

OVERALL EXECUTIVE

Minutes of a meeting of the Overall Executive held on 16th December on the Coleraine Campus.

PRESENT:

Mark Bell (Overall President), Jane Murphy (Sports President), John Cunningham (VP Magee), Robbie Banham (VP Coleraine), Malachy McCrudden (VP Belfast), Chris Murray (VP Jordanstown), Jemma Dolan (VP Campaigns and Communications)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Emmett Mullally (General Manager), Ciara Cunningham (Marketing & Communications Officer)

APOLOGIES:

Avril Honan (Student Engagement Manager)

13.131 MINUTES

Minutes from the meeting held on 2nd December were accepted

MATTERS ARISING

13.132 Secret Shopper Exercise (min 13.118 refers)

This has taken place on both the Jordanstown and Coleraine campuses so far.

13.133 Political Protocol (min 13.121 refers)

Mark provided an update on the work of the Good Relations Committee, and noted the recommendation that the UUSU Political Protocol be subsumed within this general policy. This was agreed by the committee.

13.134 360 Appraisals for Officers

These are ongoing and the meetings will take place on 24th January.

13.135 PRESIDENTS COMMUNICATIONS

Mark noted that this is John Cunningham's last meeting with UUSU. He thanked him for all of his hard work and wished him well for the future.

13.136 OFFICER REPORTS

Officers noted that they were finding it difficult to complete these on a weekly basis. Suggested that a paper template be circulated as not all officers are finding it easy to complete the online form.

13.137 COLERAINE SHOP

Mark received a reply from the Vice Chancellor in relation to the ongoing issue with being unable to sell drinks within the shop. The Vice Chancellor has stated that the contract with the Spar shop is such that the University cannot allow another retail outlet. However, he has offered a payment of £20,000 to assist the shops finances and development.

It was suggested that a water fountain is installed, which would not generate profit but would provide free drinks, and perhaps revenue from selling the containers. It was agreed that this should be explored.

Mark noted that a group of Business students in Coleraine had approached him to use the case study of the shop as a University project, exploring student opinions on what they think the sales mix should be.

The committee agreed to accept the offer subject to:

- Clarity around the clause which provides the Spar shop with exclusivity
- A review of the above contract to allow UUSU to sell drinks in the future

13.138 BELFAST UNION SPACE DEVELOPMENT

Malachy has been working with the Provost to develop the space and increase student footfall. He has also been investigating a local coffee provider to introduce this to the space to ensure affordable hot drinks for students.

13.139 UUSU FACEBOOK PAGES

Ciara noted that the pages have been reduced from 11 down to 7, the Vice Presidents still have their pages. The VP Magee one will need to be managed centrally for Semester 2.

13.140 DESIGN WORK

Ciara notified the committee of the new procedures for getting design work approved – she asked that all requests use the pro forma and to forward these to her, not directly to the Graphic Designer.

13.141 RESIGNATION OF VP MAGEE

It was noted that it was too long into the term to hold a by-election. John asked that a part time position be funded to ensure continued support for the students on the Magee campus. He noted that UUSU would be saving money on his salary, as well as on things such as attendance at conferences and training events.

Mark agreed to take this forward with the SMT and devise a suitable role and package.

13.142 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed.