



FXU Student Council meeting MINUTES

Thursday 28th January 2010

6.30pm-8.30pm

Woodlane Boardroom

Attended by: Henry Austwick (UECC Law/Hist/Pol Rep and Chair of Student Council), Miriam Battye (Glasney View Halls Rep), Norman Buchan (UCF Foundation Rep), Luke Denham (UECC Law/Hist/Pol Rep), Andy Haden (UCF Postgrad Rep), Nick Jarvis (Equal Opportunities Exec Officer), Tom McPhee (UCF Foundation Rep), Ian Pogonowski (President UECC), Kimberley Read (Ents Exec Officer) Lucille Sutherland (UCF Media Rep), Rufus Tanner (UCF Postgrad Rep), Penny Tomkins (Community Action Exec Officer), Taylor Worthington (President UCF).

Apologies given: Sam Batchelor (Promotions Exec Officer), Annabel Charlesworth (UECC Bio/Eng/Geo Rep), Andy Edmonds (Sports & Societies Exec Officer), Frankie Espona-Butler (UCF Media), Michael Etherington (Glasney Parc Halls A-J Rep), Samantha Finneran (President Welfare), Sarah Gray (President Dartington), Rebecca Griffiths (Glasney Parc Halls K-O Rep and Deputy Chair of Student Council), Rebecca Hadfield (UECC Bio/Eng/Geog Rep), Finn Raven (Environment & Ethics Exec Officer), Jemima Steen (UCF Design Rep), Harriet Warren (UCF Design Rep).

Item	Title and notes	Action to be taken by
1	<p>Present & Apologies</p> <p>As above.</p> <p>Henry reiterated that if 3 consecutive student council meetings were not attended by members, they would lose their membership to the Council, so please make sure that members attend meetings and encourage fellow members to keep up with attendance.</p>	
2	<p>Issues arising from Minutes of last meeting</p> <p>Teaching at UE is not going to take place on Good Friday as initially planned. 2nd April is still the official last day of term for UECC.</p> <p>£10 refund for students in halls that were unable to use internet was reported to have taken place by IT and Finance, however Miriam stated that some students still had not received this.</p>	

	<p>AP: Ian to speak to IT and Finance Office to follow up that all students obtain their refund.</p>	Ian
3	<p>Issues arising from Presidents and Executive Officers Report Presidents and Exec Officers present ran through their current activities.</p> <p>Taylor encouraged completion of National Student Survey applicable to 3rd year students. AP: All members to promote and encourage 3rd year students to fill in the National Student Survey on http://www.thestudentsurvey.com/</p> <p>Ian asked for opinions on having the external radio 'Radiowave' station played at Tremough outside FXU. General feeling was that it is a good idea.</p> <p>Nick has set up a facebook group for equalities called FXU Equal Opportunities. AP: Check out the group and join up if you would like to and encourage others to join.</p> <p>Penny would like to encourage as many students as possible to attend PACT (Partners and Community Together) meetings to help students and local residents get to know each other and help solve any issues. There are PACT meetings on 17th March at 5pm at the Dracaena Centre, Falmouth and on 24th March at 7pm in the Penryn Town Hall. AP: Promote to students/go along to meeting in your local area if you can.</p>	<p>All members</p> <p>All members</p> <p>All members</p>
4	<p>Tuition Fees Town Takeover Ian reported on the Town Takeover as going ahead on Wednesday 3rd February and asked to drum up as much interest as possible in supporting the event through being part of the protest, helping out on the day and promoting to students.</p> <p>Details for the day are: 11am-12noon - Congregate at Tremough Bus Stop 12noon - Depart Tremough - walk to Falmouth Moor 1pm - 1:30 pm - talks by Labour, Lib Dem, Green party candidates about their stance on tuition fees - feel free to ask questions! 1:30-2pm - march through Falmouth Town and disperse. 5pm - Debating Union to host a fictional debate between FXU Conservative Society, FXU Lib Dem society, FXU Labour Society, FXU Debating Union. Dress - Wear black and paint your face orange!</p>	

	<p>Get in touch with Ian if interested in helping out on the day or for more information presidentuecc@fxu.org.uk</p> <p>AP: Support, protest, help on day, promote to students</p> <p>AP: Ian to email all Student Council members with list of jobs for helping out on the day for people to sign up to</p>	<p>All members</p> <p>Ian</p>
5	<p>Campaigning for Media Centre staffing throughout year</p> <p>Rufus met with Alan Barnes, Head of Media Centre due to understaffing of the Media Centre. There is a problem with receiving enough funding for staff to meet demand of students, especially outside of term-time which is when postgrad students are in great need of accessing the Media Centre. Alan has asked students to show their need for the centre to be open for longer and to go beyond meeting the needs of undergrads.</p> <p>AP: Rufus to put together a petition with wording at the top to address the issue, which would then be sent to the presidents to put in the FXU office (presidents and main offices at Tremough), to put in the Media Centre and other members on media related courses.</p> <p>AP: Put up/send round petition for students to sign up to.</p>	<p>Rufus</p> <p>Taylor, Lucille, Kimberley.</p>
6	<p>Halls issues</p> <p>Miriam reported annoyance of not having a launderette to accommodate Glasney View as they have to carry everything up to E-J halls.</p> <p>AP: Taylor will contact Paul Robinson, TCS, to request laundry provision for Glasney View.</p> <p>AP: Miriam to set up petition and collect signatures from around Glasney View and in launderette to get own facilities.</p> <p>Nick suggested students request insurance claims for any losses regarding fridge problem that came up in the last meeting.</p> <p>Rebecca reported on Glasney Parc (K-O) halls issues via email, which were read out in the meeting: Received complaints from students regarding noise issues where flats above/below them</p>	<p>Ian</p> <p>Miriam</p>

