



Edge Hill Students' Union Council
Wednesday 3rd April 2019
B003 Business School – 5:30PM

Item	Agenda	Actions
1	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>Chair introduced meeting</p> <p>Present: Craig Meichan (Student Council Chair); Joe Bradford (SU President); Luke Myer (VP Academic Representation); Dan Bocharnikov (VP Activities); Molly Houghton (VP Welfare); Max Beaton (Trans & Non-Binary Students' Officer); Kate Vickers (Women's Officer); Bea Beaton (Open Rep); Molly Williams (Casual Place); Phillipa Hoyle (Casual Place); Jasmine Small (Casual Place); Lauren Rice (Casual Place).</p> <p>Apologies: Lisa Stambuli (International Students' Officer); Katie Holmes (Disabled Students' Officer); Ashley Tuffine (Environmental & Ethical Committee Representative).</p> <p>Absent: Toyin Martins (BME Officer); Molly Smallwood (LGBQ+ Officer); Rhiana Travis (Postgraduate Students' Officer); Jack Fields (Open Rep); Kathryn Murphy (Open Rep); Nathaniel Shaw (Open Rep); Thomas Dodd (Open Rep).</p> <p>Secretary: David Jones (EHSU Policy & Campaigns Manager)</p>	To note
2	<p>Chair's Update</p> <p>Chair requested updates from relevant officers regarding policies passed at previous Student Council meetings.</p> <p>Edge Hill Arboretum DB noted that the idea has been discussed with the university, but has been put on hold for the time being, due to other priorities. However, it will be referred to as part of handover for incoming VP Activities.</p> <p>More Options for People with Food Intolerances JB stated that the university now offers a wider range of food options than previously.</p>	To note

	<p>DB added that the menu at Sage's Restaurant and for conferences has been expanded to cater for people with food intolerances.</p> <p>Plastic Free Edge Hill University DB stated that a video is being developed to promote this policy.</p> <p>Societies we've got your back! DB stated that work is ongoing in relation to this policy.</p> <p>Better acknowledgement of commendations for elected officers DJ stated that this has been discussed with Comms team. However, more work needs to be done around clarifying the criteria around commendations.</p> <p>Support the fight for marriage equality in Northern Ireland LM stated that he had been in touch with Love Equality Northern Ireland and the NUS-USI LGBT+ Officer pledging our support for their work.</p> <p>Improve Edge Link Bus MH noted that the current EL1 bus route is as fast as it can be, but is in talks with the university regarding the health and safety implications of allowing students to wait on the bus at the bus stop. JB stated that he would check with the university regarding when the on-campus bus stop would be completed.</p>	
3	<p>Minutes from previous meeting</p> <p>Student Council chair asked members to approve minutes on the basis that they were an accurate record of the previous meeting.</p>	Passed unanimously
4	<p>Officer Reports and Questions</p> <p>SU President</p> <p>Full report can be read here.</p> <p>JB noted that regular meetings had been set up between himself the CEO and Deputy Chair of the Board of Trustees, and that KPIs for the coming year are currently being developed.</p> <p>After attending last Board of Governors, JB informed Student Council members of university's plans to renovate main halls of residence. JB also noted that the SU report submitted to the Board of Governors and Academic Board had received positive feedback from committee members.</p>	Report passed unanimously

	<p>Work around creating more student spaces is ongoing, with the university stating that more feedback from particular students groups – notably commuter students – is needed. JB stated that he should receive an update by the end of April regarding the creation of a social space at the Manchester campus.</p> <p>Following the success of this year’s Winter Ball, JB is hoping to make this an annual event in the SU’s calendar.</p> <p>Complaints around parking have decreased, but JB still monitoring the situation.</p> <p>Questions and comments</p> <p>LM noted that as part of the Quality Students’ Unions verification visit, students had been very positive about the SU and the role of the officers.</p> <p>MH noted that she and JB are meeting with Directorate to discuss improving the lighting at the front of the main car park.</p>	
	<p>VP Academic Representation</p> <p>Full report can be read here.</p> <p>In addition to written report, LM noted that he had been involved in the development of the university’s new Access and Participation Plan and had advocated successfully for the inclusion of a section on LGBT+ students.</p> <p>LM stated that he had been involved in working groups looking at improving the experiences of postgraduate taught student and the mental wellbeing of Postgraduate Research Students. LM also noted his involvement with a project led by Advance HE looking at the experiences of practice-based (e.g. teaching and nursing students) learners.</p> <p>Preparations under way for Rep/Society Awards and Student Led Staff Awards ceremonies.</p> <p>Following question from the Chair about the Trans Campaign award LM alluded to in the previous meeting, LM confirmed that he had been awarded Trans Campaign of the Year by NUS. To acknowledge the work of the Trans and Non-Binary Officer, LM confirmed that he had nominated the Trans campaign for an internal award as part of our Rep Awards.</p> <p>Regarding work LM has been doing in relation to the People’s Vote on Brexit campaign, LM noted that he had secured transport to the march in London in March at no cost to the union.</p>	<p>Report passed unanimously</p>

