

MINUTES OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY, 13th MARCH 2008 AT 5.00pm in HARRINGTON 108

Present: Christopher Ward (Postgraduate Students' Rep) (Chair)
Chris Lowden (President)
Peta Carter (Education Officer)
Lee Bradshaw (Part-time Officer)
Sarah Edwards (Part-time Officer)
Will Brown (Part-time Officer)
Emma Cresswell Maynard (Equal Opps Officer)
Sarah Burnham (Environment Rep)
Shelley Ann Swift (S&T Faculty Rep)
Sarah Delli-Colli (S&T Faculty Rep)
Martin George (Societies Council Chair)
Holli Ellam (S&T Faculty Rep)
Stephanie Roberts (S&T Faculty Rep)
Jacqui Hill (Rag Rep)

In Attendance Debbie Austin (Minute taker)

ACTION

SC08 312 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from, Howard Blacksmith (LBS Faculty Rep), Stephen Albachari (Health Faculty Rep), Ed Walker (Communications Officer), Sarah Burnham (Environment Rep), Maria Parker (Nursing Rep), Kelly Burdett (Activities and Participations Officer) and Hannah Trainor (Sports Council Chair).

SC08.313 Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st February 2008

WB had sent apologies to this meeting but they were not recorded.

As the meeting was not quorate the previous minutes could not be approved, therefore, they will be placed on matters arising at the next Student Council Meeting.

SC08.314 Matters Arising

Proposal for the Union to campaign against an ID card to apply for a student loan (previous mins-SC08.303)

ECM had learned from NUS that international students will be required to buy an ID card at a cost of £30 to be able to study in the UK. This information will be circulated.

ECM

Dates for University Open Days (previous mins-SC08.308)

CL

CL will circulate to all by e-mail.

SC08.315 Ratification of Previous Exec Minutes

These minutes will be placed on matters arising for approval at the next Student Council meetings.

ECM said that she had posters produced by Squire, not Squires.

SC08.316 Executive and Student Council Reports

Student Council Calendar report:-

March:

- **Fair trade Fortnight – DW**
 - Did a few tasting sessions (chocolate and smoothie)
 - Sold 'Pants to Poverty' pants
 - Held a Co-Op smoothie day
 - Had a competition to see who could eat a fair-trade banana the quickest without hands!
 - Had a visit from a banana grower from Dominican Republic

- **Women's March – ECM**
 - Just to let you know, we did not end up going on the demo as the weather conditions affected the trains so they were not guaranteed to bring us home! Also the bus times were not feasible and it was too late to get a minibus (so a bit of a transport nightmare!).

CL/EW

However, 400 people attended the march and it was a great success and with the continued support of students unions we can make a significant difference. This also was a great success for the north, and puts us on the map for future events.

- **Elections – Everyone**
 - Election Packs are available and posters are up nominations shut the 13th and candidates briefing is on the 14th. When Student Council happens we will know how many people have gone for each position..

- **Lancs Cup 2nd Half – KB**
 - This went ahead and the end result was another win for UCLan in the Lancashire cup. Women's rugby beating Lancaster for the first time ever.

- **Anti Binge Drinking – DW**
 - Launch on Friday 14th March in conjunction with LDAAT and knowyourlimits in the mall
 - Handing out bottled water at Night Vision
 - Working closely with the University to help combat some of the drinking problems that have come up this year
 - Partnerships with the police and other bars and clubs

- **Pluto – EW**
 - Pluto released Issue 190 on Friday March 7, the front page focussed on the announcement of solar panels being placed on the 53 Degrees roof. This was followed up by a feature and comment articles on sustainability. The back page covered the UCLan men's football team who are through to the semi-finals of the BUSA plate and all the remaining Lancashire Cup action. Plus Pluto has all the latest student news, views and entertainments. We also heavily featured Nigh Vision in our music, entertainments and style sections.

