

Furness College Syndicate Meeting 16th June 2015

Attendees: SCR: WlodekTych (Chair), Andrew Gibson, Olga Gomez-Cash, Bev Whitaker, Siobhan Smith, Josh Sendall, Kevin Huggett, Bev Evans, Jane Silvester, Michelle Wood. JCR: Polly McDonnell, Sammie Caine, Ash Threadgold, Laurence Ansell, Qasim Younis, Becca Hall, Eilidh Nicol

Minutes of last meeting

Agreed

Approval for second term of Dr Wlodek Tych as Principal of Furness College

Dr Tych was asked to leave the meeting by VP Olga Gomez-Cash. Olga then proposed that Dr Tych continue as Principal of Furness, and asked for any objections. No objections were received and the nomination was carried unanimously. The College Administrator had also received email votes from members of the SCR unable to attend the meeting. These totaled 11 in all.

Matters arising.

College Day and Open Day 20th June 2015

College Day is happening this Saturday! Staff attending are asked to wear their College polo shirts and the JCR will wear their purple shirts. This should make identifying them easier for visitors who may want to ask questions.

We have various games, such as a rodeo bull, speed cage, human football, coconut shy, gyroscope and many more. A BBQ will be on offer and people are asked to come as early as possible to help set up.

Senate agenda

VC Report
UMAG Report
University Aims
Student Academic Representation

UMAG Report = Risk analysis for the University. WT advised that the Colleges have a role as part of this especially in the areas of 'failure to recognize student expectations and to deliver on student experience'. The responsibility for this lies within the Colleges with the Principals and ultimately the Provost for Colleges, Student Experience and the Library.

The other area is 'failure to prepare students for employment and further study'.

The aims of the University as part of the Strategy document are still on track. Lancaster still aims to be in the top 10 Universities in the UK, and would wish to increase its Research Grants.

LUSU Report – this will be presented by John O’Neil and will be linked with the report on Academic Reps.

There is to be a new Appeals and Complaints procedure.

The final revision of the College’s Constitution will be put before Senate tomorrow.

Wlodek will report back to the next meeting on the above.

AOB

Wellbeing Officers

Following a lot of meetings, Hilary Simmons organised focus groups and ultimately came up with something positive and we believe good for the Colleges. The final document was received yesterday and it would appear there will be much College input into these roles.

College Officer Appointments

WT advised that with the change to our Advisor system, the role of the Senior Advisor has also changed. WT put it to the Syndicate that we propose change in job title from Senior Advisor to Welfare Team Leader. Kevin will head the Furness College Advisor Team, and oversee the other two pilot schemes being carried out in Pendle and Fylde College. WT therefore recommended that we approve Kevin Huggett in the new Welfare Team Leader position. Syndicate approved this motion unanimously. Kevin stated he was pleased that we have now appointed the three College Advisors who will join himself and Bev as the Furness College Advisor Team (FurCAT). The Pendle pilot appears to be working well, but informally. This will now be formalized with Kevin overseeing these schemes.

Kevin also reported that to keep as many SCR involved with the College as possible we are setting up Working Groups to help keep Furness moving forward with ideas for improvements in the areas of Early Contact, Enterprise, Internationalisation etc.

No other business.

The meeting closed – next meeting will be in Michaelmas Term