

Executive Report – 31/08/10

Lucy Hopkins - Union President

- **Aims from last meeting**

Community Student Handbook completed with Local Council Amendments (to be sent to designer)

Actions/ Progresses from last report

ACTION: LH to sort this with Chris

ACTION: LH to talk to GA and DB

Important Areas of Work

Website Development Group

Discuss ongoing development of the new lufbra.net

- “Oi Hoppo” President Caricature needs to be added to the front page
- Discussed with Jimbo Cownley how we can publish HOPmails on the front page to increase readership and make them a more generic executive “blog”.
- Discussed success of HOPmails: good idea as increased transparency and allowed students to comment on important issues and hold discussions- something that can be intimidating in council or perhaps impossible due to time constraints.
- Allows executive to really see student opinion.

FalkEgg Project Management Board

- Ongoing until next Project Management Board.
- Away at Conference, so see Richard “Tricky” Smith’s Report for update or for questions.

“Experience the World” Campaign

Internationalising the Students Union

- Experience the World Sub-group: Katie Halliday, Tasneem Siddeeqe, Lucy Hopkins, Madeleine Buckley, Adam Petit
- The University/Union offers many international opportunities from events, international fund raising, international study trips (ERASMUS, placements, ZAMBIA ideals project etc.), Action Projects, Escape and Evade, Universal Thursdays etc.
- They all come under different sections and so in that way can be inaccessible

- We have designed a brand that umbrellas all the international opportunities, making them easier to access
- We have created an “Experience the World” Bazaar, where all the different international opportunities will be advertised
- Year-long campaign to create international opportunities to not only welcome our international students, but to promote internationalisation to our home students too.
- Met with the University-very successful. Much funding has been promised us to create what can only be a very successful campaign.
- Strategic Plan, costing breakdown and proposal written.
- A HOPmail to follow with further details
- To meet with Shirley Pearce (University Vice-Chancellor) on this.

Alcohol Consumption Campaign **“Better Decisions” Campaign**

- A Making Better Decisions Campaign (MBD) Sub-Group created consisting of: Lucy Hopkins, Richard “Tricky” Smith, Ewan Patterson, Sam Hampson, James Cownley, Alice Swinscoe
- Encompasses all aspects of welfare ie making “Better Decisions” with drinking, lifestyle, food, exercise and sex. Could this tie in with the University’s strategic plan?
- Meeting with Nigel Thomas (Head of Student Services at the University) to discuss our ideas. Very positive and impressed with our progress. Funding offered but would be useful to look into getting more.
- Meeting with University’s Student Services, who deal with students money problems and English language classes. Can we incorporate them into the campaign?
- HOPmail to follow to explain in more detail.
- To meet with Shirley Pearce (University Vice-Chancellor) on this.

College and RNIB

- After meeting with representatives from both constituent colleges, Alice Swinscoe and I discussed the current system the Union has with them and how it can be improved.
- Every year they must re-educate the executive on what they require at their bazaar/open days/notice boards etc. It would be much more useful to have something written down so that the executive know what is expected of them.
- The college requirements are not written into anyone’s job descriptions, bar the college development officer. This should be reviewed with the possibility of adding to the VP Educations job description.
- College Tour-had a tour of both the RNIB and Loughborough College. Decided to look into specific union material we can write for the colleges to get them more involved in the sections.
- College Open Day-went down and set up our stalls to advertise the sections and the union as a whole. Good response.
- To prepare for Freshers Bazaar

Community Relations:

- Welcome letter to local residents in their newspaper
- Creating good relationship with local press-The Echo and Leicester Mercury to make publishing of the good things students do easier!
- SARG Meeting – Adam Petit (Action Chair) and I reported to local residents group on our plans for the year. Very positive start, many mentioned how impressed they were with the executive so far.
- Two articles on the union in this weeks Loughborough Echo.

Community Student Handbook

- Met with Alison Barlow (Community Relations Officer at the University) to discuss my amendments to the booklet. Changes approved, but more to be done on parking.
- Met with Verity Graham from the Local Council. Updated artwork on Recycling.
- To send to designer to complete.

Other Areas of Work

- Union Re-development filming with Ben Croucher and Richard “Tricky” Smith
- Exec Video-lyrics and song chosen
- Section Corridor Refurbishment-how can we improve the Section Corridor of RAG, Action, Media, AU and Societies
- Pre-Sessional Inductions-welcoming and introducing ourselves to incoming international students.
- Hey Ewe in London-travelled to London for alumni event/
- Interview Skills Training
- Nicky Morgans (local Loughborough MP) arranged and co-ordinated her visit next month.
- University Student Handbook-amended and edited for this upcoming year.
- Organised a Staff Meet & Greet to formally introduce ourselves to all full-time staff-making all the cakes and sandwiches ourselves
- Sat on Academic Misconduct for students appealing against academic disciplines.
- Single Campus Card-lobbied for hall committees to continue to have all-access 24/7 when the new cards come in
- Met with Dominic Boshier (Alumni Development Officer) to discuss his plans for the incoming term
- Contacted the NUS on help with informing Loughborough Students on National Demo

Main Aims/Areas for Next Report:

- Progress in both ETW and MBD Campaigns (eg. funding confirmed)
 - Student Community Handbook to be printed and done
 - Progress in the FalkEgg Development
 - College Proposal
 - RAG Conference for four days
 - University Student Handbook completed
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Time Off In Lieu**Holiday**

20th August