

**ULSTER UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' UNION STUDENT COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 5.30pm via video link between the Magee, Belfast, 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

**Councillors:**

Joy Goodall, Danielle Roberts, Oisin Craig, Johnston Crothers, Mark Bell, Deborah Ferry, Fearghal O'Hare, Kyle Coolidge, Sofia Heikkinen,

**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, Jessica Lee, Anne Sheridan, Laura Rogers, Christopher Stewart, Lorna Loughran, Eoghan Mullan, Tiffany Agnew, Darren O'Neill, Eimear Blaney, Christopher Stewart, Samuel Monteith, Catriona Doyle, Kevin McStravock, Andrew McFadden (Chair), Stephen Ruddy, Jamie Shaw, Odhran Ruiseil, Ami Cobane, Vikki Lutton

**16.30**

**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.**

As this is the second inquorate meeting to discuss this business, the items will now move to the Student Executive for approval.

### 16.31 DISCUSSION: NUS USI POLICIES

**Those in attendance agreed to stay and discuss the motions for the upcoming NUS USI Conference**

Motion	Discussion
1. Regular Networking	Free Vote
2. Higher education funding	Existing UUSU Policy
3. Maintaining our momentum	Free Vote
4. Course costs	Existing UUSU Policy
5. The student movement & the EU referendum	Upcoming UUSU referendum – decision pending
6. Mental Health	Existing UUSU Policy
7. Democracy week	The President explained this further, stating that other Unions across the UK with a number of HEIs in one city will combine their election weeks and encourage ALL students to vote and pool resources to market these on local billboards/media etc.  Council supported this idea.
8. Fair Representation	Noted that a lower 40/60 split may be enough for this.  VP Coleraine noted that she would like conference delegation to reflect the Ulster student population, which it does not currently do.  Council also noted that this might be difficult due to lack of engagement.  Majority of those present did support the motion, with some amendments.
9. Male suicide	Noted that the use of 'male' and 'female' could be trans-exclusionary and should be changed to men and women.  Council agreed with the motion.
10. NUS-USI 2nd NEC position accountability	Agreed with motion
11. Sex and Relationship Education	Agreed with motion – discussion noted that it does not need to be the schools who provide this: other agencies are available. Also, that it should be age appropriate and targeted.
12. Online voter	Agreed with motion

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13. Part-time officer training	Agreed with motion
14. Officer networking	Agreed with motion
15. Climate Change	Existing UUSU Policy
16. Breast ironing as a form of FGM	Agreed with motion

Due to time constraints with the video conference system the meeting was called to a close.

**Date of Next Meeting: New Academic Year – October/November 2016**