

**HULL UNIVERSITY**  
**UNION**

**UNION COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Monday 19 March 2018 – Meeting Room 1, 6:30pm**

**Attendance**

First Name	Surname	Position	Attendance					
			16/10	13/11	04/12	19/02	19/03	23/04
<b>Student Officers</b>								
Osaro	Otobo	President						
Salman	Anwar	Education Officer						
Jennie	Watts	Welfare & Community Officer						
Caitlin	O'Neill	Sports Officer				Resigned		
<b>Governance Zone</b>								
Kym	Cardona	Councillor for Scrutiny						
<b>Welfare &amp; Community Zone</b>								
Tom	Barnes	LINKS Officer			Thomas Gwilliam	Matthew Ward	Rory Hamill	
Connor	Massey	LGBT+ Officer (Role share)				Resigned		
Georgina	Baulch					Resigned		
Rayan	Shipton	LGBT+ Officer						
Hayley	Hatton	Trans* Representative						
Maria	Majekodunmi	BAME Officer						
Jacqueline	Gomes-Neves	Women's Officer						
Jessica	Clunan	Disabled Students Officer						
Ruth	Williams	Environment and Ethics Officer						
Jordan	Navarro	Councillor for Scrutiny – Welfare & Community						
<b>Education Zone</b>								
Ashley	Pattison	Mature Students Officer					Resigned	
Adam	Clifton	Part-time Students Officer						
Lauren	Williams	Postgraduate Taught Officer						

Rebecca	Devine	Postgraduate Research Officer						
Stefan	Caluser	International Students Officer						
Steven	Storey	Faculty Rep Faculty of Science and Engineering						
Katie	Hobson	Faculty Rep FACE						
Amelia	Smallwood	Faculty Rep Faculty of Health Sciences						
Michael	Howe	Faculty Rep Business, Law and Politics	N/A					
<b>Activities Zone</b>								
Rayne	Goddard	Chair SEC						
Megan Connah	Hammell (MH) Thompson (CT)	Media Representative		MH	CT	MH	MH	
Tom	McNamara	Chair RAG						
Katie	Wilkie	Societies Council Rep	N/A					
Alex	Fynney	Councillor for Scrutiny - Activities			Resigned			
<b>Sports Zone</b>								
Natasha	Wilson	AU Secretary & Communications Officer						
Maisie	Loggie	AU Members' Rep						
Nick	Wright	AU Presidents' Rep						

**In attendance:**

Nicole Steele, Student Voice Manager (SVM)

Emily Normington, Executive Support Co-ordinator (ESC, Minutes)

**1. Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda was adopted.

**2. Apologies for absence (for acceptance)**

None received.

**3. Minutes for previous meeting (to note) (Paper A)**

The minutes were approved as a correct record.

**4. Minutes for Board of Trustees (to note) (Paper B)**

No questions.

**5. Zero Tolerance Policy Review**

JW welcomed feedback on the draft Zero Tolerance Policy. Jess Clunan (Disabled Students Officer, JC) suggested not including characteristics, to improve inclusivity by enabling students to self-define.

Rayan Shipton (LGBT+ Officer, RS) queried whether protected characteristics would be included in the final policy; JW said the policy will be reviewed to ensure all students are covered by the policy, following Kathryn Sharman's (KS) concerns over whether cases not listed within the characteristics would be pursued. RS noted that protected characteristics are included within the Equality Act.

Lauren Williams (PG Taught Officer, LW) queried why review was required every 2 years; JW said this is to ensure the policy is reviewed, however the frequency of review can be amended. Nick Wright (Presidents Rep, NW) suggested reviewing the policy annually, with a larger review every 3 years.

Hayley Hatton (Trans\* Representative, HH) queried whether the section previously included regarding victims feeling discriminated against should be reinstated; JW to include. KS felt HUU should act as an arbitrator to ensure all cases are fair; OO added that all cases would be overseen by staff. JW advised that the final version will be brought to Union Council in April.

## **6. No Platform Policy Review (Paper C)**

Following a workshop at the February meeting of Union Council, SA summarised the current No Platform Policy. Since the meeting, SA conducted a poll with students to establish whether they wish to amend, remove or keep the current policy; following this feedback, SA proposed removing the policy, as the External Speaker Policy already monitors groups and individuals.

