

**UUSU Student Executive**

**Meeting Date: Wednesday 7th September 2022**

**Time:** 10:30am – 12pm

***Location:***MS Teams / Belfast Campus

**In attendance: President, VP Education, VP Equality and Belonging, VP Sport and Wellbeing, VP Coleraine, VP Magee, VP Belfast**

**Mark Francos (GPC), Mandy Mullholland (SVM)**

**Apologies:**

1. **Minutes from previous meeting, 07th July 2022**

* Minutes approved

1. **Matters Arising**

Update on Identity Policy- Failsafe proposals added to the document. Matter ongoing.

Irish Language Taskforce – Looking to move into Equality and Diversity Networks. To work with VP E+D and GPC as internal work. Matter resolved.

Officer Blog – Social Media keep regular updates ongoing. Extra support will be coming soon through external recruitment. Issues raised on accessing accounts. Monthly updates minimum agreed. Matter Resolved.

UUSU Designated Charity 22-23 – PIPS, Friends of the Royal, Simon Community NI. To go to Student Council. Matter Resolved.

1. **Chair’s Communications**

* Thanks for joining and contributions to welcome week, move in weekend, and freshers and the additional hours being put in. Freshers Events ongoing. Course and Councillor elections ongoing, push to promote these and support nominations.
* Magee Transition- Working with project board to ensure a good experience and smooth transition, ongoing work around reimbursement and student bursary.
* Menapause policy launch within the university last week- great to speak at policy launch.
* Part of a student panel around student voice.

1. **Officer Updates**

Reports are taken as read.

VPB

* Taken as read

VPE

* Taken as read

VPC

* Taken as read – Lots of questions around how to run for VP and connection with members over the last week was highlight of freshers and welcome week.

VPM

* Taken as read – Temporary taps installed in Bunker Bar.

VE&I

* Taken as read – Thanks for engagement around freshers, highlighted event at QUB yesterday.

VPS&W

* Taken as read

President -Thanks to everyone for all the engagement in Freshers Fayre and Inductions and the general visibility over the last couple of weeks.

1. **Campaign Updates**

Cost of Living Campaign – Reached out to Advice Bureau to clarify hardship funds and areas that could be looked at that may not be fit for purpose. Arranging a book drop/exchange on campus.

VPB Question around dates of Book drop – Originally planned for this week but may be slightly delayed.

Mental Health Campaign – First main additional meeting to follow this afternoon around logistics. Main focus at present to revolve around communication.

President asked a question around funding remaining for Cost of Living Campaign- to be clarified for next SE.

1. **Welcome Week/Freshers**

VPB – Highlighted engagement and feeling on campus has been busy and positive has been good, bar events might be better to move forward in time to capture students on campus in the Belfast Campus. Clear that students were happy to be in the new buildings, important to maintain that positivity going for. Engagement with Societies was fantastic, some societies boosting membership tenfold.

VPM – Events that students have been at have been at have been very successful. Marketing focus for events to be potentially looked at and how that works for Compass events. Freshers Fayre was incredibly busy.

President – Terms of reference to be developed for Compass – UUSU meetings to establish clearer working relationships. Look at setting of meeting the campus VP’s and revisit Talk to SU concept.

VPC – Events have on the whole been successful- minimum of 50 in attendance at each. Freshers Fayre went down very well. Anti-Spiking kits were well received. Societies and Sports team engagement especially good this year. Hockey highlighted as one club with incredibly high take up.

VPE – Highlighted work of VPB,VPC, VPM in engaging students on their campuses.

VPSW – Fantastic to get out and meet students. Magee and Coleraine sports forums went well. Sports Club signups higher than usual.

VPED – Thank you to all the officers for their work.

All – Thanks to all the staff support and lead on arranging Freshers Fayres and our welcome events over the last few weeks.

1. **Bye-Law Updates**

Separate SE to follow to make final changes and get final approval of SE on the second part of the Bye-Law Update.

1. **UUSU Strategy Group**

President is seeking two additional members of SE to contribute to the development of UUSU’s Strategy over the next year. Expected commitment of around 6 meetings over the year. President opened up for discussion on what the group involves.

VPE, VPB and VPS&W outlined their interest.

1. **Book/Equipment Swap**

Seeking officer push when it is further developed and is due to go live. VPB suggested it could link into Suistainability/Green Week later this semester. Issue around leaving it later in semester but recognised that it could be very useful for semester two materials.

VPC – Highlighted that students have came forward with similar ideas so there is potential demand. Potential to take more of an entrepreneurial angle.

VPE – Highlighted that it may be too late to run event during Green Week. Academic societies have been reached out to.

VPS&W – Questioned if it is only textbooks. Potential for it to include more than just textbooks recognised.

1. **Campaign Spending Allocation**

President outlined that usual total campaign budget is £3000. Proposal that full funding pot is spent by Cost of Living Campaign due to Mental Health Campaign having other funding means available that are substantial and exceeds that usual campaign budget.

VPB – Questioned around ideas Cost of Living Campaign would have to spend to spend that amount. Does it need that funding pot size?

Decision to be postponed until concrete ideas have been outlined. Spending proposals to be taken to SE.

1. **USI Pink Training**

SE determines that VPE&D to lead delegate team, numbers to be clarified and location of event.

1. **AOB**

VPE – Raised USI Campaign Strategy Committee nominations closing soon, substantive commitment of 6-8 meetings per year. VPC and VPM expressed interest. Details were provided in USI newsletter.

Work has been ongoing on engagement with Doctoral College and enhancing representation structure that is established under the university charter for all students. First forum of the year for Postgraduate researchers and MRES students, is upcoming next week so will appreciate support to get the message out from all of SE.

VPC – Business Hackathon taking place on the 11th of November in the Coleraine Campus, been asked by the university for the SU to be involved in the promotion and take a joint lead.

President handed over Chair responsibilities to GPC as they had to leave the meeting.

VPB – Questioned if we should support promotion due to event taking place during Green Week.

1. **Date of Next Meeting**

  7th September 2022 with other dates to follow.

**Matters Arising**

Book/Equipment Swap further updates.