	<p>DB raised concerns about staffing for the trip to the London march. The trip was organised jointly with Liverpool Guild of Students who provided stewards. However, no full-time member of EHSU staff was in attendance for the journey to London. LM noted that relevant risk assessments were carried out and that students provided information concerning any potential medical conditions in advance of the trip.</p>	
	<p>VP Activities</p> <p>VP Activities provided a verbal report.</p> <p>DB noted that some societies have not elected committees for next year and stated that he felt that the society elections had suffered due to their proximity to the main March elections. As a result timing of Society elections will be reviewed.</p> <p>DB attended Varsity on 27th March, with Edge Hill narrowly losing to the University of Central Lancashire. DB expressed disappointment that no budget had been provided by the university for transport. To improve Varsity, DB suggested that EHSU, Edge Hill Sport, and the university's comms teams should collaborate on their promotion of the event.</p> <p>DB had recently attended Sports Awards, but raised concerns regarding the process for choosing winners. He also expressed disappointment at being the only Edge Hill delegate to attend a recent BUCS (British Universities and Colleges Sport) conference.</p> <p>Work has begun on next semester's Give it a Go Programme.</p> <p>DB noted that the Sustainability Fair in March had been a success with 35 stalls attending and 60 people entering a sustainability competition. In addition, a recent Sunday session at the Edge Hill sanctuary had been attended by 30 students.</p> <p>Questions and Comments</p> <p>JS requested that a Freshers' Fair map be published on social media for accessibility purposes. MH and DB said they would look into doing this.</p>	<p>Verbal report passed unanimously. However, a written report will still be required and will be circulated to members.</p>

	<p>VP Welfare</p> <p>Full report can be read here.</p> <p>In addition to the written report, MH noted that she and KV have been encouraging more student-facing staff to attend bystander intervention training. MH also stated that bar staff will complete NUS's 'Good Night Out' training as part of their induction programme.</p> <p>MH will lead a delegation of Edge Hill students at Reclaim the Night march on Liverpool on 5th April and will be hosting a placard making session beforehand.</p> <p>MH and LM involved in the consultation process around Students' Minds' proposed mental health charter. The charter is expected to be ready in 2020. MH stated that assurances had been received from Directorate that Edge Hill will sign up to the charter.</p> <p>MH noted that she is exploring the possibility of EHSU signing up to 'Marks out of Tenancy', a tool for students to rate their landlords. However, MH would also like to use this platform for on-campus accommodation if possible.</p> <p>This year's Pride Week had been highly commended by NUS in the category of LGBT+ Campaign of the Year.</p>	<p>Report passed unanimously</p>
	<p>Questions</p> <p>(To the whole team) How do we know what work the PTOs (Part-Time Officers) have done?</p> <p>DJ noted that plans are being developed to better support the PTOs next year.</p> <p>MH stressed that PTOs are autonomous, but welcome to feed into Student Council.</p> <p>DB noted the need for more support meetings after they have been elected.</p> <p>JB emphasised the importance of PTOs taking ownership of their work, but noted that more could be done to encourage them to get involved.</p> <p>The Chair asked whether any PTO committees had met this year, in response to which it was suggested that none had.</p> <p>DB stated that having an agreed timetable for meetings might be helpful.</p> <p>DJ asked PTOs present whether the committees are worthwhile.</p> <p>KV noted the difficulty of convening a committee.</p> <p>LM noted his discomfort at Student Council holding PTOs to account rather than the students they have been elected to represent.</p>	<p>Agreed to revisit the issue of PTO committees at next meeting</p>

	Motions	
5	<p>Improve Lighting on Ruff Lane entrance Proposed by Ben Attwood</p> <p>BA was not in attendance at the meeting, but had indicated he was happy for the motion to be discussed.</p> <p>It was noted that this topic was in the incoming SU President's manifesto. However, KV agreed that passing the policy would add an extra layer of accountability to students, which she was happy to support.</p> <p>It was proposed that the policy be amended to include making improvements to lighting around the Ormskirk campus and for there to be an update prior to bye-elections in October 2019.</p>	Amended policy passed unanimously
6	<p>Voter Registration Policy Proposed by LM</p> <p>With local elections coming up, LM stressed the importance of students being registered to vote.</p> <p>KV noted that on-campus students do not always receive their voter registration letters, since all post has been stored in Durning centre.</p> <p>It was proposed to amend policy to include provisions around lobbying the university to notify students in the event of letters (which are clearly marked) being received relating to voting and lobbying the university to include voter registration as part of university registration.</p>	Amended policy passed unanimously
7	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>OLIO Update JB gave some context regarding what the OLIO food sharing app is. As discussed in previous meetings, it is something he would be keen to promote at Edge Hill. However, he acknowledged potential health and safety implications. JB requested Student Council approval to proceed with the idea.</p> <p>LM noted that there was a democratic mandate for action on food waste as it had been in his and DB's manifestos in 2018. It was also pointed out that OLIO may have some guidance on health and safety and potential reputational risks.</p> <p>Student Council Attendance Chair raised concerns about the number of Council members who had not been attending meetings and not sending</p>	<p>Approved, subject to relevant risk assessment</p> <p>Discuss further at next meeting</p>

	<p>apologies. As a result it was proposed that the provision in the terms of reference around removing members for failing to attend be reviewed. Agreed to discuss further at next meeting.</p> <p>EHSU Logo on Sports Kit DB raised concerns about proposals to remove EHSU logo from sports kits, stating that, since part of EHSU's block grant funds sport, it should remain on there. DB felt having support of Council would strengthen his case when lobbying the university.</p>	<p>Approved unanimously.</p>
8	<p>Time and date of next meeting Chair stated that this would be confirmed in due course and members would be notified.</p>	<p>To note</p>