

Union of UEA Students Mission 2009-13

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Minutes of the Student Officer Committee

28 February 2013

Summary

Key Discussions

- SOC input into the Student Charter
- SOC question to the Vice-Chancellor at Union Council

Key Actions

- Officers to email contributions to new Student Charter
- Agreed £25 funding for Coalition of Resistance event.
- Agreed to ask the Vice-Chancellor at Council for UUEAS to be given the ability to communicate with all its members.

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Voting Members present:

Eliot Fallows (Non Portfolio Officer), Sam Clark (Community and Student Rights Officer), Joe Levell (Finance Officer), Kim Jenkins (Students with Disabilities Officer), Tess Gilder-Smith (Women's Officer), John Taylor (Post Graduate Officer), Trevor Killeen (Mature Students Officer), Rosie Rawle (Ethical Issues Officer), Josh Bowker (Academic Officer), Benjamin Brown (Environment Officer), Jess Lewis (Non-Portfolio Officer), Bintu Foday (Non-Portfolio Officer), Hussam Hussein (Ethnic Minorities Officer), Astrid Heidemann Simonson (International Officer), Abbi Forsyth (Non Portfolio Officer).

Chair

Richard Laverick (LGBT Officer).

In attendance:

Tony Moore (Representation Support Worker).

Apologies:

Matthew Myles (Communications Officer), Derek Bowden (Chief Executive).

880 Minutes of the meeting held on 21 February

The minutes were agreed.

881 Action Log

Chair noted the completed actions.
There were no actions reported.

882 Matters Arising

J Levell reported that, it way yet to be absolutely finalised, but he hoped that Luke Gilbert would be able to take up the post of interim Chief Executive on 14 March. J Levell noted he hoped to announce the appointment to members and staff on 4 March. He noted the interim CE would be working for two days a week, on Thursdays and Fridays.

883 Student Charter

J Bowker reported that he, J Taylor and E Fallows had met with the University to discuss a new Student Charter. He noted that the Charter was a symbolic document that outlined students' rights. He noted that Officers could contribute ideas for input into UUEAS' proposals for the Charter and asked Officers to email any suggestions. He believed this would be a great opportunity, particularly for Liberations Officers to represent their communities.

J Levell noted he had seen the Cardiff University Charter which appeared to be the benchmark for excellence in Charters developed jointly by universities and students' unions.

J Taylor thought it best if Officers focused on strategic issues for the Charter rather than specific items. He noted he had a copy of the NUS template for Charters and would email this to Officers on request.

Action

884 Coalition of Resistance

SOC agree a funding request from J Lewis of £25 for publicity material for the rally on 11 March to build for the People's Assembly.

Action

885 Draft Strategic Plan Update

There were no updates

886 Any Other Business

J Taylor wondered whether, during the Vice-Chancellor's presentation to Council later in the evening, Officers would be asking questions as individuals or as SOC.

R Rawle noted, given the crisis over electronic voting earlier in the day, a priority question should be as to the need for UUEAS to have the ability to communicate with all its members. She believed it important for Council to be aware that UUEAS had no means of contacting all its members.

SOC discussed the relative merits of asking for access to an all student email list or for a wider data sharing agreement with the University.

SOC agreed that an Officer, not running for election, would ask a question, on behalf of SOC, asking for UUEAS to be given the ability to communicate with all its members.

Action

A Simonson noted that she had discovered that there were two Syrian students in INTO and she would be asking for Council to include INTO students in the remit of policy 1319.

887 Time, Date and Place of Next Meeting

5 pm, Thursday 7 March in the Student Officer Centre and the Board Room.