Meeting Minutes

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| Student Executive | | | | | | | | |
| Date: 08/04/25 | | | Meeting Time: 10:30-12:30pm | Meeting Location: Online | | | | |
| Chair | Ethan Davies | | | | | | | |
| Clerk | Mark Francos (GPC) | | | | | | | |
| Attendees | Chris Murray (VP Coleraine), Emily Roberts (VP Education), Favour Okpohs (VP Belfast), Connor O’Hagan (VP Sport and Wellbeing), Reece Armstrong (VP Magee), Mandy Mulholland (SVM), Reece Armstrong (VP Magee), Daniel Sanusi (VP Equality and Belonging) | | | | | | | |
| Apologies | Caitlin-Rose Lowry (Chair of Council) | | | | | | | |
| 1. Review Actions from Previous Meeting | | | | | Presenter: Chair | | | |
| Key Points |  | | | | | | | |
| 2. Minutes | | | | | Presenter: Chair | | | |
| Key Points | * The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. | | | | | | | |
| 3. Chair’s Communications | | | | | Presenter: Chair | | | |
| Key Points | * Just recently hosted our final student council meeting of the year. A review meeting to be hosted separately. * Highlighted the need for a drive to support Voice and VPE to achieve the highest number of nominations for the LTA’s we have ever had in it’s 10th anniversary year. * Met with Head of People around GP Services on campus, university is currently looking at private clinic provision to support students on campus. * Attended Trustee Board. | | | | | | | |
| 4. Officer Updates | | | | | Presenter(s): All Officers | | | |
| Key Points | * VP Education * Engaged with Finance Director on potential funding requests from Westfield Trust. * Provided update on Student Managed Funds. * Been working closely with SVC for Academic Representation on LTA preparation and gathering nominations. * Engaging with NUS-USI * Attending QAA Enhancement Conference alongside SV Team members and VPC at Belfast Met. * Been engaging in multiple complaints processes. * Working on handover process and arrangements with the President and SLT. * VP Sport and Wellbeing * Highlighted the ongoing success of the Sensory inclusive hour in the sports centre. With the desire to continue this initiative post trial period. * Involved in planning for the annual Colours event celebrating student involvement in sport on the 5th May. * In ongoing work on Lighthouse Project implementation on a cross campus basis. * VP Coleraine * U Belong applicants have been awarded funding. Currently working on arrangements to support Networks being able to avail of funding. * Provided brief overview of work that is being prepared around Network support. * Provided an update on the Lifestyle Hubs, but highlighted challenges with space and have made headway on the need with the university to move the space in Belfast. Completed arrangements to support donations from university departments around excess stock being donated. * Been engaging with societies and supporting formal arrangements. * VP Belfast * Highlighted that the Pantry launch has been a success, have been engaged in a review process in support of the working group. Currently looking at space usage and how to ensure that the space is accessible and appropriate for all in Belfast. * Highlighted the new items being acquired in Belfast student space. * Highlighted the work being made to support LTA nominations. * Engaged in ongoing Collaboration with student well-being and safety teams. * VP Magee * Provided an update on the Lifestyle Hubs in Magee. * Working with President on Magee Taskforce challenges, in relation to HMOs and engagement with the local community. * Has re raised Anti-Spiking legislation and ensured that remains firmly on the agenda. * Been engaged in revalidation processes. | | | | | | | |
| Agreed Action(s) | | | | | | Responsible | | Deadline |
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| 5. Gender Neutral Bathrooms on Campus | | | | | Presenter: Chair | | | |
| Key Points | | * VPEB. Highlighted challenges and current working environment within the university and the current lack of policy within the University itself that supports the provision of Gender Neutral Bathrooms and Bidet Showers on campus. Currently the university is not actively working on a policy. * VPE. Highlighted the support of Council for Gender Neutral Spaces across our campuses and the positivity of our Council in holding our actions and lobbying to account. * Chair of Council – Highlighted the need for an LGBTQ+ Network to support lobbying work within the university. | | | | | | |
| Agreed Action(s) | | | | | | Responsible | Deadline | |
| * Formulate a Statement for Council and look at our lobbying actions towards the University. | | | | | |  |  | |
| 6. Article Review Group Update | | | | | Presenter: Chair | | | |
| Key Points | | * No further meetings have taken place since last meeting. | | | | | | |
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| 7. Sponsorship Arrangements | | | | | Presenter: Chair | | | |
| Key Points | | Discussion was had around the PBSA that sponsored the recent SU Awards. | | | | | | |
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| Policy to be raised at Management Board. GPC to send existing policy to SE. | | | | | |  |  | |
| * Network Bye Law | | | | | Presenter: Chair | | | |
| Key Points | |  | | | | | | |
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| Officers to provide feedback on current version / approval. | | | | | |  |  | |
| * Officer Teambuilding Day | | | | | Presenter: Chair | | | |
| Key Points | | President highlighted the usefulness of having a team day away to support the transition process and ensure we get the most out of the last few months of our term. | | | | | | |
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| * MLA Meetings | | | | | Presenter: Chair | | | |
| Key Points | | President highlighted the need to engage more with our local politicians, with need to arrange more meetings to connect and lobby effectively. | | | | | | |
| Agreed Action(s) | | | | | | Responsible | Deadline | |
| President to arrange meetings alongside CC and GPC. | | | | | |  |  | |
| * UU-UUSU Finance Joint Request Committee | | | | | Presenter: Chair | | | |
| Key Points | | President provided an overview of the proposal to have a committee to support financial arrangements between UU and UUSU. SE in favour. To be taken further to Management Board. | | | | | | |
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| * Student Council Reform | | | | | Presenter: Chair | | | |
| Key Points | | To be looked at in subsequent meeting. | | | | | | |
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| * Student Officer Reform | | | | | Presenter: Chair | | | |
| Key Points | | To be looked at in separate meeting. | | | | | | |
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| * LTA Update | | | | | Presenter: Chair | | | |
| Key Points | | Reiterated the need to support the LTA nomination process. Currently there is a lack of support across the team and we need to rally for the last few days of nominations. | | | | | | |
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| All SE members to create a post on social media supporting LTA nominations.  All SE officers to engage in large groupchats to support nominations. | | | | | |  |  | |

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| 1. Any Other Business | | Presenter: Chair | | |
| Key Points | * No other business of note. | | | |
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| 1. Date of Next Meeting | | Presenter: Chair |
| Key Points | The next meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday 6th May 2025. | |