



WELFARE AND COMMUNITY ZONE MEETING

29th OCTOBER 2018, 6:20pm to 8:30pm

Register- Andy, Frankie/Caroline, Phoebe, Jess, Maya

Apologies- Adam, Ralph, Rory

Not in attendance- Eric

Discussion

Governance Review

- Union council is complicated & confusing
- Part-time officers struggle to understand standing orders & Union Council- too much jargon- make it more accessible
- Often feel as though what they are doing in Union Council isn't meaningful
- Standing orders/website outdates- missing minutes for recent Union Council meetings
- Students aren't aware of the existence of Union Council
- Separating the various zones at the first Union Council made it feel unwelcoming and not relaxed
- Accessibility for those with dyslexia/dyspraxia can be limited when the papers are released - allowing for the font to be changed would be beneficial


The attendants in the room discussed structures of democracy in other unions and debated their structures - including Huddersfield, Liverpool and Leeds.

Panel of students debating a motion (Leeds)

- Risky- the panel might not best represent minority groups and some members of the panel may pose a risk to liberation groups
- Difficult to hold members of the panel to account- they don't represent anyone/ don't have a mandate
- Time constraints/ would be a long process getting unanimous decisions- differing opinions
- Would have to explain jargon/how structure works every single time to new people
- How would you incentivise students turning up- does the average student really care enough to attend a meeting about student topics
- Maybe better to have a forum where students can talk to their representatives (part-time officers) about what they want so we can better represent them- more important to make our roles more visible than to directly give power to individual students

Online forum idea submission discussed at 'senate' (Liverpool)

Motions discussed by 50 people, if no unanimous decision can be reached a 'preferendum' is triggered (Huddersfield)



Library EDI strategy and student forum

- Library staff are doing mandatory mental health training
- Late November- want part-time officers to go to forum

Dates of all future meetings

- Monday 3rd December, 4th February, 4th March, 1st April- Mondays

P W+C

- Attended a “university processfix change workshop” regarding changes to the withdrawal process for students from university
- Ordered 800 sanitary products
- Support tab on Union website- wellbeing services/Mesmac/Blue door- make services more visible
- Welfare training for everyone
- CS
 - Lighting on Salmon Grove- delayed
 - Meeting with CEO Mind Hull- not happened yet/ awareness in house days last week so still achieved what he wanted to happen
 - International Men’s day- white ribbon stall, debating society- motion of what it means to be a man in 2018, marketing done

LGBT

- Successful events
- Ralph received badges for World Aids day and been planning events
- CS
 - Ralph discussed badges for sports teams/societies etc. – discussions being had with WARPS and women’s football- liked the idea
 - Disabilities officer questioned how this will make all teams/societies better- helps to signpost members of LGBT community & encourages others to get better so they can also achieve the badge

Trans

- Motion to make Trans rep voted in on same conditions as other part-time officers passed
- Continued holding office hours and supported group
- Going to start running trans socials
- Trans awareness week/ T door event (trans day of remembrance) planning

LINKS

- Completed interviews for this years First Aider applicants
- Met with P W+C to discuss a potential campaign

Disabilities

- Organising an EGM to get a committee
- Preparing to launch ‘No Barriers to Education’ campaign- mid November
- Standing orders motion passed
- Taking care of self

Womens

- Had a meeting with Sarah Howe to discuss getting involved with safe and healthy relationships strategy & consent campaign to be launched in the new year
- Meeting with Rob & Siobhan to discuss white ribbon week
- Booked a stall for RAG week- Hull women’s aid
- Doing a tampon/towel drive for local community- looking into getting free sanitary products rolled out to entire university campus
- Women’s committee EGM on Thursday



BAME

- no report submitted

Environment

- no report submitted

Councillor of scrutiny

- Looking into RAG week/ keeping up with what people are doing
- Made questions that were asked
- Black history month- not as much this year so spoken to Eric about this

Motions

- Not everyone here- motions will fail due to lack of quorate- 4 affirmative, 0 negative and 0 abstentions
- Motion to change LGBT standing orders- change the committee positions- certain roles aren't used enough
- Equality and inclusivity role and campaigns role to be absorbed into co-chair roles

Actions

- Andy to send round self-care pack

AOB

- University library are having conversations about amending disabled toilets to say 'accessible toilets'. Spot check on library accessible toilets reveal that many of the emergency pull cords are not up to standard.

Next meeting 3rd December

Send jess union council report

