Meeting Minutes

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| Student Executive | | | | | | | | |
| Date: 25/03/25 | | | Meeting Time: 10:30-12:30pm | Meeting Location: Online | | | | |
| Chair | Ethan Davies | | | | | | | |
| Clerk | Mark Francos (GPC) | | | | | | | |
| Attendees | Chris Murray (VP Coleraine), Emily Roberts (VP Education), Favour Okpohs (VP Belfast), Connor O’Hagan (VP Sport and Wellbeing), Reece Armstrong (VP Magee), Mandy Mulholland (SVM), Reece Armstrong (VP Magee) | | | | | | | |
| Apologies | Caitlin-Rose Lowry (Chair of Council) | | | | | | | |
| 1. Review Actions from Previous Meeting | | | | | Presenter: Chair | | | |
| Key Points |  | | | | | | | |
| 1. Minutes | | | | | Presenter: Chair | | | |
| Key Points | * The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. | | | | | | | |
| 1. Chair’s Communications | | | | | Presenter: Chair | | | |
| Key Points | * Been in recent engagements and discussions with the Vice Chancellor around UUSU involvement in the Dome Project in L/Derry. * Currently preparing for upcoming Task Force Meeting with Derry and Strabane City Council. * Engaged and spoke with the Communities Committee on the 20th March in Stormont, focused on the Magee Expansion, the cost of student accomodation and purpose built student accommodation challenges. | | | | | | | |
| 1. Officer Updates | | | | | Presenter(s): All Officers | | | |
| Key Points | * VP Education * Highlighted the Charter launch success and potential for future collaborations, in particular with USI on an all Ireland approach. Outlined a proposed UUSU Working Group on Preventing Violence Against Women and Girls. * Updated on various campaigns and student voice forums that recently took place across all campuses. * Highlighted importance of Social Media. * Provided an overview of LTA Promotion arrangements over next few weeks. * Working on handover process and arrangements with the President. * VP Sport and Wellbeing * Highlighted the ongoing success of the Sensory inclusive hour in the sports centre. With the desire to continue this initiative post trial period. * Involved in planning for the annual Colours event celebrating student involvement in sport on the 5th May. * In ongoing work on Lighthouse Project implementation on a cross campus basis. * VP Coleraine * Pantry has been launched as Lifestyle Hub on campus in Bridge area as planned, on launch day we had over 300 people in the one session which is more than Belfast and Magee combined, which shows there is a desire for it if in an appropriate location. The location remains a challenge in those locations. Further feedback is needed on items provided by the hubs, as currently they include goods as expected such as dried rice and pasta but also branded UU items. * Will be soon launching a podcast with the VP Education. * Provided a brief update on the Sexual Health Clinic. * VP Belfast * Highlighted challenges with accessibility of food vending on campus, in particular for wheelchair users, has been highlighted with provider who are going to take action. * Highlighted the successful Repair Cafe and Swap Club events on campus. * Engaged in ongoing Collaboration with student well-being and safety teams. | | | | | | | |
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| 1. Gaeilge Working Group Update | | | | | Presenter: Chair | | | |
| Key Points | | * No further meetings have taken place since last meeting. | | | | | | |
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| 1. Article Review Group Update | | | | | Presenter: Chair | | | |
| Key Points | | * No further meetings have taken place since last meeting. | | | | | | |
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| 1. Magee Taskforce | | | | | Presenter: Chair | | | |
| Key Points | | * Discussion around the Union’s ongoing commitment and responsibilities to the Magee Expansion project. * Considerations to be made of student surveys and accommodation affordability. | | | | | | |
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| 1. Equality Network Elections | | | | | Presenter: Chair | | | |
| Key Points | | * Women’s Empowerment Network elections are due to launch very soon, with support from the SVC for Engagement. | | | | | | |
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| 1. Feedback on Director of Membership and Comms Position / Recruitment | | | | | Presenter: Chair | | | |
| Key Points | | * Discussion on the role's responsibilities and the need for a more pastoral focus. * Consideration of the overall SMT structure and potential changes. | | | | | | |
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| 1. SIF Teaching and Student Centre Working Group | | | | | Presenter: Chair | | | |
| Key Points | | * VPE to gather student perspectives for the new building in Magee. * Proposal is presently to keep the SU space where it is but have a small presence in the new building. | | | | | | |
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| 1. Handover / Process | | | | | Presenter: Chair | | | |
| Key Points | | * Preparation ongoing for officer handovers with support from staff. * Requirement for additional support for outgoing officers in job searching and preparation including interview preparation and CV writing. | | | | | | |
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| 1. Officer Teambuilding Day | | | | | Presenter: Chair | | | |
| Key Points | | * Proposal to hold a further teambuilding day before the end of the year. Challenges currently in place establishing a day that suits all team members. | | | | | | |
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| 1. Any Other Business | | Presenter: Chair | | |
| Key Points | * No other business of note. | | | |
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| 1. Date of Next Meeting | | Presenter: Chair |
| Key Points | The next meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday 8th April 2025. | |