**UNIVERSITY OF NORTHAMPTON STUDENTS’ UNION**

**AGENDA**

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| **MEETING NAME** | **Educational Committee Meeting** |
| DATE | 10/01/2019 |
| VENUE | Engine Shed |
| **CHAIR** | Samuel Arnold |
| **MEMBERSHIP** | **FAST:**  Samuel Arnold  Amber Rawlins  **FBL:**  Komal Salah Ud Din  Kunal Ghandi  **FEH:**  Louise Dowson  Sam Dorywala  **FHS:**  Sadie Wood  Anna Saravanja  Catriona Doyle  **JH:**  Lilian Koroma  **VP Education:**  Gemma Lovegrove  **Special Guests:**  None  **Staff:**  George Baldwin – Advocacy Coordinator  Natalie Read – Advocacy Manager |
| **IN ATTENDANCE** | Samuel Arnold  Amber Rawlins  Komal Salah Ud Din  Louise Dowson  Sam Dorywala  Sadie Wood  Anna Saravanja  Catriona Doyle  Lilian Koroma  George Baldwin – Advocacy Coordinator  Natalie Read – Advocacy Manager |
| **APOLOGIES** | Gemma Lovegrove |
| **NOT IN ATTENDANCE** | Kunal Ghandi |

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|  | **REGULAR BUSINESS** |
| **1.** | **Apologies for non-attendance** | Chair |
|  | **Introduction of new members**  Chair to give time to new members to introduce themselves and present their aims for the rest of the academic year.  All members introduced themselves and what faculty they work for. They then went through the aims they have for the academic year individually and discussed these with the group. | Chair |
|  | **New members Q&A**  Group to facilitate questions from new members surrounding how the committee works, expectations, and how discussions are conducted. Explain mandates to council and procedure. Advocate Team will be on hand for clarification.  This item was pushed to cover the agenda, so if new advocates have questions they can ask them during the course of the meeting. | EdCom |
| **2.** | **Chairs Actions**   * SA – Space and charging in library. Not enough space in Library/Learning Hub and the ones that are available can’t be used for charging. Students can’t book rooms as they are incorporated as teaching space. However, students can use rooms but will be asked to leave if it is booked. SA actioned to look into information on this point before taking it to council if necessary.   + The space on 1st floor of LH is adequate and provides a good amount of space. There are not many charging points throughout floors 1, 2 and 3. * SA – Laptop borrowing. Can’t connect to wifi, although there are ways to make sure wifi can work. SA Actioned to contact academic librarian for FAST and find out if there is information about how to connect to wifi correctly. * Mandate VPEd to look into creating separate networks for halls and campus to enable faster internet   Chair hasn’t been able to complete the actions fully but is continuing to work on this issue. | Chair |
| **3.** | **Actions arising**   * LD   + Nelson. Students are missing deadlines as they are unable to access online resources. Students have been sent an email explaining what is happening. Students are being kicked out of Nelson or are unable to progress through it. VPEd mandate to look into creating a separate wifi network for halls and campus. EdCom to review Nelson on next meeting.     - Nelson is still an issue and it’s being fixed at the same times every day, so certain groups of students are being affected on a regular basis.   + Park and Ride issues. Students have to drive through Northampton to use P&R on Sixfields. LD actioned to look into having a P&R on the A45 side of campus to enable students/staff driving from the east to drive without going through Northampton     - University doesn’t have update on P&R. Action accepted but response from university has not been accepted. Committee to consider a campaign surrounding this issue. Action LD to look into creating initial research as a Facebook poll. * SW   + Price of food on campus. Taken to previous student council and ongoing.     - Still ongoing   + Beckets park bridge (in actions arising). Accepted in Actions Arising     - The university has backtracked on their decision to not grit the bridge   + Parking on Campus after a certain time. Check on status on next meeting.     - University is looking into weekend parking but are not willing to look into opening the parking further. This point can be raised at the Waterside & Me forum   + Some students are not being replied to when sending emails or they are receiving poor quality feedback and they are “paying too much to teach themselves”. Issue in Adult Nursing     - Met with the lecturers, but said they couldn’t do much. Student said they didn’t have time, but responded that the issue had been resolved. | Chair |
| **4.** | **Officer & Faculty Advocate Reports**   * Vice President Education * Faculty Advocates   Discussion of main actions, and approval.   * Samuel Arnold - Approved * Amber Rawlins - Approved * Komal Salah Ud Din - Approved * Louise Dowson - Approved * Sadie Wood - Approved * Sam Dorywala - Approved * Gemma Lovegrove - Approved * Kunal Ghandi – Not Submitted | All |
|  | **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION** |
| **5.** | **Student Council Update**  Discuss the previous Student Council meeting  Council was adjourned because of lack of members. | Chair |
| **6.** | **SSLC Quality Update**  Discuss issues arising from SSLCs | All |
| **7.** | **Facilities and Infrastructure**  Discuss issues relating to facilities and infrastructure   * AS – lack of gender neutral toilets in senate. * AS – booking system for Learning Hub has gone up, which is welcomed, but a lot of rooms don’t have sockets in them and may not be big enough to fit the amount of people they are supposed to. Action AS to enquire about this issue * LK - Classrooms are cold in the morning and heating is irregular across the university. LK to look into this with head of Joint Honours * AR – Art shop pop-up may not have been developed by VPUD. Shop at Avenue has become more expensive and students can source materials straight from the supplier. * KS – Blue badge visitors have not been allowed to park on campus. * KS – When students are locked out of their accommodation they are unable to get back in for a while as security are taking over 30 minutes. * SA – Access to the Student Hub is sporadic, but seems to be fixed. | All |
| **8.** | **Quality of Experience**   * Open discussion on issues with halls of residence * AS – There could be an amendment to bus timetables. Local residents are also requesting bus routes that were used by uno at park to be reinstated * LD – Some dyslexia tutors timetables are not matching up with students on placement, impacting their university work. Action EdCom to bring this issue to each Faculty FSEC * CD – Some students want to change their incentive benefit, but unsure how. GB Will email CD separately * CD – Some students can’t attend events that the SU runs during the day. Action CD to talk to SU President on these issues. | All |
| **9.** | **Academic Quality**   * Action KS to look into a course where there is an assignment that has changed partway through * AS – Foundation students are not treated in the same way as 1st year students and are not told some information they need, especially when they don’t attend the modules fully * AS – students are not being replied to in time. The 24 hour reply period is in place but not communicated. | All |
| **10.** | **Update on elections**  Group to agree on date for EdCom during elections  Group agrees to move February edcom to 7th and march edcom to 28th february | VPED |
| **11.** | **Mandates to Council**  Discuss policies and actions to send to Student Council on 17/01/19   * Discussion point on the ‘postgraduate room’ in Senate only allows access to PhD students. In promotional materials and on signposts it exists as ‘postgraduate room’ and this is * Discussion point on after-hours parking. Council should have a concerted effort to tackled after-hours parking, instead of working individually as committees * Discussion point on the price rise at the art shop * Discussion point on blue-badge visitors not being able to park on campus * Mandate VPWelfare to look into why security are not prioritising student safety * Discussion point at council about bus routes | All |
|  | **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** |
| **12.** | • Report Template - Discussion |  |
| **13.** | Date of Next Meeting  7th February 2019 |  |