



UUSU Student Executive

Meeting Date: Tuesday 18th October 2022

Time: 10:30am – 12pm

Location: MS Teams

In attendance: President, VP Education (VPE), VP Equality and Belonging (VPEB), VP Sport and Wellbeing (VPS&W), VP Coleraine (VPC), VP Magee (VPM)

Mark Francos (GPC), Mandy Mullholland (SVM)

Apologies: VP Belfast, VP S&W (from 11am)

1. Minutes from previous meeting, 11th October 2022

- Minutes approved

2. Matters Arising

Matter Arising	Latest Update	Matter Resolved?
Identity Policy	Failsafe proposals added to the document.	Matter Ongoing
Equipment/ Book Swap	Dónall provided an update of ongoing plans to have a space on campus to drop off equipment and books that are no longer required. More substantial update to come post Thursday campaign meeting.	Matter Ongoing

3. Chair's Communications

President outlined the busyness of the time period. VP Magee and I spoke recently at the NUS-USI Cost of Living Campaign event in L,Derry. Fantastic to hear the human side of the issues being raised.

Met with Campus Life on the requirement to have kitchenettes available for students. Exploring idea of Food Zone to reduce food waste and supplement cost of living campaign with an area to keep food close to expiry date that will be available for students.

Exploring concept of free breakfast provision with Compass and Campus Life.

Course Rep and Council elections ongoing, encouraging vote numbers of over 700 and 800 votes respectively. Requested a drive to ensure those numbers continue to rise for the remainder of the day.

Update on Life and Health Sciences Transition – Sought that compensation is put firmly on the agenda at the next meeting while waiting for the paper to be sent through.

Housing Co-ops – Provided an update on meetings and the upcoming social event taking place at Mandela Hall on Tuesday 18th October in advance of the Cost of Living Campaign (NUS-USI) Belfast event at QUB.

Noted the election of VP Education to the USI Governance Committee with the highest vote total at National Council. Congratulations to VP Coleraine on appointment to Working Group on Campaigns within USI ensuring NI students are better represented on campaign issues.

4. Officer Updates

VPB – Paper taken as read in absence of VP.

VPE - Paper taken as read with substantial additional update on learning and teaching meeting provided for the benefit of officers.

VPC – Paper taken as read with additional comments - Work begun on the development of a Disability Action Plan, have also joined the Campaign Strategy working group within USI. Due to meet with Michael Fitzpatrick to improve disability access and look at breastfeeding locations around campus.

VPS&W – Report taken as read

VPE&B – Report taken as read – Noted issues that some international students have had with visas acceptance and confirmation letters from the university regarding timings and enrolment.

President - suggests SE discuss this major issue within AOB.

VPM – Report taken as read – Congratulations were given to Ethan and Rebecca on their election successes within USI.

5. Campaign Updates

Cost of Living Campaign – VP Magee and President spoke at the NUS-USI Campaign rally in L,Derry, highlighted attendance. Referred to prior outlining of position in regards to equipment and book swap.

Mental Health Campaign – Campaign name determined as U Belong – main focuses has been determined as the sense of belonging and the battle against isolation. To promote engagement and belonging across all year groups.

Engaged with Mind Your Mood Coordinator in Coleraine and Magee and looking at use of influencers in a social media campaign.

VP Magee – Q - on whether the campaign will be primarily informational.

VP Coleraine – A - The idea is that the campaign will take a hybrid approach, information but also events in person and online of varying types.

6. Officer Social Media Update

President – Met with M&C Director and Marketing team on development of Tik Tok content on a trial basis over the next two months. VPS&W to take the lead.

Asked team on status of social media posts over the last month with drive to have a more monthly roundup post of what's been happening.

VPE – Been focussing primarily on story based content.

VPC – Still trying to get access to Facebook but has update from Marketing Manager. Bi Weekly updates ongoing. Looking at daily roundups post 4pm posts.

VPM – Multiple posts around sexual health, events, council and course rep elections. Will be happy to do an officer update post.

VPE&W – Monthly updates ongoing, induction posts, meeting with Mayor of L,Derry and Strabane, elections, upcoming post on meeting due with Lord Mayor of Belfast.

7. QUB Cost of Living Payment

President outlined substantial payment outlaid by QUB including cost of living payments, waiving of graduation fees, disciplinary fees being reduced and ongoing discussions around likes of free breakfasts and other options.

President outlined that SE should develop a paper on this outlining our asks and presenting resolutions on behalf of students. Response to be developed offline.

VPM – Raised issue that St Mary's students will not be receiving payment from QUB in relation to Cost of Living.

8. Pink Training

VPE&B to now attend International Conference representing UUSU, VPS&W to take delegation lead working with VPE&B on Pink Training, will promote to LGBTQ+ Societies primarily and subsequently Equality Councillors.

9. Identity Policy

VPC – Outlined that failsafe issue has been added to the policy and it is now deemed to be complete and presentable to SE to be approved.

President – Questioned the use of the term “new registration system” and is there an ongoing plan from the university to change their system.

SE - Updated language developed and implemented.

VPE – Questioned whether there was a mechanism in place.

VPC – Outlined that process requires legal documentation.

SE Agrees policy to go ahead with changes as outlined above and change to Student Council facts wording.

10. Instalment of Bidet Showers in Accessible Bathrooms

VPE&B outlined paper background from universities in England including original background from KCL.

President - outlined the idea of this policy is fantastic and how well it was implemented at KCL.

VPE – Asked question on future direction of paper

SE agreed to take forward concept as policy to be developed by VPE&B, VPB and GPC for second council meeting of the year.

11. Compass Arrangements

VPM – Raised issue of the perceived need to formalise relationship in relation to marketing and promotion of events.

SE - Discussed belief that further meetings are required and reestablishment and change to the terms of reference alongside full clarification of both parties positions alongside formalising agenda and minuting of meetings.

12. Officer Goal Setting

President outlined the desire to set out goals, how to connect in to manifesto commitments, as well as how to take notes as you go along and work on officer report as an ongoing element instead of coming to everything at the end of the month.

Quick updates into the report registry will allow us to keep up to date and have a more complete database of what is going on!

SE Agrees to implimentation.

13. AOB

VPC -Bann View Social currently facing a entertainment licensing issue- relying on university to resolve the issue which lies in their responsibility in regards to the space. Issue is expected to last at least a month. Alternative arrangements are being sought with Anchor.

VPM – Outlined the successes on Argoyle street of getting a consultation with residents in regard to bi-lingual signage.

President outlined requirement of sending papers and apologies to both GPC and President.

SE agreed to extend SE to 2 hours for future meetings.

14. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 15th November.