Meeting Minutes

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| Student Executive | | | | | | | | |
| Date: 27/01/25 | | | Meeting Time: 10:30-12:30pm | Meeting Location: Online | | | | |
| Chair | Reece Armstrong (VP Magee / Deputy President) | | | | | | | |
| Clerk | Mark Francos (GPC) | | | | | | | |
| Attendees | Daniel Sanusi (VP Equality and Belonging), 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), | | | | | | | |
| Apologies | Ethan Davies (President) Caitlin-Rose Lowry (Chair of Council) | | | | | | | |
| 1. Review Actions from Previous Meeting | | | | | Presenter: Chair | | | |
| Key Points | * Action One: VPEB to contact Head of Digital Learning around Data in support of accessing digital resources. (VPEB) * Action One Update: Will be meeting with Head of Digital Learning later this week, paper being finalised as of this week. * Action Two: Provide Feedback to GPC on Article Review * Action Two Update: Officers to send feedback by end of week. | | | | | | | |
| 1. Minutes | | | | | Presenter: Chair | | | |
| Key Points | * The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. | | | | | | | |
| 1. Chair’s Communications | | | | | Presenter: Chair | | | |
| Key Points | * Currently picking up additional responsibilities in the absence of the President. * Been supporting ongoing developments in Magee and preparations for RAG and refreshers week. * Setting up 1-1’s with each officer to support and understand areas that officers require additional resource and help. * Meeting with Downey Group around external events in the Magee area with activities team, including additional meetings with the Thirsty Goat. | | | | | | | |
| 1. Officer Updates | | | | | Presenter(s): All Officers | | | |
| Key Points | * VP Education   Highlighted work around handbooks, timetables, Seats and Charter consultations.  Officer role days were a real positive, some of the best conversations and idea generation that we have seen in the last 6 months.  Engaged with all networks in last two weeks.  Working on At risk of withdrawal process with university staff and development of disciplinary policy and procedures.  From 2025, it will be practice that students will have the opportunity to resit and 1 piece of coursework per semester. EC1 form process is being changed. Focused change from exceptional circumstances to mitigating circumstances. With different windows and requirements of evidence being put in place. Notably no requirement from a doctor for first week extensions.  Engaging with employability in Magee to improve fayre opportunities.  Working with social work and nursing in regards to bursaries.  Charter has seen further developments with FE colleges now satisfied with wording.   * VP Equality and Belonging   Engaged with Student Wellbeing around the International Student Forum.  Been engaging with EDI unit within university, providing update on ongoing work from UUSU.  New channel for feedback has been established to university.  Engaging with BAME+ Network around supporting their international inclusivity conference.  Chinese New Year celebrations will be taking place this week during refreshers week across all campuses, with multiple events supporting. Attended event in support of this at QUB.  Been engaging with designers around SWANN redesign, students are to determine new logo via a student vote.  Attended Mayor’s Charity event.  Officer role day was productive and really enjoyed looking at how we adjust and improve roles within the SE Team.  Been engaging with SVC on embedding EDI within School and Faculty Rep roles.  Engaging with university partners on Race Equality Week.   * VP Sport and Wellbeing   Lighthouse Project is finally up and running in Magee, been engaging with university and external stakeholders around promotion on campus. Finalisation will be complete within next few weeks.  Been working on Sports Survey with Student Voice, to be launched this week to sports clubs members to determine feeling from the membership on the ongoing transition process.  Ongoing support for Sports Clubs and sports club fundraisers.  Ongoing work around RAG provision across campuses including venue selection in Belfast. Met with Oddballs as of this morning.   * VP Coleraine   Challenges are currently being faced with developing RAG in Coleraine.  ReFreshers launching this week on campus.  Pantry will be launched by end of Month across all campuses. Included in welcome back guide that is being provided to all students.  UBelong Bursary is now out.   * VP Belfast   Been developing a Sustainability Paper in line with university papers.  Baby Changing Rooms will be operational in the next two weeks.  Ongoing support is being given to the various ongoing projects including supporting SWANN and Women’s Empowerment, RAG and SHAG week. Engaging directly with SWANN leads within Belfast.  Been engaging with estates around ongoing accessibility issues on campus.  Been working on student safety and app support with university stakeholders. App now works outside of the direct vicinity of the building.  Been supporting the rollout of Renters Rights material to Belfast students.  Student Wellbeing is looking to collaborate with us on Mental Health Day on campus, will work with VP Sport and Wellbeing and staff on response.  Attending Chinese New Year events in collaboration with stakeholders at QUB. | | | | | | | |
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| 1. Gaeilge Working Group Update | | | | | Presenter: Chair | | | |
| Key Points | | * No major updates to note as group has not met since last meeting. | | | | | | |
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| 1. Article Review Group Update | | | | | Presenter: Chair | | | |
| Key Points | | * Recent meeting focused on the first bye-law around democratic procedures. * Main focuses have been on the power of SE, and the wording to ensure that it is clear and in line with student expectations. | | | | | | |
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| 1. RAG Week (Ongoing Item) | | Presenter: Chair | | |
| Key Points | * Major planning meeting took place last Tuesday. Calendar of events have been established, officers are now fully aware of expectations. * Final details on individual events to be finalised. | | | |
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| 1. Anti Racism and Anti-Religious Discrimination | | Presenter: VP Equality and Belonging | | |
| Key Points | * VPEB introduced the new proposed policy. * Officers discussed the scope of the policy and proposed that the policy needs to have further scope and that officers should review existing policies to ensure we are as inclusive as possible. | | | |
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| * Officers determined that a policy day should be put into the calendar. | | |  |  |
| 1. EDGE Sponsorship | | Presenter: VP Education | | |
| Key Points | * VPE and VPB have received communications from EDGE the student accommodation provider. * SE to respond to the Marketing Team that we will not accept sponsorship on ethical grounds as this is in direct contradiction. To be included in Policy Day. * **VPE took the Chair.** | | | |
| 1. UUSU Leadership Elections / 2025 NUS-USI Affiliation Referendum | | Presenter: GPC | | |
| Key Points | * **GPC provided an overview** | | | |
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| 1. Student Officer Successes | | Presenter: All Officers | | |
| Key Points | * Each officer has been asked to circulate one specific success to GPC. To be submitted by 2pm Friday. | | | |
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| 1. Any Other Business | | Presenter: Chair | | |
| Key Points | Officer reports are due first week of February.  Trustee Board Reports are due and to be sent though to the Deputy President. | | | |
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| 1. Date of Next Meeting | | Presenter: Chair |
| Key Points | * The next meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday 11th February 2025. | |