



## UUSU Student Executive

**Meeting Date:** Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021

**Time:** 9am

**Location:** MS Teams

### In Attendance:

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

## Agenda

1. Minutes from previous meeting,

Approved - Minutes from Student Executive Meeting, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2021

2. Matters Arising

No matters arising

3. Chair's Communications

- Following a review of the Democracy Policy Coordinator position the role is now out for recruitment with the revised title of Governance and Policy Coordinator.
- Student Executive meetings have been scheduled for the remainder of the year.
- External tender has been approved for the Mental Health Project

4. Officer Workstream Leads – updates

- VP Sport & Wellbeing (Lead on Student Mental Health with VP Coleraine) provided an overview of campaign plans
  - Some setbacks on campus locker project but being progressed.
  - Lockers being sourced that are compatible and approved by the Estates team. This is being supported through additional research in Coleraine to further evidence demand.
  - Procurement of alarm clocks needed to support the “Responsible Digital Technology” campaign is being progressing with a launch week 5/6.
  - Meetings have taken place with C Peile as staff support for the UUSU Mental Health “Here for you” Project

- VP Magee (Sustainability Officer lead with VP Belfast)
  - Focus on launch of new “JUMPQ” app – gamify actions around sustainability – launch 31<sup>st</sup> October
  - PSNI funding bid – based on large scale green project in Belfast
  - Well-being garden Magee - harvest has taken place and shared with students on campus.
  - Sustainable travel to the Belfast campus is being supported by PSNI with a bike security campaign.
  
- VP Jordanstown (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Officer lead with VP Education)
  - Majority of Equality Seats filled within Council – 2 remain for Magee
  - Opportunity for future EDI officer role being explored through research with VP Education
  - First meeting of UU Equality group has taken place
  - Sunflower lanyard policy in place and with lanyards still being distributed
  
- VP Education
  - Period Poverty campaign approved by Department for the Economy and will be supported by UUSU promotional material. Free period products are available on all four SU gender neutral bathrooms. This service is being restocked every week. UUSU will monitor usage and report back to the Department. A survey has also been created to gather feedback from users on the scheme in line with Department key principle asks.
  - Through the SDLP work is ongoing to move the initiative and campaign to a national level with a second hearing of the bill being heard on 8<sup>th</sup> Nov 21.

5. GBD development, campus transition and impact on the Student experience

- Group discussion on the current issues impacting the GBD plans and transition on the student experience both on Belfast and Jordanstown campuses.
- UU workstream groups supporting this work has UUSU staff and officer representation in place and will continue to monitor developments and feedback to the Student Executive
- ACTION (President): UUSU internal working group to be established on supporting this transition programme

6. UCU strike ballot & potential impact

- Group discussion on impact of possible of strike action by academic staff (UCU)
- Given the timing of the first meeting of Student Council an Emergency meeting may be called to debate outcomes of the UCU strike ballot.
  - Action (SE) UUSU stance to be progressed
  - Action (President/Student Voice Manager) Briefing paper produced for Council

## 7. NUS-USI referendum

### **Timeline**

- Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> October: Notice of referendum is shared by UUSU
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 12 noon: Campaign leads must be appointed and communicated to the Returning Officer
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November at noon: Text for Yes and No sides presentation for voters
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 9am: Campaigning by both sides begins
- Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> 7pm: Hustings – Belfast campus (arrangements to be confirmed)
- Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021 9am Voting opens
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021 3pm Voting closes
- Result published one day after the close of polling

5% student turnout required

## 8. Senate Positions

- This year UUSU has one additional seat on University Senate (5 seats in total) President, VP Education 3 x others – elected at first Council
- Action (President): Positions to go to first Council for election
- Action (SVM) Next review of Bye law to clarify allocation of these seats

**MEETING DRAWN TO A CLOSE DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS – REMAINING AGENDA ITEMS  
MOVED TO THE NEXT MEETING, MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 21**

9. Policy Implementation – updates – to move

10. Any other business – Officer lead updates (written update to be submitted)

11. Date of next meeting - **MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 21**