the student voice.
- Student-Staff Forums will remain as they are for the remainder of trimester 1, with Course Reps able to volunteer to chair the meeting in the absence of a Course Rep Leader. Those attending agreed that this was acceptable.
- Any updates relating to the representation system from discussions will be made clear to all Reps.

Foundation Students scholarship Eligibility:


- The Part-Time Officer for Foundation Students, Casper, identified that foundation students are not eligible for scholarships and bursaries that are available to others.
- Discussions have begun with a view to extending these opportunities to all students including foundation years.
- Casper has been invited to attend the next EZOM in February.
- It was highlighted that there has previously been a peer support scheme for foundation year students that had worked well. As part of this discussion it was also highlighted by another attendee that this programme was now expected to be campus-wide, and not limited to foundation years.
- Benedict, Education Coordinator, explained that a meeting to talk about engagement with foundation year students was being arranged, and that this topic would be taken along for discussion.

University Pregnancy & Maternity Policy:

- Simeon met with the Vice-Chancellor for Education, Becky Huxley-Binns to discuss this, and will now read and review the policy and update at the next EZOM.

Placement costs:

- Simeon has been charged with addressing the costs incurred by international students while on their placements.
- A request has been made for details on costs for non-EU students and a meeting was scheduled for the 27th November with John Harrison to see if costs are a true reflection of the courses.
- Comparison to be made between costs for home and EU students.

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- The question was asked, would international students have access to scholarships? Simeon explained there were grants available to international students, but not scholarships.

Any Other Business:

Simeon called for any Course Reps in the room to give an update on their activity or if there is anything that they would like to share.

- It was highlighted that there are no Course Reps for foundation courses in Psychology
- Ellis, Education Coordinator, stated that this will be followed up, but Psychology Reps said that they are happy to push this themselves within the department. They have already had positive levels of engagement from the first year cohort, with nearly everyone in a group of 100 giving some form of feedback.

Simeon emphasised that if staff or students ever have any questions, then all they have to do is email hUU-representation@hull.ac.uk so that somebody in The Student Voice Team is able to pick it up and respond.

Summary: Simeon said that this year, and the first trimester in the role has been awesome. Summer was slow but WelcomeFest was a last and having students around on campus again made it fun.

'A joy to attend meetings to represent you.'

The Education Coordinators highlighted that the next Education Zone Open Meeting is scheduled for 11th February at 11am, and there should be plenty to talk about this time. HUU staff are still working up until Christmas and are available to help with all queries throughout this time.

Simeon closed the meeting and wished everybody well for the last few weeks of teaching and the Christmas break.