



UUSU Student Executive

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 22nd March 2022

Time: 11am – 12.30pm

Location: MS Teams

All officers in attendance: President, VPE, VPSWB, VPM, VPB, VPC, VPJ

Minutes

1. Minutes from previous meeting, 25th February 2022
 - Attendance to be added
 - Minutes approved
2. Matters Arising / Actions
 - Meeting with UCU President has been set, Wednesday, 30th March 22
3. Chair's Communications
 - Student Summit – thanks passed to VPC, VPM, UOK team & SV team for supporting the project
 - Leadership election complete – handover preparation ahead for officers
4. Officer Updates

VPB

- UUSU St Patricks Day support – no major issues reported
- PSNI Small Grant Application – being developed based on community integration and positive mental health and wellbeing.
- Green week – series of events planned across campuses
- Support continues for international students on campus

VPE

- Cross campus visits ongoing
- Part time PhD students will see 30% fee increase – working with SVM to clarify the cost to ensure current students are safeguarded for the duration of their PhD journey
- Learning & Teaching Awards have been launched
- Support for an identified student group being progressed with the faculty Associate Dean for Education on a range of issues
- Bursary paper for School of Health Sciences being refined before being presented to the transition working group
- Lost Learning – UCU strikes – raised with PVC for Student Experience & Quality Assurance. Through the UU strike task group, faculties are being asked to provide data on impact

VPJ

- Jordanstown “wrapping up” event plans have been cancelled by UU
- Supporting students with disabilities – training opportunity attended
- Number of disciplinaries coming from St Patricks day reduced from previous year

- Consulting with PSNI on their campaign “Tackling male violence against women & girls”. Aim is also to ensure its accessibility to as many groups as possible

VPC

- Leadership Election – results party delivered successfully on the Coleraine campus, a first SV in person event since pre-pandemic
- Student Summit – has been a priority project underpinned by student feedback collated across the UOK? Campaign
- UOK? Campaign – work ongoing to deliver a video project based on sharing of experiences from UU students and alumni.
- Compass - positive relationships being developed in delivering and supporting student events
- Course Revalidation panel membership – feedback on experience as panel member to be collated and forwarded to SV team to enhance UUSU and student impact
- Coleraine Events – work ongoing to support better communication between stakeholders on event planning and delivery
- Campus Prayer Room – discussions continue with relevant University Departments to progress.

VPM

- Student Housing Co-ops – planning outreach for support from University Council. Presentation also planned with Belfast City Council
- Campus events continue - future plans include work with Sustrans
- Green week – events upcoming 28th March
- Robin Swann - no meeting has been offered. To be progressed
- Bursary paper for School of Health Sciences – to be finalised and taken to the next meeting of the transition working group
- Work continues around drink awareness campaign

VPSWB

- Student Summit – successfully delivered phase one and two, final policy development day set for Wednesday, 23rd March
- Colours Award Planning
- National Conferences upcoming
- Meetings scheduled with UU stakeholders regarding sexual conduct policy

President

- Sunrise socials – more in the future!
- Part of Holylands, St Patricks Day Student Safety Team – positive feedback on support offered by UUSU
- Met with MLA Cara Hunter
- Coming up
 - NI Buyers Club – launch of HIV charity event
 - Attending National conferences as delegation lead
 - In person graduation ceremonies – UUSU to be represented at each
 - Student Excellence Awards – celebration event taking place 30th March 22
- Ukraine Crisis – work ongoing in offering UUSU support
- Member of Honorary Degree committee

5. Portfolio Reports

VPB - Green week/green impact work continues

6. Policy Updates

Tracker currently reflective of officer updates.

- VPE - Period Poverty Bill – Officers to attend Stormont Thursday, 24th March in support
- VPC - Support for Breastfeeding Policy – staff sensitivity training to be raised with People & Culture and Athena Swann Group
- VPM - Bilingual signage – work continues with key stakeholders

7. UCU Strike Action

- Meeting with UCU President agreed for Wednesday, 30th April 22
- Student Impact Survey – to be shared w/c 4th April
- UUSU Stance – no call for student referendum received
- Student feedback has been focused on lost learning and calls for financial compensation

Actions

- Sub-group to be created to steer actions and mitigation planning
 - Case studies
- Student Impact survey to be shared (SVM)

8. Tik Tok

President – to be rolled out for a year, student interviews planned.

9. PHD Policy Update

VPE – currently reached out to PhD representatives who are organised through the Doctoral College. Informal meeting planned (1/4/22) to gather feedback on the Doctoral College system of student representation.

10. NUS-USI Referendum

Hustings takes place Tuesday, 22nd March

Voting Thurs 24th – 25th March

11. Any other business

12. Date of next meeting - tbc

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