

GOVERNANCE ZONE MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY 23RD JANUARY 2019, 14:00HRS

Present –

Osaro Otobo - President of Students' Union (OO)

Danny Ingram – Chair of Governance Zone (DI)

Daniel Bill – Secretary of Governance and Chair of Sport Zone (DB)

Dom Clare – Chair of Activities (DC)

Jess Clunan – Chair of Union Council (JC)

Reece Lingard (RL)

Apologies –

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

7th November Meeting ... Taken by Accent...

2. Reports

a) OO - President of Student' Union Update

We will have an update on Governance Zone Review post this meeting

Is writing up a report on everything from Semester 1 so that the president team can update all by Monday (On HUU website)

Languages Department Closure – Testimony's from all concerned to posted online.. Understand this could be controversial to the Uni

Your Ideas is going well, main focus at the moment is the Water Fountains campaign. University are being slow however we are pushing the campaign which started Monday 21st with Pres SU and Education.

Jenny Murray update – still lobbying the University. OO has meeting with the 'breakfast meeting' group from the University Council.

Working on developing communications between SU and Uni.

JC – On communication have the officer team taken feedback and developed the way officer reports are delivered? OO – Response detailing a new template which should be seen from the next Council meeting. It is noticed that people would appreciate the reports to be presented so that questions are welcomed. This has been addressed

DI – Any update on Communication in general among the officer's team.

OO – Detailed that this semester it is a team goal of the Officer team.

DI – Jenny Murray... What exactly is the pressure we receive from the University expected to look like. OO – The SU are to be available to pressure the VC, marketing team are to respond to any students that express concern over anything that becomes public on the websites. JC – Suggests inviting the VC and Patrick John across to a Trans-Forum so that they can experience the real views of trans community and student voice.

b) Education Zone Report - Chair has Resigned – No Report Available.

c) DB - Sports Zone Report

d) DI – Governance Zone report

Priorities are Housing and Jenny Murray.

OO - Suspended studies for the next years recruitment on Languages. Main concern of students appears to be that this will continue more than 1 year and the Lecturers jobs are at risk, students are expressing concern for their lecturers also.

DI - Agrees, also expressed that the only reason the students became aware of this was due to a 'leak' from lecturers. Appears the University has tried to keep this quiet from the SU and students. Concern about Students degrees losing its worth. If the department ceases to exist the credibility of a degree in languages at Hull drops.

JC - How much of this was directed to the SU before the leak took place?

OO - The leak is the first that the SU have heard about it, they were aware of an upcoming review although not any details. It has still not officially been released, the review. DC - It is clear the Uni are constantly keeping HUU in the dark, could this be addressed OO- Yes it is on agenda for meeting with VC tomorrow.

DB - Last meeting you spoke about Housing campaign. DI - Yes, will be looking into this, although isn't my main priority at the moment. DB - Expresses concern over current prices, and the 'University Quarters' as a whole. JC - Suggests speaking to Leo Jack as he developed the idea for HullStars and may be willing to help out. DI - Asks if Welfare can head this up? JC - Will look into this at the next meeting.

e) DC - Activities Zone Report

Preparation for Refreshers. Varsity preparation is underway. Waiting to hear back from Matt about Warps.

Fines against Societies - Concern over the fines being expressed by the students. Some students in particular are rallying support against the publication of the 'Fines' element as detailed in SO 2005.

Timetabling is being worked on by President of Activities. To ensure Societies are able to maintain room bookings.

JC - On Fines. JC explains her post in the 'Activities Zone Presidents Page'. Expresses concern over the SEC being able to fine money that comes from students! Concerns over mental health of students. Suggest possible alternatives. -Reward based system or scale punishments against the individual societies balance.

(Debate takes place)... Chair DI, intervenes and asks this to be further discussed at relevant discussion groups on the issue.


DI - Asks about STEM winter ball, financial takings on the event? Profit or Loss? DC, tells the zone that he has no idea yet.

f) JC - Welfare Zone Report

Disabled Students now have dyslexic friendly paper in Spar. Well Done. Welfare Zone review, suggested by JC as is concerned over how Welfare societies are not always up and running and it is very important that we have elected reps to ensure this zone is not a pop up and pop down group.

Governance Zone are disappointed that the Welfare Zone has not had reports submitted by all its areas. Despite the Chair of Welfare asking with plenty of time.

DI - Asks about how you want to get people more involved? JC - Explains that has been trying, and realises the engagement is poor, would like to look into the way that it can be improved. OO - Do you think that the PTOs that run for these roles know fully what their role entails? JC - Maybe not,



and says that it appears that people take the roles as a last-minute thing, almost as a last resort persuasion from other members of the SU on the final day of the elections. JC – Engagement needs to start from the bottom up, with better committed committees within welfare zone.

OO – Expresses that with the upcoming elections she would like to ensure the candidates come from a much more diverse background. JC – Suggests this to be a Union Council objective as a whole! All Agree.

g) JC - Union Council Report

Details the Union Council Chair Motion 'Create a sperate part-time officer position for Chair of Union Council'. Expresses that this should ensure the position is more credible and the person in role is better trained and more dedicated to that role specifically, also ensuring they are not restricted by SO of the other zone they may already be a PTO in.... Amongst other reasons.... To be presented at next Union Council.

DI – Asks that a Co-Chair role also be brought in? To ensure that there is two people working on the role. They share the role, month on month, and ensures there is two sets of eyes which can ensure nothing is missed. JC – Asks this wait until after the Governance Review? Because it won't work in practicality with Union Council at present because the Deputy Chair at the moment doesn't actually do much.

3. Any Proposals for Action

Nil.

4. Motions

Nil.

5. Any Other Business

President of HUU presented plans for the reform of the Union decision making body.

6. Date of Next Meeting

To be confirmed by President of HUU (Two Weeks)

Meeting Closed at 1515hrs.

Daniel Bill (Secretary of Governance Zone)
Chair & Councillor for Scrutiny
Sports Zone, HUU