

Furness College Syndicate Meeting 27 April 2015

Attendees: WlodekTych (Chair), Andrew Gibson, Lucas Gent, Olga Gomez-Cash, Bev Whitaker, Rebecca Killick, Josh Sendall,

Minutes of last meeting

Agreed

Matters arising.

College Day and Open Day 20th June 2015

College Day preparations well under way. It has been agreed that Furness College will be one of the Colleges taking part in the Open Day on this day, as requested.

Discussion took place on the worries about the numbers of visitors, and where we could do a talk, and how we could handle the potential numbers. This will be discussed with the other Colleges taking part on the same day. Some idea of what is expected, and what each college is doing would help. A plan will be put together for Furness and our team of helpers.

Advisors. The new scheme being piloted by Pendle College which replaces the College Advisors with a central Advisor/Welfare team appears to be working well. We have put our request to Mandy Chetwynd who has agreed to Furness trying the same type of scheme. Kevin Huggett has put together a job description for the new Advisor role and this has been sent to HR. It is planned that as well as our Senior Advisor and our Administrator we would have 3 Advisors who will be paid a small honoraria payment to undertake this role. The suggested name of the team is FurCAT and the team will have a generic email address for all welfare type concerns.

We have talking about ways to keep our current active advisors involved in the College, and BW suggested setting up working groups to help with various aspects of the College such as Internationalisation and Enterprise.

Syndicate - quoracy

Fiona Aiken has asked for syndicate minutes to be put on the web, and we have sent the past two years for this. All future minutes will be sent. Quoracy number to be decided. We are awaiting feedback from the university.

Senate agenda

Not much college related to report.

Colleges review was brought up at the last meeting, and concerns were brought up about the decisions being made without further discussions.

3 College welfare positions have been agreed and will come under SBS. One will be for Grad College and the others will be for North and South campus. The Colleges are concerned that the proposed job description takes away a large proportion of the Administrators job. Kevin reported that at a meeting today Tom Finnegan stated that the role is still being devised, but is likely to be term time only with out of hours contact time available which may dovetail with the Administrators role. Further discussion will be required on these roles and how they will fit with the College teams.

Assistant Dean role. Effectively no changes will be made, as adding welfare to this position would be a conflict of interest.

No other business.

The meeting closed – next meeting will be Monday 15th June at 1.00pm.