

Union Council 09/10

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A MEETING OF UNION COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY 18TH OF MAY 2010 AT 7:30PM IN ROOM 1

100 Order of Council

101 Apologies for absence

102 Minutes of the last meeting

Nick Holland stated that the minutes have only just been collected from Lucy so will be uploaded along with the following minutes.

Andrew Clark enquired about the minutes taken by Rosie Keating.

Nick Holland replied that this was still to be addressed with Rosie.

103 Matters arising from the last meeting

Oliver Hiscoe enquired if governance had met to discuss the conflict of interest between officers.

Nick Holland replied that governance had not sat. The subcommittee could sit before the end of term but Nick suggested that the new chair took on the issue as Nick played a large role in the creating of this motion and would therefore be biased along with other members of the governance committee.

Jamie Morgado suggested that the motion went to the Board of Trustees, via email.

Michael Munday suggested that this issue was more of an issue for governance committee.

Nick Holland suggested a vote on where the motion should be passed onto.

Vote

To the Board of Trustees: 13

To Governance Committee: 8

Abstain: 5

Motion will be taken to the Board of Trustees.

104 Chairs Comments

None

105 Strategic Plan Presentations

Rob Hulme presented the executive presentation. Key Points:

- Alumni weekend was a success – congratulation to Tas Siddeeqe
- Free fest has awful weather but was a success – only two noise complaints which is the best yet!

- Holt Hall Committee – due to most of the committee next year not living in the Holt, agreements have been made with the university and the Holt to allow the hall to comply with university ordinance.
- Incidences on campus – the union have been working with the university and the police to catch the criminal. Lighting will be going up in Rigg-Rut walk and the cricket pitch gate will be locked.
- Board of Trustees – John Palmer has been a valuable trustee with his knowledge in Public Relations. His term on the Board of Trustees has come to an end but Rob Hulme would like to reinstate John Palmer or a further term.

Olver Hiscoe stated that John Palmer was an asset to the Union and a second term with John would be advisable.

Vote to Re-elect John Palmer

For: Majority

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

John Palmer was re-elected as a Lay member on the Board of Trustees.

Rob Hulme stated that there was a spare lay member position and that the executive suggest that council elects Mark Dunkley. Councillors were sent via email his CV an experience. Rob Hulme stated he would be a vital member to the Board of Trustees ad would bring new skills to the table.

Vote to elect Mark Dunkley

For: Majority

Against: 0

Abstain: 2

Mark Dunkley was elected to the Board of Trustees.

106 Executive Questions

Andrew Clark asked Jamie Morgado why the executive minutes had not been placed online since easter?

Jamie Morgado stated that this would be rectified as soon as possible.

Daniel Harris stated that he emailed Jamie Morgado earlier in the month asking for the attendees of the elections working group and asked who attended.

All those that attended raised their hands.

Michael Munday enquired about the departmet committee elections review.

Chris Peel stated that an impartial chair had been elected and they were conducting the review – Daniel Harris.

Daniel Harris apologised for not doing it sooner.

James Carroll stated that council passed a motion concerning academic congress. In the motion it states that congress should meet once a term, two terms have passed and there has not been one.

Chris Peel stated that one could be done by the end of term if required.

Zoe Lloyd stated that if there was nothing for the agenda, academic congress motion could be brought back to Union Council and changed to when required, not once a term.

James Carroll stated that there was plenty to talk about and would happily help with the agenda.

Husaifa Essajee enquired if there was an update on the Falk Egg situation.

Rob Hulme stated that there was no update as the next meeting was in a month time.

Richard Smith asked what is going to happen to the land.

Rob Hulme replied it depended on who was to buy the land.

Richard Smith asked what would happen to the Elvyn blocks which were Faraday and would there be any effects on other halls.

Lucy Hopkins enquired if there was a rebuild would it be UPP or Imago

Rob Hulme replied that it would probably be a third party like UPP but not favourable.

Jasmine Scott enquired what was happening about the reception areas.

Rob Hulme stated that at this moment in time, nothing was going to be done.

Lucy Hopkins stated that lots could be done

Jamie Morgado stated that UPP and Imago are working on an answer but there was no short term solution – very expensive to rectify.

Lucy Hopkins stated that a fresher boy from Bakewell had started the group on facebook but probably wasn't that informed. Lucy suggested that an executive member got involved with the group or the ideas were referred to the student experience team

Richard Smith enquired why there was no hustings for the second elections.

Jamie Morgado stated that hustings were not possible to facilitate. They would have been rushed and expensive. It was also fairer not to have a hustings and the manifestos were online the whole time.

James Carroll stated that most councillors would have not voted for a campus wide election if they knew there was no hustings involved. The questioning was an integral part of why council wanted a internal election.

Jamie Morgado stated that he could not see into the future with these elections.

Daniel Harris stated that councillors would not have voted for a campus wide elections. Councillors did not want this election to based purely on a popularity contest. It was recommended only because of the chance of a hustings.

Jamie Morgado stated that people voten in different ways. There is no wrong or right way of voting and students can vote on popularity or via informed knowledge, it was up to them.

Richard Smith enquired why it would be advantageous to some candidates if there was a hustings.

Jamie Morgado stated that as there was no VP: Education to ask questions, no questions could be set.

Richard Smith stated that previous Vp: Educations could have been asked, or faculty members or course reps for suitable questions. Richard stated that little effort was put into sorting out hustings. The cope auditorium could have been used, or a place in town.

Jamie Morgado agreed that more time was needed to be put into the elections but these elections were not his only job role in these months. There are the college elections and the changing of the website which were vitally important as well.

Oliver Hiscoe stated that at council when Jamie pushed through a campus wide ballot, it was stated that every student would know what they voting on. The electorate was not informed this time – less democratic.

Jamie Morgado stated that it is was more democratic if more students vote on positions which affect them. The electorate was informed with manifestos online by each name as the electorate voted.

Sam Hampson stated that Jamie stuck to his decisions and he did the best he could. As a candidate Sam would have loved a hustings but Jamie was limited.

Nick Holland stated that there was no point to appeal it. It has come to the attention of Jamie, Zoe and Nick that there is no time before votes are counted to appeal against elections and processes. This was an area that needed to be addressed before next years elections and would be passed onto the next chair of council.

Michael Munday asked for a review of the elections and whether the use of the NUS as a returning officer was really a good choice.

Jamie Morgado replied that he was waiting for the review from the NUS at this moment in time.

200 Constitutional Motions

None

400 Policy Motions

None

600 Other Motions

None

700 Union Council Sub Committees
None

750 University Sub Committees
None

800 Other Elections
None

900 Any Other Business
999 Date of Next Meeting

Jamie Morgado to confirm.