

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF UNION COUNCIL

7th May 2009

Present: Peter Gorbert, Gary Pidgeon, Joe Wainman, Becca Richardson, Nicola Kemp, Ali Boyd, Rheyra Brigden, Will Caine, Tam Kirk, Catherine Burgess, Rob Berry, Judith Hewitt, Timothy Derbyshire

In Attendance:- Louise Aiken, Andy Winter, Jason Wallis, Katie Knowles, + three Students

1. Apologies for Absence.

Vicky Blakey, Rheyra Brigden, Suzie Dougall, Louise Rutterford

Absent without Apologies

None

2. Any Other Business

R Berry submitted one item – Restructured proposal

3. Previous Meeting (30/03/09)

Approved as a true and accurate record.

4. Any Matters Arising

Student Forums: No action until new Sabbaticals in post.

Communications: On going awaiting input from the new GM

Sabbatical Elections: Action PG to organise a meeting before the end of term.

Item: 12.4 – Postgraduate Representative – Action PG to look at the proposal

Item 12.5 – VIP cards – available at the meeting

Item 12.7 – Library – A Boyd meeting with Tony Chalcraft (University Librarian)

5. Monthly Accounts

Not available. Action:PG to e-mail when completed.

6. Activity Reports

Activity reports were received and noted.

7. LGBT Conference Reports

LGBT conference report was received and noted. **Action: VB to look into the funding issues of a collective.**

8. Motion – Post Graduate position

See item 4

9. Summer Ball

G Pigeon gave a verbal report on the summer ball and confirmed that all bands had been confirmed and tickets are now on sale.

10. Annual Awards

PG confirmed that a meeting would be taking place on 8/5/09 with James Hunt who is taking a lead on the events to confirm the arrangement and dates of the events taking place. **Action PG to e-mail info**

11. New Clubs/Societies

None

Action from UC for GP to e-mail Creative Writing

12. Any Other Business

12.1 Proposed Re-structure – RB noted the new proposal and voiced his concerns on how this would impact on support for students. PG gave a verbal report on the proposed re-structure and noted that Union Council was not the forum to discuss staffing issues. RB asked if the University had been approached for funding. PG noted that the original funding had come from the Government and that the University was in a worse financial situation than the SU so this was not likely to happen.

A Winter (New GM) gave the Union Council a brief outline of his previous employment.

Numerous concerns were raised and reassurances were given by the chair.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 5.45 p.m.

Signed _____ (Union Council Chair) Date _____