



## **UUSU Student Executive**

**Meeting Date: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

**Time:** 9am – 10.30am

**Location:** MS Teams / E019 Coleraine Campus

**In attendance: President, VP Education, VP Sport and Wellbeing, VP Coleraine (Virtually), VP Magee, VP Jordanstown**

### **Minutes**

1. Minutes from previous meeting, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022
  - Minutes approved
  - Action from last meeting to meet with UCU complete, followed up on referendum process and policy work.
  - UUSU Sub Group actions to rollover
  - Survey Active – Delay in all student email from OH, followed up by President
2. Matters Arising / Actions
  - Nothing arising
3. Chair's Communications
  - Extremely busy conference season is now closed
  - Congratulations to those officers graduating
  - Good to see graduation working group activities come off, positive comments from VC and lots of thanks from Senior Management.
  - Recognised work of Registry and others in bringing it all together.
  - President will be off until 19<sup>th</sup> May. Cover has been arranged.
  - Impact report to be considered, to be compiled between whole officer team for public viewing.
4. Officer Updates

#### VPB

- Not In Attendance

#### VPE

- PhD group met for first time around representation in UUSU and expectation and role within UUSU and university. Initial call was very positive. Challenging conversations were had around role of being a student and role within UCU and being a member of staff. Next meeting to take place in May provisionally.
- Call with Head of School of Medicine on feedback mechanism. Work on Digital resource box, be an allocated feedback tool for any form of feedback.
- Unitu project board established. Evaluation process ongoing. Establishing new project leads. Rollout hoped for next semester.
- Work on LTA's, first since 2019. Nominations close today. Looking forwarding to hosting alongside our Faculty Rep for Computing. Officer support encouraged.

- Attended NUS and NUS-USI Conferences. Seek to give feedback on conference strengths and weakness.

#### VPJ

- Attended NUS, NUS-USI, USI Conferences.
- Attended multiple disciplinaries in relation to St Patricks Day
- Involved in further discussions about future engagement on St Patricks Day, received multiple positive comments.
- Following up on Sexual Harassment and Violence policy with the university with OH.

#### VPC

- Organised Leadership Elections Result, successful event bringing students back onto campus, thanks to Compass involvement as well.
- Attended Campus Open Day event and facilitated engagement and multiple tours.
- Attended Stormont Period Poverty Bill passing on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Positive engagement with MLA's and activism groups.
- Attended NUS Conference, great to meet officers across the UK. Thanks to organising team.
- In contact with Trust in support of Breastfeeding scheme and policy. Gathered additional material for all campuses. Endorsing and raising awareness of breastfeeding on campus.
- Drafted open letter on Conversion Therapy, consideration to co sign with NUS-USI and QUBSU.
- Met on multifaith spaces on Coleraine, discussed ideas on requirements of ideal space. Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> April to follow. New space potentially on Coleraine to follow to be more neutral and to contain more storage and the like.

#### VPM

- School of Health Sciences Transition, feedback being gathered around financial support.
- Met with BCC, on Housing Co-ops, meeting with university senate members, and hopefully VC to progress. Additional reps to Steering Group on Housing Co Ops.
- NUS-USI Presidential campaign ended, updates to follow to NUS-USI President and President elect on Housing Co-Op.
- Received positive media coverage around Irish Language residency.

#### VPSWB

- Attended NUS, NUS-USI, USI Conferences
- Spoke on motions at USI and NUS-USI, included Mental Health for Men, Irish Language Taskforce.
- Colours preparation work ongoing. Including preparation for shortlisting.
- Preparation on In conversation series, with it commence post easter.
- Submission to SAAI on KWAF campaign.

#### President

- Attended Conferences at Lead Delegate. Great experience
- Student Office handovers to be pulled together post easter.
- Brought to SMT, suggestion of set number of hours for incoming officers during handover before commencement of work to be paid.
- Thanks to everyone for support on SAAI nominations.
- Engaged with UCU President in UU, ongoing meetings to take place on every 6 week basis.
- Ongoing feedback on web redevelopment.
- LTA Nominations close today, final push on none academic staff.
- Hosted the SEA awards alongside VPB.
- Attended Teaching and Learning – GBD.

- Noted Pulling on Loan in South for those ineligible for student loan for nursing students.
- Student Mental Health Team in Belfast project to support students away from home. Business case to continue this support after trust have pulled existing support after end of funding.
- Access tour for new Belfast blocks are coming up and available to book in. Speak to David L for more information.
- Tik Tok account is being launched in June.
- Sat on Honary Degree committee as part of work on Graduation working group.
- Awaiting conformation on voting for policies from NUS and NUS-USI, USI.

## 5. Portfolio Reports

**EDI:** Video being developed on decom. Santander funding is outstanding to be used. Potential to open it up as individual funding pots to be applied for by students.

**Sustainability:** Gathering feedback from Societies on how Green Week went. Ground up approach was positive. Wellbeing garden funding got for Magee and Belfast, 3k each. Additional funding pot available, application being made with support from external stakeholders.

**Mental Health:** Student Summit was run, three policy areas was determined. In Conversation videos, work ongoing, bringing student journalists on board. Determining questions and logistics. Determining Trigger and accessibility warnings for videos. Scroll less campaign, backdrops on library and university computers will be changed soon as a result of recent meetings to take effect post easter.

## 6. Policy Updates

Tracker currently reflective of officer updates.

- Continuation for rest of the day on policy to follow.

## 7. Any other business

## 8. Date of next meeting - tbc

### Actions Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2022 -

	Update Policy Tracker	All
	Setting up Strike Response Group	VPJ