



UUSU Student Executive

Meeting Date: Friday 24th February 2023

Time: 2-4pm

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) VP Belfast (VPB)

Mark Francos (GPC), Mandy Mullholland (SVM) Gavin Boyd (DMC) Cathal O'Boyle (Chair of Council)

Apologies:

1. Minutes from previous meeting, 15th November 2022

- Minutes approved

2. Matters Arising

Matter Arising	Latest Update	Matter Resolved?	Initially Raised
Mental Health Action Plan into Policy	Small changes brought forward.	Matter Ongoing	16.12.22
Equipment/ Book Swap	No current update. To be brought forward at end of the academic term.	Matter Ongoing	
Gaeilge in UUSU	Being brought forward as paper in this meeting. Working Group formed.	Matter Resolved	16.12.22
Health Sciences Student Feedback Next Steps	Been in communication with students around eligibility concerns. Continuing work with SV Team. Feedback has been collated with AB, raised with school.	Matter Ongoing	16.12.22
Policy for NUS-USI Conference	Move forward as an AOB item within Meeting.	Matter Resolved	16.12.22
Free Breakfasts		Matter Ongoing	16.12.22
Engagement Strategy	Going forward with updates in Monday debriefs led by VPC, brew Mondays is good for engagement in Magee, looking to other best practice in other universities before formulating ideas.	Matter Ongoing	16.12.22

3. Chair's Communications

Takes report as read.

4. Officer Updates

VPB – Paper taken as read –

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VPE - Paper taken as read –

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VPC – Paper taken as read –

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VPS&W – Report taken as read

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VPE&B – Report taken as read

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VPM – Report taken as read

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5. Campaign Updates

Cost of Living Campaign – Updates contained with Officer Updates

- No major updates since council. Free breakfasts are rolling out again, EHSS letter rollout scheme is out and being used by students.

Question from VPB: Student raised cost of printing as hidden course cost?

It has been raised with OH and other issues such as cost of parking could potentially be raised in meeting that VPE has with the PVC.

Discussion around kitchenettes and coffee machines.

Mental Health Campaign – Updates contained with Officer Updates

- Ceildh's are happening!
- 3 student led campaign applications were received, currently being reviewed.
- Expenditures coming up on the agenda!

6. Officer Social Media Update

- The Deputy President outlined the expectation of regular updates and to share widely ongoing activities.
- Reminder to push out the strategic consultation.

7. Alumni Network

- President and DMC have been working on development of an Alumni Network for officers.

DMC outlined main elements that included:

- Regular communication with alumni, opportunity to attend events, agm council etc
- Create an alumni committee.

Plan to bring forward a plan to the CEO.

8. UBelong Expenditure

- Approval for payment to Brosna Trad Group – Approved.
- Further email with additional spend to come from Finola.

9. Disabled Student's Network

- VPC outlined the basis of the policy. Discussion ensued around where staff commitment would be and the allocation of which officer would be assigned.

Approved.

Chair of Council leaves the meeting.

10. Cost of Living Breakfast alternatives/improvements

- VPC raised issue of university spending significant amount of money on vouchers for external visitors for an open day but not doing the same for students directly. Raised idea that vouchers may be an effective method.
- VPM outlined issues that affects Magee and difference in the standard of the free lunch that was delivered.
- All officers agreed that parity should be had across all campuses.
- Where availability has been exceeded we should push for more, as clearly there is demand!

- Messaging should be clearly outlined as a cost of living measure.

11. USI Ulster Scots Policy

- VPB outlined policy and background as coming from the Westminster legislative approach and how it would be prudent to have this included within USI.
- Officers outlined areas where there may be issues raised and outlined how they would be overcome in debate.
- Several minor changes were suggested which the VPB will implement, including font, and minor wording changes, links to legislation and Ulster Scots Agency.

12. Housing Co-ops (USI Policy)

- Policy adjusted from the NUS-USI Policy and designed to support the development of further co-ops.

13. USI Nominations

- Candidates for USI Officer roles are currently seeking nominations, candidates need 5 MO's to nominate.

Proposal is to approve all candidates who have come to us seeking nomination.

We then through usual process determine who we are voting for at congress.

14. SHAG Week Budget

- **Maximum proposed spend of £1000. - Approved**

15. Any Other Business

- **VP Sport and Wellbeing outlined that cost of living measures including planned free gym membership is now looking to be pushed back to next semester. Understanding was that it was ready to go, and final details were being resolved. Team outlined major disappointment and frustration.**

Actions to be taken:

Check the papertrail of where decision was made.

Continue to raise the issue of up front payments.

What is happening with the pitch situation in Magee?

Look at UU-UUSU Forum ToR.

16. Date of Next Meeting

- **Tuesday 21st March 2023 (Online)**

