

Fylde College
Minutes of the Syndicate
26 April 2016

Present: Denise Rutledge, Jean Bennett, Kirsty Thornton, Jack Machell, Enya Anderson, Sue Summers, Louise Fielding, Ludo Harley, Taryn Whitford, Ollivia Dale, Nicole Fitton, David Summers, Grant Helm, Elliott Swallow, Darren Mason, Lauren Elliott, Gaby Rezetko, Stacey Spencer, Lucy Unsworth, Harvey Messenger, Heather Willes, Kirsty Thornton, Suzy Wild, Dan Barcroft.

1. Apologies

Valeria Albertini, Mandy Chetwynd, Kelly Robinson

2. Matters Arising and Last Minutes

The minutes of the last Syndicate Meeting were agreed to as a true record of the meeting.

Fylde College Meetings – it was agreed that the new style of meetings was proving useful.

3. Questions to Senate

The Principal said that in future it would be possible to send questions to the VC for Senate but that these must be submitted well in advance. The College Administrator would circulate a list of dates. Members of Syndicate would be invited to send questions to the Principal and these would be sent on if considered appropriate.

4. Senate

Campus Masterplan – This would be presented to Senate. The Principal said that Facilities would be visiting college the following week with the aim of looking at small projects to enhance the college space. All were invited to send ideas to the college office (for example reviving tired furniture and flooring in the bar, common room or other rooms where furniture had been begged or borrowed from other places)

Development of Lancaster University College at Beijing Jiaotong University – The Vice Principal was able to give information about this new venture in China which was due to come on stream this coming academic year. This differed from the previous project in China as the campus already exists and it would be similar to the setup in Malaysia with Sunway. It was envisaged that 3-4000 students would be studying for dual Lancaster and Jiaotong degrees starting off in sciences and the arts. Business degrees would follow in 2017. Teaching would be in English and Masters degrees would come on stream in 2017.

Health Innovation Campus – plans are underway for this development to the north of campus. European funding may be tapped to help progress the scheme. Meanwhile the hedges alongside the A6 have been covered to stop bird nesting in case of removal later in the year.

Library Rules David Summers said that whenever rules were changed they had to be agreed by Senate. In this case it was merely a matter of nomenclature to reflect the renaming of the Library Card to the University Card. He reminded all that if students lose their university card then they should go to the Base, and that staff should go to HR.

The Principal reminded students that especially for those undertaking PPE degrees, the Senate papers and procedures were a very interesting and useful resource to access, particularly for Politics students.

5. College Update Items

JCR Roundup – Report from Gaby Rezetko

Last term the JCR managed to improve integration through committees, and ran well-attended and planned events including ice-skating. This term is also looking good, even though everyone is currently under a lot of stress because of exams. However, planning for Fresher's and Extrav is on the way, as well as other events by the welfare, and sports team. Even though this term will have fewer events the ones being run should be great!

Plans for this term:

- 1) Extrav being covered by Suzy and the Extrav Committee
- 2) Breakfast: international theme, more information with welfare team, possible de-stress events?
- 3) Currently doing Fylde Rep interviews, planning of welcome week will be occurring in the next couple of weeks with the Fresher's committee
- 4) Legends planning going well- covered by sports officers, new format for the event
- 5) Fylde in Roses photo occurring tomorrow with ice-cream!
- 6) Masters Tournaments in Snooker, Pool, Darts and Dominoes are being opened to invite Fylde Staff.

Activities last term:

- 1) Sunday Quizzes
- 2) Fylde Breakfast
- 3) Carter Shield, some of them were well attended (i.e dodge ball, tag rugby)
- 4) Fylde Goes Global, Chinese New Year
- 5) 'We Chat' implemented
- 6) Ice-skating well attended
- 7) BNO with LUSU
- 8) Better updating in social media: instagram, twitter, the webpage, and facebook
- 9) EXTRAV and FRESHER's committees created, more involvement with college, not exclusive to the JCR
- 10) More publicity and turnout to sporting events (Fylde football and netball)
- 11) Better communication with the SCR through events including dinner, and weekly meet ups

Gaby Rezetko, JCR President

SCR Roundup

General

- **Inter College Competitions** – Fylde did very well in both competitions. The hastily formed University Challenge Team did very well considering the extremely difficult questions and lack of practice. In the Sustainability competition Fylde were runners up. Lessons had been learned and there would be improvements on various aspects next year. In addition it was hoped to run an inter college debating competition. This may only be for first years and be run in the first term – but the meeting felt that it should be open to all.
- **Sponsoring Sport Teams**
The Principal was gathering information about sources of funding for our sport teams with a view to finding corporate funding for at least 'A' teams in college sport. This would hope to remove reliance on town bars. This would enable the colleges to have more funds for 'B' and 'C' teams if they wanted to.
- **Porters & Security Team of the Year.** The Principal was pleased to note that our Porters had been recognized for all the hard work and support that they give the University. In addition, College Administration had been ranked the best in the country according to the international student barometer.
- **College Reps.** The Principal said that the college would be supporting the new full year College Reps who were about to be appointed. The Lancaster Award now recognized the importance of this role as compared to less involved previous Fresher Rep role. It was worth 15 points.

Welfare

The Senior Advisor reported that following a meeting with the JCR welfare team, there would be some joint initiatives this term. In week 4 there would be an exam drop in the residences. This would include helpful health tips with an easy to make pasta meal. LUSU were planning to use the common room for some yoga or tai chi sessions on Friday 13th.

In week 5 there would be a revision themed breakfast and chill session.

It was planned to have some 'stay safe' messages for Extrav and the summer vacation.

The Wellbeing officer reported that most JCR and SCR had attended the Drug Awareness session given by Addaction. And there were plans to give awareness talks to Fresher Reps. The wellbeing staff were also about to do a survey of off campus students to gauge their well being requirements and what would work best in provision for them.

Deanery

At it was Exam Period all students had been notified of specific quiet rules whilst exams take place and the assistant deans would be patrolling and vigilant.

The Dean pointed out that a couple of nitrous oxide capsules had been found in Fylde residence courtyard. (*Since this meeting a mail had gone to all students on campus outlining the dangers with the recreational use of this gas*).

In addition it was a concern that the smoking of cannabis on campus in open view was increasing. There was the issue of students smoking on the Bonington Step and concern that this would have a negative association with the college. The Senior Advisor warned of the seriousness of this and all urged some action to be undertaken by the campus Police on a roaming patrol or similar. Cannabis is an illegal substance and all should be aware of this.

(The Senate papers were available for current staff to view at:
<https://gap.lancs.ac.uk/Committees/senate/sms/meetings/default.aspx>)

Next Syndicate: 14 June 2016, 1pm Fylde Common Room