



UUSU Student Executive

Meeting Date: Tuesday 14th June 2022

Time: 11am – 12.30pm

Location: MS Teams

In attendance: President Elect (VP Education), VP Education Elect (VP Jordanstown), VP Coleraine, VP Magee, VP Belfast

Apologies: VPSW, President

Minutes

1. Minutes from previous meeting, 17th May 2022
 - Minutes approved
2. Matters Arising / Actions
 - Update Policy Tracker
 - Strike Response Group, under belief that strike action was due to take place. Situation changed and strike action avoided therefore strike action group was not established.
3. Chair's Communications
 - Thanks to Owen McCloskey our outgoing President who has served for over four years within UUSU and has departed the role as of Friday. We wish him all the best on his future endeavours.
 - LTA Awards were a great success, big thanks to SV Team, Charlie, Lorraine. Lots of positive feedback from academics.
 - SAAI Awards, returned three awards out of 6 nominations, team of the year, activist of the year, campaign of the year.
 - Feedback on training ongoing to feed into new officer training programme.
 - Thanks for all the feedback on the portfolios as part of the Portfolio review.
4. Officer Updates

VPB

- Student Panel. Presented to Student and Campus Experience Board on how panel has run throughout the year.
- Moved old Belfast Office to new temporary space.
- BAME Network Lunch attended in Jtown.
- Impact Video recorded last week.
- Handover meeting attended in regard to Co-ops and Wellbeing Garden
- Policy written for USI NC.
- Supported development of campus freshers plans

VPE Elect

- Chaired staffing committee of Trustee Board
- Recorded Impact Report Video
- Handover ongoing with new VP Equality

- Substantial number of Student Complaints panel completed
- Wrapped up Student Panels for academic year, with final one being noted as a particular success.

VPC

- Multifaith room, new proposed rooms are to be put in place, especially for students of the Islamic faith with accompanying support from nearby bathrooms.
- Compass redesign ongoing, reanimation of Coleraine space to continue with new incoming VPC.
- Handover process almost complete with ED.
- Filming of impact report complete.
- Thanks for the LTAs.

VPM

- School of Health Sciences Transition, concerns around accommodation pricing, levels of housing stock, have been raised with campus life. Ongoing discussions around subsidising.
- Transition Paper received warmly, been brought to VC by AC before it goes to resourcing committee.
- Housing Co-Ops – Being legally registered, with officers and relevant stakeholders being appointed as Directors.
- Followed up on the issue of naming conventions within the university regarding graduation, ID's etc. Commitments were given by the university to rectify with aim of September.
- Meetings to come regarding Irish Language Accommodation. Attended An Dream Derg protest on behalf of UUSU in support of Irish Language within NI.

5. Portfolio Reports

- Sustainability – Audit for Green Impact Report complete, anticipation of improvement over last year's score (Pre-emptive very good". Wellbeing Garden celebrated one year of activity. Praise for the committee for organising the event. Spaces are being explored for potential allocation for Green wellbeing spaces in Coleraine and Belfast. Funding developments are ongoing for all campuses. Paper submitted for ongoing student staffing support for wellbeing garden spaces. Sessions are being held with SusTrans in regard to sustainability transport around campus. Looking to evidence demand for likes of bikes in order to develop the scheme.
- EDI – Section 75 Equality Reporting process drafted and submitted to university on our developments around equality. Areas included, breastfeeding scheme, period policy developments, new officer role, our councillor makeup. Presented to EDI Steering Group. Pricing ongoing on utilising last of Santander funding. Development of appropriate banners, popups for likes of Pride, language rights etc.
- Mental Health Portfolio – Brilliant to be able to work on the UOK Campaign with staff and fellow officers, mental health action plan is hoped to be finished by end of June. UUSU Meets videos are almost complete, brilliant to work with the whole team and meet the interviewees and be inspired by their stories. Looking forward to seeing them released.

6. Policy Updates

Support for Breastfeeding Policy- In contact with trusts, obtain campaign material which are now up in Coleraine and Magee

LGBTQ+ Lobbying – Great to get letter on Conversion Therapy out and to get responses from Alliance and the UUP.

Digital Forms Policy – Has been 90% completed

Pro Choice Policy – To be driven on by new VP Equality and Belonging

Students Complaints Policy – Will be feeding into university development of their policy

Bi Lingual Signage – Irish Language legislation being brought by Westminster, looking to ensure that university acts in a timely manner to impliment.

7. Impact Report

Thanks to everyone for developing it so quickly and filming video. Content is being developed for the website. Any further wins please let President know.

University Council will be later this month in Magee, to be presented to Council.

8. Handover Process

Reminder to have documentation complete and ready for incoming officer. To include context, content and important information for incoming officer. Wider document for all officers being developed with Marketing Team.

Handover time is being allocated as TOIL to incoming officer members.

9. Officer Update Template

Proposed template to streamline reporting.

Support from officers for proposed changes.

10. Graduation Classification

First year without classification being read out at graduation ceremony.

Debate ensured around whether we should get feedback from students as to whether it should be public information at graudation.

Students should be surveyed by university as to feeling. Decision should be student led not by university senior leadership. To be followed up with OH.

11. Any Other Business

Massive thanks to our outgoing officers, Owen, Ryan, Curtis and Fintan for all their hard work over the past year and for all their work over their time within the university.

12. Date of next meeting

5th July 2022

Actions Tuesday 14^h June 2022 -

	Update Policy Tracker	All