



WELFARE AND COMMUNITY ZONE MEETING

3rd DECEMBER 2018, 7:15-8:30

Register- Andy, Phoebe, Rory, Adam, Rosie (proxy), Ralph, Rayan

Not here- Maya, Eric and Frankie/Caroline

P W+C

- Outlined the delivery of welfare training for clubs and societies. Delivered welfare training at 5pm on 3rd December (only took 1 hour, was scheduled for 2- something to review). Generally feedback was positive, people seemed to be happy with the content/thought it was useful but looking at ways to make the next one even better. Looking into making the training into a package that can be handed over to Student Voice team so they can run it at the same time as Presidents & treasurers training.
- Disabled toilets: checked them all in the library and sent out an email to resolve the issue. Library and estates resolved to amend the length of emergency cords to be longer and ensure there are 2 handles with one at the bottom and signs to say it should be left to hang. In terms of changing names of disabled toilets to 'accessible' the library have been resistant to alter this believing the current signs are sufficient.
- Explained that the lighting on Salmon Grove has been delayed again. The reasoning given by the council was due to manufacturing wait times and councillors stepping down.
- An expansion of the emergency sanitary product scheme in the SU to make provisions across campus has been written and submitted to student services for consideration. Awaiting written confirmation of financial support for this initiative.
- Contributed to the drafting of the HUU Jenni Murray statement.
- Planning to attend a Student Mental Health conference in Salford on Wednesday. Discussions will centre on generating University mental health strategies and implementation. Outlined University plans to set up a Mental Health Working Group for students and staff. Priority for PWC will be ensuring effective student representation. Initial date for first meeting is 20th December which is challenging as most students will have gone home for Christmas.
- Had the opportunity to feed into a first iteration of the suicide Mitigation Strategy. PWC outlined how this will fit into the wider mental health and wellbeing strategy.
- Discussed potential options for suicide prevention including the provision of more duty appointments through health and wellbeing, inviting wellbeing champions along to discuss smaller queries with students so that welfare team can support more serious cases etc.

LGBT

- Raising money and awareness for World Aids day- almost £60/ raised through rock the ribbon karaoke and stall in student central.

- Posted on LGBT+ Facebook page a statement about the Jenni Murray lecture theatre.
- Welcomed new members to the LGBT+ committee- treasurer/ social sec.
- Fundraising improvements for next time- bring ribbons to karaoke instead- more money at karaoke but not many people got ribbons cause not as many came to the stall.

Trans

- Trans awareness week- the display about transphobia wasn't there however gender affirming statements left up.
- Discussion about mental health in trans community with MHAS- good feedback/ experimental- good discussion
- Trans day of remembrance- good turnout/ positive experience
- Jenni Murray scandal- asking receptions about whether they knew about it/ meeting with Patrick John Wednesday
- Plans to attend meeting with Phoebe to see VC about Jenni Murray lecture theatre.
- Trans support group going well- kettle and mugs! ☺ environmentally friendly

LINKS

- 11 first aiders have been successfully trained and will volunteer at union events.
- Held ongoing discussions with Andy King (HUU Commercial services director) regarding how links have been operating this semester and how can they improve and provide a better experience.
- Welcomed a new committee member from an EGM. Rebecca Humphreys as the new logistics officer.
- Successfully hosted a Christmas meal.

Disabilities

- Held an AGM where only one member was elected. Rosie was elected as finance and administration officer. Unfortunately low turnout as just Rosie, Jess and Isobel Hall (President Education) were in attendance.
- Wrote and proposed Union Council motion regarding Jenni Murray lecture theatre. This has been seconded by over 79 people.
- Raised the question of what can be done to increase engagement in liberation group. Suggestions of working with HUU marketing more to advertise more/ talk to student voice assistants/ get more engagement.
- Consideration of a campaign wherein facilitating possibility for able-bodied students to experience what it is like for disabled people experiencing accessibility issues e.g. ear muffs, dyslexia texts etc.
- Would like to prioritise hidden disabilities as a focus i.e. dyslexia, dyspraxia etc.

Environment

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- Arranged an EGM to recruit a committee.
 - Consideration of implementing a cigarette butts recycling scheme into HUU through commercial venues.
 - Has been participating in the Plastics initiative group- discussing next steps regarding plastics use/sustainability on campus.

Women's

- Organised protest in regarding the the University plans to name a Larkin lecture theatre after Jenni Murray. Visible protest with over 30 participants and media coverage.
- Secured meeting with Vice Chancellor to discuss implications of going ahead with naming the lecture theatre.
- Host women's tea party welcome event to gather ideas of what the women's committee could potentially focus on for the rest of the academic year.
- Women in leadership event
- Organised a sanitary product drive to collect products for Preston Road Women's Shelter.
- Supported White ribbon stalls (Men standing up to violence against women) being run by the University as a White Ribbon institution.

Items for discussion

- Standing committees have to submit their budgets in advance with an expenditure plan that can be shared with the zone for scrutiny. It is noted that the Environment and Ethics committee presently does not have a budget, LINKS budget is reduced and the Trans Rep shares a budget with LGBT+ committee. The reasoning for this is unclear.
- SHAG week is being planned for the beginning of February – there are hopes to make this a big event after SHAG week in October.
- Members expressed concerns over particular comments made by the Chancellor and the head of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion during the recent Jenni Murray event. Excuses and comments were made at protest including claims that the University was unaware of Jenni Murray's comments. The HUU approval system for external speakers is really thorough but the University does not appear to have a similar process.
- Rosie inquired how to lodge a formal complaint against a non-academic member of university staff. Andy outlined the process.