



UUSU Student Executive

Meeting Date: Tuesday 19th July 2022

Time: 11am – 12.30pm

Location: MS Teams / Magee 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), Charlotte Peile (SDO)

Apologies:

Minutes

1. Minutes from previous meeting, 14th June 2022
 - Minutes approved
2. Matters Arising
 - There are none.
3. Chair's Communications
 - Official welcome to the entire team. Now 3 weeks into the role, have all been involved in internal and external training with SUT, NUS and internal. SUT+ Provisional dates 17-19th August in Coleraine Campus to be run by NUS and NUS-USI and supported by ourselves.
 - Outlined role of Trustee Board.
4. Trustee Board Election
 - Ethan Davies, Robert Millar and Rebecca Allen elected.
5. Election Timetable
 - SVM outlined position within calendar.
 - VPB questioned 2 day voting period. SVM and GPC confirmed data and standard practice and way of maximising vote. VPM asked around campaign period. SVM responded with timeline that is designed to protect candidates. VPM highlighted nomination period should be promoted more. VPC questioned campaign launch time, clarified by SVM and GPC. VPE questioned candidate question time times and dates.
 - Election Timetable approved by SE.
6. Returning Officer for Elections
 - President approved as Returning Officer for all elections bar Leadership Election.
 - NUS designated Officer will act as Returning Officer for Leadership election with Deputy Returning Officers to consist of Mandy Mullholland and Mark Francos.
 - SE Approved

7. UUSU Supporting Students Through The Cost of Living Crisis
 - Dedicated separate offline meeting to follow.

8. Mental Health Funding / Plans
 - SDO outlined funding that was received by the Executive and initiatives such as the Student Mental Health Committee which supported the campaign. Student Summit, phone line of semester one of 21/22 which targeted second year students and allowed for incoming calls. Awareness Campaign and targeted comms messages to reach as many students as possible to direct to the designated here for you website. Successful contact and contact with over 800 students. SDO outlined further data points to SE.
 - Activites team led events and supported university mental health days, sunrise socials etc.
 - Mindfulness packs were handed out in large numbers.
 - UUSU Meets met four high profile individuals and interviewed around mental health, those videos are due to go out early in first semester.
 - Mental Health Action Plan currently up for review.
 - President noted the incredible work of SDO Charlie Peille and work of the former VP Coleraine Curtis Donnan and success over the past year.
 - VPC questioned the timeline of the Mental Health Action Plan, SDO outlined timetable of how officers and staff will be able to feed into as appropriate.

Plans for remaining funding pot £5000.

- SDO noted connection events had been succesful and noted that in the moment events are very useful but would be good to have long term approach alongside. Finance and Cost of Living should also be considered for spending.
- Potential vouchers to be used for Compass, free breakfast, lunch, dinner on campus during selected weeks etc
- Potential of internal food bank for students. VPB outlined position of credit system used within University of Northern Vermont in USA to allow students to select a certain amount of food per day. VPM said to connect into local food banks, specific areas on campus to allow local organisations onto campus.
- Discussion on voucher schemes and engaging students on campus and protecting students from fuel costs and promoting wellbeing by creating a sense of community.
- VPE&B connect with external stakeholders, shops etc to see about food and supplies that may be going to waste.
- Promote likes of Too Good to Go and Olio
- VPSW outlined that connection events would have longer lasting impact, introducing budget friendly events like cookoffs etc.
- SDO outlined other unions that give away food at the end of the day, potential to promote this to compass.
- Further discussions to take place in campaign planning and in offline meeting.

9. Pride Arrangements (Belfast / Mid Ulster)

- Banners and Lanyards have arrived
- Belfast Pride is the 30th July, To be on Campus at 11:30am.
- Finola, Chaudhary and Ethan available to support. VPC to lead.
- Marketing support to be sought for engaging students and providing information.
- Mid Ulster Parade – 13th August – Finola, Rebecca, Chaudhary, Grace available. Ethan potentially available to attend.
- Foyle Pride – 22nd August – Grace, Finola available. Rebecca potentially.

10. UUSU Designated Charity 22/23

- President outlined that we should shortlist three charities that would then be approved by Student Council and approved by Council to go to our membership ahead of the Christmas Appeal as an online poll. Officers asked to suggest charities for next SE.

11. Officer Updates

President notes that officers were provided with a report template that should be completed in advance of each future SE.

Updates not appropriate in line with reporting requirements.

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VPE

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VPC

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VPM

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VE&I

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5. Portfolio Reports

N/A

- Sustainability
- Student Welfare

- Campaigns / Activism
- Equality and Belonging
- Student Experience & Activities
- Academic/ Educational Enhancement

6. Policy Updates

N/A

7. Any Other Business

VPM suggested that we should potentially support a blood drive on campus, President noted blood donations on Coleraine campus, prior on campus, we should reach out and look to drive that forward with university staff (Amanda Castray – Director of Student Life)

8. Date of next meeting

23rd August 2022 with other dates to follow.