- **Governance to University Board – CL**
 - The governance proposals will be going to the University Board on the 14th March for approval and so this will be the final step we need to go through before the implementation plan can be produced.
- **Sports team Photos – KB**
 - Took place on Friday 7th March in which every sports team had a chance to get a team photo done to remember there season together.
- **RAG committee launch – Everyone**
- **GOAL – Everyone**
 - Again this has had to take a step back as other things have taken a higher priority but we are still trying to get out and I think GOAL will really come to the fore when we start to work properly on the Student Written Submission to the university.
- **University Challenge play offs and teams – PC**
 - University Challenge first round play-offs are taking place on 6th and 11th of March, with a possible extra session on the 14th of March. 24 students expressed an interest in taking part - better than last year - and 13 students have booked their places on the play-off sessions. And one member of staff has offered to assist. The time schedule to form teams given by the producers is incredibly short this year. I've had an extension granted until the week 14-18 April. The three week Easter vacation does not help matters.
- **Student Council Training Review – CL/EW**
 - This will be happening just with everything else going on has been put on the back burner. Will happen first thing back after Easter if possible or may take the form of an on line survey.

The following comments were added-

It is possible, following the elections, that an extension will be applied to the deadline, to fill any vacant positions on Student Council, as an alternative to a by- election.

ECM said that following the GOAL initiative, results had shown that students were not aware of any campaigning, and are particularly keen to see more, especially about binge drinking. On the 14th March Rock FM will be in the building raising awareness on this matter and will be in attendance at nightvision providing water.

PC told the meeting that the last play off for University Challenge will be held on the 14th March, and invited any interested parties to attend.

LB and ECM discussed their campaign regarding Prescription charges. Emma had been distributing HC1 forms on the day, which many students were previously unaware of.

A review of Student Council will be held, CL and EW will be e-mailing all to request feedback.

SC08.317 Suggested Future Council Dates- Thurs, 24th April & Thurs, 22nd May.

LB told the meeting that two of the faculty reps are unable to attend any Thursday meetings.

CL will e-mail all members regarding changing the dates to Tuesday, 22nd April and Tuesday, 20th May.

CL

SC08.318 Proposed New Bye Laws.

PC explained that this paper had not been through exec, and did not feel they were professionally presented.

PC highlighted the following concerns;

In Bye-Law 10 point 1.3

The wording transgender should be changed to Trans.
The term BME should replace Black.

Also questioned were inconsistencies with Student Council, Student's Council and Students Council.

Inclusion of European Reps and 'Volunteers'

CL decided that the Exec would look at this document and bring back to Student Council for discussion.

CL/EXEC

MG requested that it be put on ELGG.

SC08.319 Student Written Submission

PC brought a previous submission to the meeting, explaining that the University would need a current one to be submitted in September to enable an audit to take place in late November/early December.

PC will put the current submission out to all by e-mail for comments.

PC

It was suggested that GOAL be used to collect information, ideas for questions are requested.

Input is needed by the end of May.

SC08.320 University Staffing Issues

Matt Radford had not reported back to PC following his meeting with the Dean, who has also postponed his meeting with PC.

The Dean of the Faculty of Health will be holding an open meeting with the Reps of affected courses-the dates of this are to be finalised.

Dialogue has begun with the staff in the Faculty of Health, but not Humanities.

This matter needs to be placed on Matters Arising for Discussion at the next Student Council meeting.

SC08.321 Sports Ball/ Soc Fest

SE reported strong sales of Sports Ball tickets.

LB told the meeting that transport, awards, posters and live bands had been organised for the Socs Fest.

CL is hoping for a successful event to be able to build upon for following years.

Food will be provided at the Course Reps awards night, which is being held on the 15th April.

ECM told all that the Islamic awareness week had been successful, and the University had expressed an interest in becoming involved in similar events in the future.

The last Issue of Pluto will include a supplement showing photographs of the Sports Ball, Socs Fest and Awards nights.

SC08.322 Any Other Business

CL told the meeting that the football team had played in the BUSA plate finals, winning 2-0.

The Women's 2nd Hockey team are also playing the finals

CW asked CL to pass on congratulations from Student Council.

PC requested more reports from the Reps, enabling the Exec to provide support and learn about any issues which are arising.

SC08.323 Date of Next Meeting

To Be Confirmed.