

University of Cumbria Students' Union

Executive Committee 2020/2021

Meeting on Friday 12th March 2021, 6pm - 7pm

Minutes

1. Housekeeping
 - a. Apologies
Apologies: EF, AM, DP
Attending: EA, NC, CW, MM, KR
In attendance: FL, Richard Young (Uniac, for timed item at 6:40pm)
2. Updates
 - a. Officer Updates
CW: we all had some time off and were busy with elections. Calendar is doing well, we have had lots of views on website. It has been advertised widely and will be pushing again soon with staff in the University. We will be teaching staff how to use to ensure everything is in the calendar for students. We can start ironing out more of the kinks.
KR: How did liberation poll go?
FL: Nothing was submitted
ACTION: CW to submit Idea regarding renaming of networks.
MM: Had lots of time off, mad catch up. Did some stuff for LGBT+ History Month – videos and an event. Getting stuff ready for elections.
CW: We had Student Volunteering Week – we interviewed and recorded Reps, volunteers, and group committee members. Working to plan Groups training, including delivering focus groups. Union is restructuring staff team. Preparing for blended Welcome, attended training.
KR: Well done on being re-elected!
 - b. Any Other Updates
KR: I was speaking to LGBT+ Network. They are getting lanyards and hoodies for network. Want lots of people to order.
3. Substantive Items
 - a. Idea: [Estranged Students' Network](#)
KR: Introduced Idea
CW: proposes action and double checks with MM
ACTION: MM and Nadine Baxter-Smallwood to work closely with network
ACTION: allow the network to review and amend their title (to be confirmed by July 2021)
Executive Committee unanimously agree actions as proposed and approve creation of the Estranged Students' Network as proposed (pending name change).
4. Discussion Points
 - a. Communication with Prospective Students

CW: would everyone be up for speaking to prospective students from your campus.

Would need to use personal Facebook but we could help set-up official accounts.

KR: sounds good, I wouldn't want to personally but others would

MM: whoever is able and available. It is just a Facebook group

KR: student ambassadors have been contacted with the same question

5. Any Other Business

MM: We need help for applicant visit days (will be virtual). Need volunteers to speak about your experience – live conversation, record video, or sound bites. Small incentive for those who take part.

a. Uniac Consultation (timed item at 6:40pm)

Richard Young: introduces the audit project within the University – met with VC last summer, engage with students what has the University done well regarding COVID? Has feedback been acted upon? Cumbria has a very diverse student population across very different campuses and elsewhere. Asks:

1. Could we have a session with Executive Committee in two or three weeks-time to go through detail in prompt?
2. How can we reach students to get them around a virtual table? Concerned about survey fatigue.

KR: sounds like a fantastic idea

Richard Young: could someone give me a time (in the next couple of weeks) which suits you?

CW: Could we do over two 30 minute sessions? To allow more people to attend, and then extend to people outside of Executive Committee.

Richard Young: you agree an approach which you feel will get the most engagement. What do you think of surveys?

KR: I feel that a lot of people who appreciate the opportunity to voice their views

MM: On the sessions, we may need more than 30 minutes

Richard Young: Can I leave it with you – times and structure of session?

ACTION: Executive Committee to agree time and structure for consultation sessions.

6. Date and Time of Next Meeting

To be agreed before the next meeting, dependent on upcoming agenda items.