

Governance Zone Meeting Minutes

28th January 2020

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

Emily Birch PGR Officer (EB); Lotti Binns Councillor of Scrutiny Education (LB)

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

Pronouns

Ground Rules

Current list – anything to add?

- Pronoun policy at the start of every meeting
- Respect
- Attendance *NEW to December 3rd Meeting
- There is no such thing as a wrong opinion *NEW to January 28th meeting

Approval of Minutes and Actions

GZ notes that lack of progress on training for Councillors of Scrutiny

IH to send manifesto around

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)
 - EK: How do you plan on implementing MHC, As this is a big task.
 - IH: Poor launch by Student Minds, Abi Morris is working on an update as currently in meeting surrounding mental health issues at parliament, ensuring we lobby the university to recognise the mental health charter, and importantly to implement changes, mental health awareness training currently being provided to P of E and P of I&D.
 - Listing of what campaigns PRES is working on

LB: Can anything be done to better support you in your campaigns.

IH: Directing people to the current additional costs survey would be a big help,

- Jess Clunan, Union Council Chair (not received)
 - Made sure that we have a Q&A session before Union Council

- Biggest concern recruiting someone to do UC Chair role
- Trying to encourage and headhunt someone for the role.
- Lobby to purchase a train called H chu chu.

HA: Standing thing is irritating but understand why it is done.

HA: attendance at UC is an issue.

EK: are people led in how they vote

JC: can ask for secret voting

EB/LB/SP: Suggested use of menti

MB: People should know how we vote

- Sioban Pickering, Environment and Ethics Representative (received)
 - MB: What is happening with the petition
 - SP: discussion about whether there should be more information to students
 - JC: how many people don't know how to recycle/can't be bothered
 - MB: people come from different backgrounds
 - MB: are you going to proceed with questionnaire and when that will happen
 - SP: to come back to next GZ, contact IT and City Council for resources
 - MB: any feedback on any other projects working on
 - SP: recycling petition, currently live, thinking of doing a stall on campus. Once implemented ask about other bins.
- JC: question about title of role. How far does ethics come into the role? To what extent is title useful to the role?
 - SP: ethics is more about educating. Mainly wanted to lobby on environment and put that in manifesto. Title not reflective of what the role is. Prefer environment and sustainability. Ethics too broad.
 - Action for motion to go to UC with JC to help write.
- Miguel Beedle, Councillor of Scrutiny – Governance Zone (not received)
 - MB scrutinised for an hour
 - Action IH to help LB
 - HA: happy that scrutiny is being received well
 - MB: no complaints IH no complaints.

Discussion about accountability panels

- 10 minute slot should be offered at UC for PTO's to scrutinise accountability reports. Scrutiny to still occur within zones. Worked with HA on coming up with this, UEC no complaints.

Zone Updates

Verbal report to be given by each Zone Chair

- Activities Zone
 - Societies and opportunities fair tomorrow
 - JAM radio launch in Feb
 - Hullfire/Links late reports

- SEC continuing work
- Issue with money left in inactive society funds – President of Activities gave update. Money used to benefit societies.
- EK: question about adopt a society
- Media law training going on
- IH: Hullfire and print
- HA: moving to publish online, less often printed
- Education Zone
 - Had no zone meeting yet
 - Zone chair resigned this morning
 - LB: yet to attend meeting, disregard for schedules. Originally for after UC which was not right, moved but given short notice (day before meeting). Quite a few people that can't attend. Some told they shouldn't attend by Education Coordinator. No zone papers given out either. Struggle to reach quorum which is an issue. Not sure what is being done to address that as an issue.
 - EB: there was a motion submitted late and accepted and name down as seconded without contacted. Had to contact to say that it shouldn't be supported.
 - MB: clarified process.
 - SP: got her motions rejected.
 - LB: one rule for one and one for another.
 - EB: motion was not factually correct.
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- Sports Zone
 - Chair not present at meeting to give verbal update
- Inclusivity and Diversity Zone
 - Consent training
 - LGBT stuff arranged for Feb
 - No LGBT Rep
 - IH: how you handling that
 - EK: doing blogs
 - People in positions, no zone meeting since last trimester, not much to update
 - Women's history month coming up – get in touch with any ideas.

AOB

HA: Venue doesn't really work for the meeting

JC: try and meet after other zones have met

JC: mandate President that we meet before UC and zones meet before.


LB: Education Zone Chair didn't submit anything – would have been a verbal update.

HA: left the meeting 19:15

EK: Vacant positions and high drop out

MB: Too many PTO positions. Niche person that wants to do role at UC. Spread thin enough at the Union.

SP: not consistent between zones



JC: more roles to get quorate

IH: Marketing issues. Separate elections. President should help recruit. Not co-opting.

LB: Course rep leader role. At same time as exams. Get involved and stay involved.

IH: shouldn't be a governance zone, more like SU zone.

Duplicated roles and could be one overall.

Too niche roles. Imbalanced.

MB: Trans and LGBT rep

JC: choice of people represented.

IH:

LB: Cost of rebrand. Clothing and Lanyards.

MB: Putting Students' Union first

JC: Is it what we do or the name?

MB: other SUs don't have this problem.

LB: should be discussed.

EB: also help NSS survey results

LB: would we have to wait three years for change to happen?

MB: rebrand could be gradual

EB: always falter on the community - could up the score.

SP: some are intimidated by the building.

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Any other issues, concerns or topics to discuss