



Edge Hill Students' Union Council
Tuesday 5th February 2019

Item	Agenda	Actions
1	<p>Attendance and Apologies</p> <p>Present: Craig Meichan (Student Council Chair); Joe Bradford (SU President); Luke Myrer (VP Academic Representation); Dan Bocharnikov (VP Activities); Molly Houghton (VP Welfare); Toyin Martins (BME Officer); Molly Smallwood (LGBTQ+ Officer); Max Beaton (Trans & Non-Binary Students' Officer); Kate Vickers (Women's Officer); Ashley Tuffin (Environmental & Ethical Committee Rep); Bea Beaton (Open Rep); Molly Williams (Casual Place); Holly Heaps (Casual Place); Phillipa Hoyle (Casual Place); Arthur Nugent (Casual Place); Grace McEwan (Casual Place).</p> <p>Apologies: Lisa Stambuli (International Students' Officer); Kathryn Murphy (Open Rep)</p> <p>Absent: Katie Holmes (Disabled Students' Officer); Rhiana Travis (Postgraduate Students' Officer); Thomas Dodd (Open Rep); Jack Fields (Open Rep); Nathaniel Shaw (Open Rep)</p> <p>Secretary: David Jones (EHSU Policy & Campaigns Manager)</p> <p>In attendance: Paul Malone (EHSU Chief Executive Officer).</p>	To note
2	<p>Chair's Update</p> <p>Student Council Chair provided update on policies passed at previous Student Council meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SU will be working on reducing plastic usage and due consideration will be given to sustainability when planning activities. • Initial work on documenting trees around campus as part of arboretum project has begun. • SU has spoken to university about increasing options for students with specific dietary requirements. However, more lobbying work is required. 	To note
3	Minutes from previous meeting	

	Student Council chair asked members to approved minutes on the basis that they were an accurate record of the previous meeting.	Passed unanimously
4	Officer Reports VP Academic Representation People's Vote LM updated members on work he has been doing in relation to securing a "people's vote" on Brexit. This work has included lobbying local MPs, with a joint letter from LM and the university's Vice-Chancellor being sent to local MP, Rosie Cooper, asking that she reconsider her position on Brexit. Student Led Staff Awards LM reported that nominations were down 28% on previous year, but still more than double the 2016/17 total. Significant outreach work has been done to promote awards, with nominations data to be analysed. NUS LM informed Student Council that he had received the Trans Campaign of the Year from NUS in recognition of his work lobbying universities to update student database software to allow Trans students to update their names. KV asked why MB, as Trans & Non-Binary Officer, had not been informed to which LM noted that he had only just received the news. LM clarified that the work had been carried out in consultation with previous Trans & Non-Binary Officer. Representation LM noted that the number of academic reps had increased significantly this year, with a social event attended by around 30 reps held in November. LM was asked what reps were invited to social. LM noted that the event was open to all reps and had been promoted on social media. Written report attached.	Report approved, with one abstention.
	VP Welfare MH updated members on campaigns that she has been working on, including student mental health and Mental Health Series of events organised for World Mental Health day, including a survey that was completed by approximately 170 students. Also, organised a mental health focused mobile	Report approved unanimously.

	<p>barbershop event as part of International Men's Day. Positive feedback received from students in each instance.</p> <p>Pride Week Series of activities being held, including clothing exchange aimed at supporting Trans students, lighting up the main building in the colours of the Pride flag, workshops, and the second SU Drag Race.</p> <p>Housing Worked with Advice Centre to deliver 3 workshops to support students planning on moving into private accommodation, which were attended by approximately 40 students. Also collaborated with the university for their annual housing fair.</p> <p>Women's Week Plans being developed with Women's Officer, KV, to hold a series of activities in early March around the time of International Women's Day.</p> <p>No questions received.</p> <p>Written report attached.</p>	
	<p>VP Activities</p> <p>DB updated members about work he has been doing with new activities staff team.</p> <p>Societies DB noted he has been working with staff team on additional training sessions for new and existing societies, as well as hosting a societies networking event.</p> <p>Give it a Go Semester 2 programme was organised in conjunction with new activities team and is under way. A wide range of activities have been organised, with the SU working in collaboration with university departments to offer more free, off-campus trips. However, DB raised concerns that the university is occasionally delivering events that the SU could lead on.</p> <p>Inclusactivity DB helped organise series of activities aimed at improving the inclusivity of and reducing barriers to engagement for sports clubs and societies at Edge Hill, including workshops around LGBT+ support and sporting activity for disabled students. Feedback has been positive, but work to do to improve engagement.</p> <p>Sport</p>	<p>Report approved, with one abstention</p>

