**UNIVERSITY OF NORTHAMPTON STUDENTS’ UNION**

**MEETING OF THE VOLUNTEERING AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE**

**Tue 01.10.2018**

**PRESENT:** Sarah Crooks (SC, Chair and Rotaract), Ryan Bradshaw (RB, VUPD), Tom Carter (TC) Aryam Daniel (STAR)

**MINUTES: Tom Carter (TC)**

**APOLOGIES: Buddies, UONTV**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**1/18** **Welcome and Apologies**

TC Explained that as this was the first session of the year, and that attendance was poor, it was a good opportunity to go over the format of VSEC with the new Chair and VPUD, both agreed.

**2/18 Declaration of Interest**

N/A

**3/18 Terms of Reference (updated)**

N/A

**4/18 Minutes of the Meeting**

TC noted that as this is the first Committee of the year, previous minutes were not sent out. However for subsequent meetings this year the minutes will be available in advance and should be read by those coming to the committee

**5/18 Action List and Matters Arising**

TC noted that as this is the first meeting of the year there are no actions or matters arising, but for subsequent meetings this should be an opportunity to hold the VPUD to account with issues that arise within the committee.

**Discussion Items**

**6/18 Electing, Vice Chair, Secretary,( Councillors)**

TC noted that there are still two positions available which offer seats at Student Council and these can be brought up at the next committee when we have better attendance.

**7/18 Working practices in Engine Shed**

TC reiterated the availability for the groups to book the space but that the SU need plenty of notice. Space is already at a premium on campus – think about Platform spaces as well. Booking well in advance is best to avoid disappointment.

**8/18 Plans for the year**

Nobody has made firm plans yet

**Standard Agenda Items**

**9/18 Changemaker Update**

N/A – Changemaker Officer position needs to go into bye-election

**10/18 Officer reports**

RB discussed his plans for volunteering. Interest in promoting a volunteer scheme to recruit student ambassadors to encourage community life in halls such as group meals, games nights etc.

Also looking to develop a relationship with ‘Daily Bread’ a local cooperative who encourage healthy eating and responsible food shopping. They may be coming in as part of our wellbeing programme to promote cooking and healthy eating.

**11/18 Ratification of New Groups**

Non-applicable

**12/18 De-ratification of Groups**

Non-applicable

**13/18 AOB**

AD Brought up issues with the new website, still can’t communicate with new members.

RB described issues with data transfer between the University and the website developers. Until a proper date transfer is complete, the website cannot function. Recommended that groups use social media as much as possible and if they have anything going on to let the SU know and we will try our best to promote it as much as possible.

TC recommended that groups carry on making plans and book spaces rather than wait for the website so that they don’t lose momentum.

**14/18 Date of next meeting:** 6th November 2018, Engine Shed 6pm-8pm