**ULSTER UNIVERSITY STUDENTS’ UNION STUDENT EXECUTIVE**

**Minutes of meeting held on 24th August 2017 on the Belfast Campus.**

**PRESENT:-**

Kevin McStravock (President), Hannah Rooney (VP Campaigns & Communications), James Colgan (VP Magee), Andrew McAnallen (VP Coleraine), Oisin Kinsella (VP Jordanstown), Meghan Downey (VP Belfast), Emma Bonner (Sports President)

**IN ATTENDANCE:-**

Emmet Doyle (Democracy and Campaigns Coordinator), Avril Honan (Student Engagement Manager),), Mandy Mulholland (Academic Representation Coordinator)

**APOLOGIES:-**

 Karen McKilllop (Marketing Manager

1. **MINUTES**

Minutes from the previous meeting on 23rd June 2017 were approved.

1. **MATTERS ARISING**

Campaign for a Set lunch time: President and Sports President continuing to work on research for this campaign.

Liberation groups: The President has been working with the Quality Management & Audit Unit within the University, as well as the Equality Unit and the incoming interim Chief Executive to explore this further and develop the most appropriate structure for UUSU.

1. **PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS**
	1. **Insight Update**

The President explained that *Insight* is an internal staff magazine within Ulster. He met with the Insight team to discuss how students and student-interest stories could be more prominently featured. There will be a September article on the new Officer team, plans for the year – later editions will focus on the strategic plan, partnership agreement and also faculty focuses.

If officers have anything else they would like highlighted, the President asked they raise it with him.

Second semester stories will focus on student safety especially around St.Patricks day and campaigns we are running.

* 1. **NSS Action Group**

Following thepublication of the National Student Survey results in August, the PVC Education convened an NSS Action Group, of which the President is a member.

Previous overall satisfaction with Ulster was 88 and this is down to 82. Also a decrease in student voice and how lecturers take on student feedback. The Group will be taking courses which polled lower and putting them into special measures. Associate deans of Education with the head of school will have regular conversations with the students around things happening in the course.

The President raised the issue between teach out and low satisfaction scores. The Executive dean of each faculty will hold meetings with students in courses which are being taught out to ensure students are able to have a voice and let them know what expectations they should have. Mandy and Kevin to meet to discuss with course which scored low but were not aware of having problems

1. **WELCOME WEEK UPDATE**

Coleraine/ : Talk to SU: Tuesday/ Wednesday Thursday – Bar/café area societies, funding

Balloon drop: Afternoon of Monday after induction

Jiving on Tuesday: Riverside

Laughter yoga: Thursday riverside

Societies running events like comedy night, acoustic night, Milkshake Monday and also running wristband events. Query corner for welcome

Andrew in the process getting prizes and will let Laura know the update.

Magee:

Provost welcome every morning and talk the SU Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and the Balloon drop on the Monday

Jiving : Wednesday

Laughter yoga: Tuesday

Dungreggan

Kidz farm: Tuesday in SU space

Core gaming: Tuesday night

Sugar on Wednesday, Friday of welcome week and

Jordanstown:

Hop on hop off bus stall : Move in week

Talk to SU: In Hub Monday- Thursday

Query corner- Student support, ISD

Monday: Walking tour – Halls to Belfast for the day, That night there’s a Markee for Jiving

Games on the mall: All week

Tuesday: Link hosting gaming night in SU bar

Wednesday: Club crawl, Engineering society car driving simulation. BOT welcome night buses leaving from halls

Thursday: Halls film night

Friday: Freshers Ball

Avril: Mount Charles bring on ice cream truck, and there are burritos and coffee and try bakes across the four campuses during welcome week and freshers

Belfast:

Balloon drop: If enough prizes everyday

Talk to SU: All week

Chris: On the mall talking about Art shops and getting volunteers and getting people to give art work in

Garden games: Monday- Thursday on campus like Jordanstown

BOT: Wristband stall selling wristbands for welcome week

Avril: Follow up with having freshers fayre in the Boye park

Avril: There every day from 9am with game face on and work with volunteers and brandies and make sure everyone is organized

1. **CAMPAIGNS UPDATE**

Hannah gave an update on campaigns and asked officers to start thinking about what can be added into planned campaigns.

1. **SU APP UPDATE**

VP Jordanstown presented the work he has completely so far on an App for UUSU, and has given a breakdown of costs. He noted how the app will work for the Union, and how it can be developed for elections and our union shop. Oisin talked around what the app will entail as well and deadlines for the app to be finished.

Members of exec very happy with the app but work needs to be done around MSL and voting and making sure cost and data protection is further looked into.

1. **‘MINDFULNESS MONDAYS’**

VP Jordanstown introduced the idea of setting time aside each Monday for the whole team to practise mindfulness. The team agreed with this in principle and encouraged Oisin to take this forward.

1. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The officer video will be filmed this week – officers were reminded to finalise their scripts.

1. **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Friday 15th September