

Governance Zone Meeting Minutes

3rd December 2019

Attendance: Isobel Hall, President of the Students' Union (IH); Jess Clunan, Union Council Chair (JC); Ryan Parker, Councillor of Scrutiny Sports Zone – Sports Zone Chair (RP); Huey Arslan, Society Mentor – Activities Zone Chair (HA); Sioban Pickering, Environment and Ethics Representative;

Apologies: Evie Kyte, Women's' Officer – Inclusivity and Diversity Chair (EK); Miguel Beedle, Councillor of Scrutiny Governance Zone (MB); Marc Brook, Mature Students' Officer – Education Zone Chair (MB);

Pronouns

Ground Rules

Current list – anything to add?

- Pronoun policy at the start of every meeting
- Respect
- Attendance *NEW to December 3rd Meeting

Approval of Minutes and Actions

- IH to come back to committee with information on PTO reporting – complete, reports now on this agenda
- Agreed that verbal updates from Zone Chairs will be received at each meeting – complete, verbal updates now on the agenda
- IH to send motion on accountability to Governance Zone – went to Union Council and passed

Accountability Reports

Written reports to be received by the committee

- Isobel Hall, President of the Students' Union – President should leave the room for this agenda item (received)
 - Is number 3 (representation and communication) a priority or should it be what you do?
 - What do students get out of the sustainability conference?
 - How would you increase your reach for events?
 - Is Hidden Course Costs something you should be doing or is it more in the remit of the President of Education?
 - On the Tokens piece of work for the values, what happens next?
 - Climate Emergency – priority order – is it right? Should be what we work towards but not number 1 priority
 - Register to vote should have been bigger and more than climate emergency
 - **ACTION:** IH to put accountability report in a priority order
 - Representation and Communication theme could be included in a mission statement
 - **ACTION:** Have a mission statement that includes both the President standing order and manifesto aims
 - **ACTION:** IH to include end goal for priorities

- Hidden course costs should be more President of Education, IH should delegate out more to Education Zone
- Jess Clunan, Union Council Chair (received)
 - Are accountability panels viable?
 - Have communications gone out to all PTOS re attendance at Union Council?
- Sioban Pickering, Environment and Ethics Representative (received)
 - Are coffee cups in the Students' Union recyclable?
 - Is this for the Students' Union?
 - What is the point of the Bee Garden and what is the campaign and the impact?
- Miguel Beedle, Councillor of Scrutiny – Governance Zone (not received)

- Discussion about accountability panels
 - HA they have not been working, not enough interest in councillor of scrutiny positions
 - RP need to give it a go. Zones could be bias in their scrutiny of Presidents.
 - SP are important, better to have external view
 - JC should we go back to the old system? Asking questions in council?
 - RP disagree with it due to attendance at Union Council and lasts even longer, less attractive.
 - HA people attended longer ones and they do not attend now
 - HA thought moving back to Union Council could be a good middle ground.
 - JC ensuring questions are relevant and are not going over time and specific wording with what questions should be one, could eliminate previous issues
 - HA mandated to attempt to set up, but we have already attempted
 - RP haven't had much communication on it, this needs to be pushed more

ACTION: Training for Councillor of Scrutiny

Zone Updates

Verbal report to be given by each Zone Chair

- Activities Zone
- Education Zone
- Sports Zone
- Inclusivity and Diversity Zone

ACTION: circulate three bullet points from each zones

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Any other issues, concerns or topics to discuss