	<p>were being constantly noisy, warnings given so far had had no effect. What more can be done?</p> <p>AP: Taylor to check contracts of Halls regarding noise levels, warnings, fines etc.</p> <p>AP: Rebecca to advise the individual students/flats to report issue to porters.</p> <p>AP: Taylor to email students/flats to request to be quiet.</p> <p>AP: Ian to contact TCS to put info on complaints of noisy flats/request for quiet in TCS newsletter going out to students.</p>	<p>Taylor</p> <p>Rebecca</p> <p>Taylor</p> <p>Ian</p>
7	<p>UCF issues</p> <p>Nick reported of a number of students (3rd years and a postgrad) who got locked in Peter Lanyon Building one evening recently. A lecturer had to let them out. It was after hours after a guest lecturer talk so thought to be an after 6pm lockdown of the building.</p> <p>AP: Taylor to contact estates regarding issue to find out why and how can prevent from happening again.</p> <p>AP: Get message out to students if they do get locked in somewhere, the number to ring out of hours for help is 01326 374444.</p> <hr/> <p>Taylor reported of a petition that course rep Sam Phillips had undertaken to increase the opening hours of Woodlane campus, including access to studios. Thought to have over 100 signatures so far.</p> <p>Taylor reported that library opening hours at Woodlane were going to reflect those of Tremough, therefore an increase in access to library.</p> <p>Ian suggested following the example of students at Exeter main campus of a 24 hour sit in protest if not happy with the library opening hours in the future.</p> <p>Penny asked if bus times could work in to fit in with library closing times.</p> <hr/>	<p>Taylor</p> <p>All members</p>

	<p>Kimberley reported that there had been a number of complaints from Broadcasting students regarding remarking of papers not following university official procedures. E.g. Marks had been changed without question.</p> <p>AP: Taylor to check UCF regulations and handbook.</p> <p>Contact time with tutors/lecturers was also brought up as an issue on Broadcasting in that it was not enough. It was felt that due to the course coming to an end after one more academic year, students were receiving less attention. Kimberley reported that the issue was brought up at Course Committee but unsure as to what has happened since.</p> <p>AP: Taylor to check on previous Course Committee minutes regarding contact time and follow up on any action supposed to be taken.</p> <p>Henry stressed the need for current students of the course not to receive lower quality of education as a result of the course coming to an end.</p>	<p>Taylor</p> <p>Taylor</p>
8	<p>UECC issues</p> <p>No UECC issues were reported.</p>	
9	<p>FXU Elections 2010</p> <p>Ian confirmed the FXU Elections 2010 were happening now. Nominations open on Monday 1st Feb, closing 12 noon on 12th Feb. Meet the Candidates events were in the Upper Stannary, Tremough on 18th Feb at 12 noon, Woodlane Bar on 19th Feb at 4pm and at the Rat&Emu , Dartington on 22nd Feb at 5pm. Voting was from 7pm Mon 22nd Feb until 2pm Mon 1st Mar. Results party was going to be in Woodlane Bar from 5pm on Mon 1st Mar.</p> <p>AP: Council members to take a look at the roles available and to promote to students being a candidate. Nomination Packs and job descriptions are available from www.fxu.org.uk/fxuelections2010 and from all main FXU offices.</p> <p>AP: Council members to bring up at beginning of lectures/seminars about FXU Elections, why they're important, positions available, how to be a candidate and</p>	<p>All members</p> <p>All members</p>

	<p>voting.</p> <p>All members are invited to all Meet the Candidates events and Results party in support if FXU Elections 2010.</p>	
10	<p>AOB</p> <p>The Exchange is the new library building under phase 3 of development. It will provide an extension to the current learning resource centre, as well as some new learning spaces. The staff behind the project are asking students to get involved, on the working groups for Learning spaces and for Library spaces, to this end we need student support. Contact Luke Dunham via ld255@ex.ac.uk</p> <hr/> <p>Taylor reiterated completing the national student survey and also FXU's governance survey 'What would you wish for?' survey and the importance of students taking up the opportunity of inputting into university and student union plans. Taylor encouraged getting the word out to as many students as possible in how students can get involved.</p> <p>AP: Complete What would you wish for? survey www.fxu.org/FXUsurvey Pass onto students.</p> <hr/> <p>A café on campus is being developed, to go underneath the Porter's Lodge, hoped to be opening after Easter. Plans are for it to be a 45 seater with longer opening hours, including through the Summer. Wifi to be available. Will hopefully have job opportunities for students. Proposal has been made by TCS, FXU discussing its investment in the FXU Board meeting on Tue 2 Feb.</p> <hr/> <p>Norman asked for an update on the university's position on The Poly since it's recent closure. Taylor informed Council that UCF are funding the Art exhibitions that were planned to take place there for this year. It is definitely reopening as an art space but still unsure about the cinema.</p> <hr/> <p>Kimberley informed everyone that there will be a Doctor Who screening on Tuesday, part of her dissertation. Everyone is welcome to come. There'll be tea and possibly a tardis! Email Kimberly for more details kr108304@falmouth.ac.uk</p>	<p>All members</p>
11	Date & Time of next meeting	

	<p>Overall, Council members would like to keep alternating meeting venues between Tremough and Woodlane, but not as late into the evening as today's meeting.</p> <p>Next meeting is scheduled for Monday 15th March, 5.30pm-7.30pm in the Tremough Boardroom, Tremough House with a possible video-link to Dartington campus for the FXU President Dartington and Dartington Reps.</p>	
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