



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:

Minutes

1. Minutes from previous meeting, 19th July 2022
 - Minutes approved
2. Matters Arising
 - UUSU Designated Charity 2022-23 – Reminder to propose charities that shall be proposed on a shortlist for Student Council.

Teamaspie – Autism Charity

Angel Eyes – Sight based Charity

Friends of the Cancer Centre – The Royal

Pips -

North Belfast Foodbank

Simon Community

AwareNI

Pure Mental

Welcome Organisation

- Reminder to update Policy Tracker -

3. Chair's Communications
 - Welcome week plans ongoing, students can book tours for Coleraine and Magee via Eventbrite. Belfast tours are operated on a self guided basis.
 - Freshers Fayre Information on student guide and website.
 - Magee Transition Paper – Feedback prior given on student difficulty in move to Magee, appeal made to VC, student circumstances will be taken into account on basis of understanding that students would not have been aware at point of entry to university about the move. Financial compensation is on the table.
 - SUT, SUT+ and Lead the Change has taken place and provided training and networking opportunities.
 - APG reset up last month on Further and Higher Education, GM as Chair and SD as Vice Chair.
 - Period Poverty – Work over last few years has resulted in bill been fully implemented by the university, products available across 22 bathroom locations across the university.
 - Student Housing Co-Op's – Now a legal and business entity, ongoing logistical work.

- Irish Language Residency Scheme Survey – Published.
- Pride Month – Thanks to all officers for publishing and attendance at these events!
- Trustee Board - RA, RM, ED elected to the board.

4. Officer Updates

Reports are taken as read.

VPB

- Taken as read, Housing Co-ops, as mandated by Council, we are seeking external funding, will be attending a conference in Switzerland.

VPE

- Taken as read

VPC

- Taken as read

VPM

- Taken as read

VE&I

- Taken as read – Issue with student raised around Home Office deportation, solution has been found with the student around a return to country of origin and then return on basis of CAS being completed.

VPS&W

- Taken as read

5. Portfolio Reports

Taken as read.

- Sustainability -
- Student Welfare
- Campaigns / Activism – Bunker Bar should be ready for Freshers
- Equality and Belonging
- Student Experience & Activities
- Academic/ Educational Enhancement

6. Policy Updates

Taken as read.

VPB – Communicated with Translink on later transport connections, due to meet with Estates in Coleraine on Wellbeing Garden.

7. Bye Law Update – GPC and SVM provided update on work that has been undertaken on Bye-Laws. Confirmation of annual review. Work undertaken on majority of bye laws, reallocation of seats within Council. Proposal for potential hybrid council.

Bye Laws approved as proposed in July 22 review document.

8. Green Impact – VPB - Discussion around whether Green Impact status should be sought on a yearly or by annual basis.
 - Resource element is an issue.
 - Work is more important than accreditation.
 - Highlighted that Ulster University has poor record in outlining work around sustainability.
 - Is it more of a compliance issue than Student Officer issue?
 - Can this be supported by new Campaigns role?
 - Do we have any other measurement or mechanism of sustainability achievements?
 - Potential embedding into strategic plan for upcoming years.

To be taken to management board.

9. Officer blog/vlogs/social media – Strategizing around approach to get message out through likes of Social Media. Blogs etc are monthly element through website as to how we are representing students.

Instagram is most popular platform for majority of students.

Mid week updates has been utilised by VPC showing official elements like management board meeting, SE etc with side showing student events such as CASS etc.

Coordination and ideas for social media as an ongoing SE element.

Setup meeting with Karen McKillop and Anna Gribben on social media presence.

10. Irish Language Taskforce Policy

VPM outlined taskforce aims through paper presented to SE. Highlighted that would not be purely focussed on the Magee Campus and would be open to all students. Clarified initial membership thoughts. Further work on terms of reference to be completed by GPC and VPM.

11. Identity Policy

Discussion around feasibility and dual nature of the policy, officers are invited to send feedback on the policy. Optional element to be added to the policy. For approval at next SE.

12. Any other Business

13. Date of next meeting

20th September 2022 with other dates to follow.