RS queried whether the External Speaker Policy falls within the No Platform Policy; SA said all groups wishing to visit campus must complete an External Speaker form, those on the No Platform list are automatically rejected, however all speakers are researched prior to approval.

HH queried why the policy has been recommended for removal, SA said student opinion was divided, removal of the policy would enable restrictions on individual speakers visiting campus.

JC suggested conducting another student poll, LW proposed circulating the poll within student newsletters or using a coin drop in HUU to attract a broader range of students. RW noted that in the future, a No Platform Policy could be reinstated by Union Council. SA to circulate the External Speaker Policy to Union Council for information.

## **7. Breastfeeding Policy Paper (Paper D)**

JW explained that the only designated breastfeeding room on campus is within the Allam Medical Building. JW would like to see a breastfeeding room in Student Central following the building redevelopment.

LW supported the policy and queried where on campus you can currently breastfeed or express; JW advised that breastfeeding on campus is allowed, however there is only one designated private space; JC recommended making it clear within the policy that people can breastfeed anywhere on campus.

JW is reviewing requirements to become an accredited breastfeeding friendly organisation. AC queried whether baby changing facilities could be included in the Student Central redevelopment; JW suggested having a baby friendly room for changing or breastfeeding. JC noted that the policy should ensure inclusivity for all who breastfeed, including Trans men and non-binary.

## **8. Student Officer Reports (Paper E)**

### **8.1 President**

Report taken as read; OO noted that the HUU Advice Centre is now a hate crime reporting centre. OO has also launched a 'Hull Against Hate' campaign alongside the University and is working with Humberside Police to educate students on what is considered to be a hate crime and the support services available.

OO updated on the team objective, noting that the Student Officer team have been ensuring student concerns regarding strike action has been communicated to the University, this has included meetings with the VC and University Registrar. OO noted that unpaid salary funds from the strike action has been set aside; OO welcomed thoughts on how this money could be used. OO added that a paper was recently passed by the University to enable module marks to be awarded for missed teaching.

### **8.2 Education Officer (No report submitted)**

Taken as read.

### **8.3 Welfare & Community Officer (No report submitted)**

JW recently launched campaigns regarding consent and mental health. JW is working with Student Wellbeing to create an A-Z guide on looking after your mental health whilst at University; including hints, tips and support services. JW has started a project to improve information regarding student accommodation for first year students.

## **9. Zone Reports (Paper F)**

### **9.1 Governance Zone**

Taken as read.

### **9.2 Education Zone (no report submitted)**

Taken as read.

### **9.3 Activities Zone**

Taken as read.

### **9.4 Welfare & Community Zone**

Taken as read.

### **9.5 Sports Zone (no report submitted)**

Taken as read.

## **10. Your Ideas (Paper G)**

OO summarised the number of Your Ideas allocated to each Student Officer. RW queried whether PTO's can support with this; JW advised that relevant ideas are passed on. NS noted that a number of ideas have been updated online.

## **11. Any Other Business**

### **a. Democratic Structures**

OO will be reviewing democratic processes and structures to make HUU more relevant to students. OO believes processes must be simple, accessible and representative; enabling all students to participate. A student queried whether HUU has data and best practice from other students' unions; OO advised that HUU has this information and will make these resources available to students when the campaign is launched.

### **b. Safety in Local Area**

LW queried whether the safety of students in the Newland Avenue areas is being reviewed; JW will be consulting with students to improve lighting on campus, with feedback being sought regarding the wider community areas. JW noted that police patrols have increased in these areas, however HUU is limited in its impact off campus.

### **c. Events**

JC advised that a guest speaker event will be held as part of National Autism Week. The event will be held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March in Library Teaching Room 2 at 6pm and is free to attend.

OO promoted an alumni employability event taking place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March in Canham Turner from 1.30pm; OO added the event will present networking opportunities and is free to attend.

JW added that on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March a spoken word performance will be held in Johnny Mac as part of Women's History Month.

MH is seeking content for the next edition of the Hullfire and welcomed articles from Union Council members. Articles should be sent to [editor@hullfire.com](mailto:editor@hullfire.com).