	<p>First aid training session has been organised for students in response to feedback from sports teams.</p> <p>DB also attended BUCS AGM meeting, where policies were developed around improving inclusivity of university sport on a national basis. BUCS also undertaking work to tackle initiation ceremonies among sports teams.</p> <p>Sustainability Environmental and Ethical Committee has been set up and met with university grounds team.</p> <p>No questions received.</p> <p>Written report attached.</p>	
	<p>SU President</p> <p>JB provided update on developments since last meeting.</p> <p>Winter Ball and Graduation Ball Winter Ball was a success with over 400 students attending. JB hoping that the event will become a part of the SU's annual calendar. Working with SU's Business Development Manager on Graduation Ball planning.</p> <p>Student Spaces JB confirmed he had received papers for first meeting of Hub Development group, which will look at enhancing SU and student spaces at Edge Hill.</p> <p>LM asked if a timeframe had been established for meeting. JB said he was confident the meeting would go ahead before next Student Council meeting.</p> <p>Microwaves JB noted microwaves had been introduced into the "street" of the SU building. Also exploring the possibility of introducing microwave and hot water facilities for students based at the St James campus in Manchester.</p> <p>Democracy JB noted poor attendance at Annual Members Meetings and stressed need to improve this area to ensure any policies submitted are representative of students.</p> <p>Council member asked JB what could be done to improve engagement with AMM. JB noted that there is no simple answer, but welcomed suggestions.</p> <p>Action on food waste JB keen for EHSU to become ambassadors for OLIO app. However, needs to discuss with SU Business Development</p>	<p>Report approved, with one abstention</p>

	<p>Manager and the university's facilities management team to clarify the logistics and check feasibility.</p> <p>Parking Following on from previous meeting, JB noted he has met with facilities management regarding parking situation. No straightforward solutions, but FM actively exploring ways of reducing the number of cars on campus during busiest times of year.</p> <p>Stop Smoking JB working with the university to provide support for students who wish to stop smoking.</p> <p>Action for Refugees JB informed Council that he has been invited to serve on the panel for the University's refugee scholarship fund.</p> <p>DB commended JB for his work on the Winter Ball.</p>	
	Motions	
5	<p>Support the fight for marriage equality in Northern Ireland</p> <p>LM presented motion, noting that at least 12 other SUs have passed policies supporting this idea. LM also pointed out that SUs had played a prominent role in fighting for LGBT+ rights historically, including concerted opposition to Section 28. Since there are over 200 students from Northern Ireland at Edge Hill, LM argued it is our duty to support them.</p> <p>KV and CM asked why this policy had been submitted by VP Academic Rep rather than VP Welfare and why the LGBQ+ officer had been consulted about the motion, but not the Trans & Non-Binary Officer. MB and BB supported KV's point.</p> <p>DJ noted that Student Council terms of reference allow any student to submit policy proposals on any topic. JB stated that there is a danger of getting too bogged down in remits. MH stated that she had no issue with not being consulted, but pointed out the issue does fall under her remit. MH also questioned whether it would be appropriate for this issue to go to LGBT+ Committee.</p> <p>LM stated that no officer would have a mandated responsibility for the policy, as it is something that should be the responsibility of the whole union. As such, he felt the policy should be voted on by Student Council.</p>	<p>Motion passed unanimously</p>

	LM happy to amend motion to include MB as one of the proposers. However, MB not willing to put name to a motion he has not developed.	
6	<p>Improving Edge Link Bus</p> <p>CM proposed motion, noting that the bus often waits at bus station and does not allow students to get on meaning that they have to wait in the cold and rain when there is no adequate shelter. CM argued that this poses issues for disabled students and suggested that potential heating sources for the bus stop should be explored.</p> <p>DB questioned whether heating lamps would be sustainable. CM agreed and stated that shelter is a bigger priority.</p> <p>JB noted that section 106 money had been earmarked for improving access between campus and Ormskirk bus station. He suggested it may be worth approaching the university on this basis.</p>	Motion passed unanimously
7	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>CM offered commendation to VP Welfare for work she did for World Mental Health Day.</p> <p>KV noted that it was disappointing that this amendment had not come from one of the officer team.</p>	Commendation passed unanimously
8	Time and date of next meeting	Date to be communicated to members in due course