

AGENDA

Education Zone

17th October 2019



There will be a meeting of the **Students' Union Education Zone on 17th of October 2019 in LTA3**. In order to ensure the meeting is kept to time please ensure all attached papers are read in advance. Should you be unable to attend the meeting please submit apologies to rosamund.vickers@stir.ac.uk by 16/10/2018.

1 IN ATTENDANCE

1.1 Members Present

Amy Smith	AS	VP Education
James Douglas	JD	Engagement Officer
Jamie McDiarmid	JM	Non-traditional Students' Officer
Ordinary Member	OM	Attendance sheet available on request

1.2 In Attendance

1.3 Observers

Rosamund Vickers RV Democracy and Representation Coordinator

1.4 Apologies

1.5 Absent without Apologies

2 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

OM Proposed

AS Seconded

3 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

4 CHALLENGES TO ORDER PAPER

5 DATES TO NOTE

- 5.1 Black History Month November
- 5.2 National Carers Day Nov 21st
- 5.3 Challenge Yourself Month November
- 5.4 Equalities Steering Group Nov 7th
- 5.5 Trans Remembrance Day Nov 20th
- 5.6 16 days of Action Nov 25th-10th

6 ELECTIONS & RESIGNATIONS

- 6.1 7 members of the Education Zone Executive Committee to be elected:
Faculty Officers (x2), Module Reps (x2), Lay Members (x3).

Faculty Officer Candidates: Jake Harvey, Paul MacLaine, Monica Hofvind
Elected: Paul MacLaine, Monica Hofvind

Module Representative Candidates: Altair Seel, Sherman Wright
Elected: Altair Seel, Sherman Wright

Lay Members: Katelyn Montgomery, Qaila Sarwar, Kerry McGlynn
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7 REPORTS

7.1 VP Education Update

AS Regarding SASS, NUS has established an action group with various sabbs to lobby the government about changes to SASS payment timetables. Sanitary products being made more accessible across campus with 12 new locations providing products, and we are looking for more locations to provide free products. I am to increase the focus on mental wellbeing while studying with Learn 2 Learn, which is a series of podcasts brought by psychology lecturer and launching in next couple of weeks. Mental health is a big topic, with the council piloting a big change by moving to one session at a time set up and drop in sessions following student surveys. We've published the RATE report from the awards last year which is on union website and printed copies will be available. A LGBT Support Network has been launched to provide additional support through a network on the Uni website to contact people with similar experiences. Campus central (pictures shown of new development). Uni are hosting surgeries and want student involved to gather feedback on what students want to see around Uni. These will be held on the 28th of October.

7.2 Engagement Officer Update

JD If module reps need support and guidance on ways to engage with students please get in contact.

8 UPDATES, DISCUSSION AND DECISION TOPICS

8.1 Non-Traditional Officer Welcome

JM My manifesto was centred on engagement of mature students and carer students and I am hoping to set up a possible steering group with representation from non-traditional students', as I believe the Union and Uni could do more to engage these students. I am planning to set up a meeting with societies representing mature students to gather feedback on changes. I also hope to review the transition process for integrated students and how we can improve integration

8.2 Constitutional Review

AS A constitution and schedule review is taking place this year, with many chances for student input to see what changes you would like to see in the Students' Union.

8.3 ELIR

AS This is a Uni wide review process, and is a good opportunity for students to have their voices heard and get engaged as this is something the Uni has struggled with in previous reviews.

8.4 Key topics in Education

AS I want to open the floor for any big issues which people may have interest in seeing the Union addressing.

OM Steps heading to the Atrium and the pathways in Cottrell, would it be possible to push the idea of having signage, possibly markers on the floor, to help flow and reduce congestion?

AS I will raise this idea, and this is something we have raised before.

OM Concerning a possible strike ballot upcoming within UCU, I reached out to Alison Green to ask if there was any learning points from previous strike as I feel we are not hearing much development from past problems during the strike.

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AS We are fully aware UCU are balloting to strike again in future, and we have an open channel with the Uni, but since we do not know as of yet if it will be going forward it makes planning difficult.

OM Regarding Nightline, since it will not be starting until 2020, is there any possibility to bring this forward as this leaves a possible gap in care for vulnerable students.

AS The 2020 rollout for Nightline is because it is a long process and will take time as we need to ensure volunteers are well-trained and the system is up and running as this is such a vital service that we cannot bring it through any quicker. During the gap period we will work to push forward alternative support which is already readily available to ensure everyone is supported.

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

9.1 21st November at 5pm – Education Zone/ General Meeting in LT A3

10 RESERVED BUSINESS