

ULSTER UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' UNION STUDENT COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 18th April 2016 at 5.30pm via video link between the Jordanstown and Coleraine Campuses.

PRESENT:-

Officers:

Colum Mackey President, Gillian Bell Sports President, Elliot Lyness VP Campaigns and Communications, Conan Meehan VP Belfast, Micky Quigg VP Magee, Emma Bonner VP Coleraine, Kellie Murnion VP Jordanstown

Councillors:

Johnston Crothers, Oisin Craig, Joy Goodall, Deborah Ferry, Odhran Ruiseil, Ami Cobane, Kyle Coolidge, Sofia Heikkinen, Danielle Roberts, Vikki Lutton

IN ATTENDANCE:-

Avril Honan (Student Engagement Manager)

APOLOGIES:-

Caoimhe Moreland, Eamonn McLaughlin, Jude Doherty, Aodhan Benson, , Karl Hagen, Alexandra Colhoun, Becky Brennan, Arthur Caulfield, Ciara Gribben, Oliver McKee, Katie Ramsbottom, Hannah Rooney, Christopher McCabe, Amy Hamilton, Daniel Reynolds, Jay Burbank, Dylan Cumbo, Jordan McCullough, Lauren Cosby, James McGrane, , Esther Twieg, Christine Campbell, Daniel Loughins, Ellen McGuinness, Mark Bell, Jessica Lee, Anne Sheridan, Laura Rogers, Christopher Stewart, Lorna Loughran, Eoghan Mullan, Tiffany Agnew, Darren O'Neill, Eimear Blaney, Christopher Stewart, Samuel Monteith, Fearghal O'Hare, Catriona Doyle, Kevin McStravock, Andrew McFadden (Chair), Stephen Ruddy, Jamie Shaw,

16.27

QUORUM COUNT

The meeting did not have the minimum number of attendees necessary for the meeting to be quorate at the start time.

ALL DISCUSSIONS FOR INFORMATION ONLY AND NO DECISION IS BINDING UPON THE STUDENTS' UNION.

16.28 DISCUSSION: ENGAGEMENT WITH STUDENT COUNCIL

The President asked those present for their input into how UUSU could ensure continued engagement with the Council throughout Semester 2.

Ideas discussed were:

- Quoracy being called 24 hours in advance of the meeting, based upon who has responded to the meeting request;
- Giving the Chair the power to remove Councillors if they fail to attend two meetings;
- Increase the sense of belonging to Council with providing badges/lanyards/pens;
- Creating social media groups, which the campus VP could also control.

It was noted that the face to face meetings are more productive in terms of quality of debates and discussion, but these can have an impact on availability to attend as it is quite a significant time commitment. Suggested that it could be one meeting together, followed by a video conference meeting – therefore there would be one of each per semester.

16.29 REVIEW OF SCHEDULES

Although decisions would not be binding, the President asked for feedback on some areas of the revised schedules.

Standards Committee

The President explained that this would be a sub-committee of Council, and would deal with performance and disciplinary issues relating to the full-time Officers. As well as members of Council there would also be an external Trustee appointed as the Chair of the committee.

Council noted that this person is not directly elected by students, however they could legitimately provide oversight in this capacity.

Following discussion, Council agreed that this body should consider all evidence and consider the case against an officer, and report to Council the outcome of this. They should then make recommendations to the full Student Council who would then agree the final sanction.

Policy renewal: Calendar vs Academic Year

Within the Schedules there is a contradiction between whether a policy should be valid or excluded for a period of two *calendar* years or a period of two *academic* years.

The reason for the distinction and its' impact was discussed.

Those present agreed that academic years would be most appropriate, as this is the term of officer for Councillors and Officers.

The President thanked those present for their attendance, and informed them that the Council would meet again in seven days to consider the same business.

The UUSU AGM would be held on the same day and all Councillors were encouraged to bring along a friend to try and ensure the quoracy for the meeting is met.

Date of Next Meeting: 25th April 2016