



## UUSU Student Executive

**Meeting Date: Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**Time:** 1.30pm - 3pm

**Location:** MS Teams

### Student Executive

O McCloskey, President; G Boyle, VP Education; R Allen, VP Jordanstown; R Miller, VP Belfast; C Donnan, VP Coleraine; R Harling, VP Magee; F Darragh, VP Sports & Wellbeing

### Minutes:

M Mulholland, Student Voice Manager

### In attendance

M Francos, Governance & Policy Coordinator

## MEETING MINUTES

### Agenda

1. Minutes from previous meeting, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021
  - Approved
2. Matters /Actions Arising

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16/11/21	(VPE) You said we did campaign, share successes	Currently being compiled by President & VP Education
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	16/11/21 – President to progress	
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### 3. Chair's Communications

- Thanks passed to the Student Executive team for the successes delivered in semester one through another difficult year.

### 4. Officer Updates

- VPB
  - KWAF policy submitted to National Council
  - Belfast High Street Task force meeting – student perspective represented across areas
  - Campus and online caseworking continues

Noted by President GBD I-link card to be reviewed for semester two

- VPSW
  - Keep Wednesday Afternoon Free policy submitted to National Council
  - Bullying & harassment training ongoing across clubs
  - Student Show Podcast work ongoing
  - Sports Management meetings continue
- VPM
  - Campus cheer & Christmas social events supported
  - Well-being garden being expanded
  - Nationally, work continues on housing policy
  - Stormont – Health Committee Chair raised Support for Student Health Heroes
  - School of Health Sciences transition support and engagement through student forums and working groups continues
  - Revalidation process & student involvement – to be raised at meeting of Student Voice Working Group by Prof Hutchinson
- VPJ
  - Pink Training attended, positive connect with UUSU delegation
  - Equality Councillors – meetings arranged, support with continue
  - Meeting with NUS President during her visit to NI
  - Brexit Working Group – student paper to follow on this to progress Brexit policy
  - VP Equality & Belonging role developed and passed at Student Council

- VPC
  - Careers panel set up through Employability Department
  - Scroll less campaign launched – positively received by students on campus
  - Mental Health Action Plan – meetings with national colleagues (USI & NUS/USI) to discuss how to progress this work
  - PSNI Safety forum received good feedback from both officers and students in attendance
  - Graduation working group actions continue
  - Work with student Guide working group ongoing
  - Student Show podcast involvement
  - Ongoing provision of campus prayer rooms – survey of students provided evidence on improvements needed. Liaising with Estates & Campus Life teams to progress.
  
- VPE
  - Library engagement – operational plans around developments and mitigations around the move to Belfast
  - Year 4 Computing Students – met with the group in Jordanstown and provided an induction around UUSU
  - Health Sciences Move – Key areas to support on timetables, accommodation and travel. Paper to be produced to look at support both financial and in terms of physical space for the cohort.
  - SV – survey of reps developed around their experience
  - SV – giving back packs (Mental Health campaign) being developed
  - PhD policy – being developed with VPM
  - Thanks passed to ARC, Naomi Browne for her support across workstreams
  - Dept of Education – Period Poverty campaign being progress
  - Met with Louise O’Boyle in regard to supporting the period poverty campaign with the Belfast School of Art
  - Academic Integrity & Essay mills – University supported a recent bill around Essay Mills – to note no student will be negatively impacted through this
  
- President
  - GBD – no further update from the last report to Council. Travel cards to continue into semester 2
  - Graduation working group – responses are still being received (5,000+)
  - UOK campaign will be coming to an end, response will be reviewed and evidence used going forward
  - VC meeting:

- sports scholarships and need for longer term plan needed
- Graduation costs to be reviewed
- PRD 360 officer reviews are ongoing
- Advice NI – meeting on UOK campaign
- Christmas Cheer campaign gave another opportunity to meet with students
- Met with Simon Harris (Irish Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science)
- Translink videos featuring the SE team to be released

## 5. Portfolio Reports

- Sustainability – VPB
  - Recycling is single unit on campus, better signage needed
  - Translink contacted and meeting to be arranged

## 6. Policy Updates - major policy updates noted

- VPC – Gluten intolerance policy
  - Options raised with Compass, campus provider
- VPC - Breastfeeding Policy
  - University has signed up to support this work
- VPM - Bi-lingual signage Policy
  - UU lobbying government on this issue
  - UUSU has offered to support

## 7. Policy Management /Tracker

- Policy tracker live, current and reflective of current stance positions.

## 8. UCU Industrial Action

- More action is anticipated
- Ongoing, continue to be open & transparent on this subject
  - Impact survey
  - FAQ support and links to University info & Advice
  - Support for PhD members – policy and engagement plans being progressed

## 9. National Council

- Team will take on planning and organisation of the Feb 22 event

## 10. End of Semester Priorities/Actions

- Included in officer updates

- Semester one videos being produced
- You said we did campaign to be shared

11. Any other business

- VPSW - University Sexual Assault Policy has still not reached final approval. Discussions on going with Professor Hutchinson on a Student Charter around this are continuing.

12. Date of next meeting

Tues, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022

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