

Fylde College Syndicate Meeting

Fylde Common Room

1.00 p.m. Tuesday 8th November 2016

Present: Jean Bennett, Heather Willes, Denise Rutledge, Kirsty Thornton, Sam Porter, Dan Barcroft, David Summers, Taryn Whitford, Sue Summers, Kara Cooper, Enya Anderson, Harvey Messenger, Lauren Elliott, Gaby Rezetko, Paloma Almodovar, Valeria Albertini, Ollivia Dale, Lucy Unsworth, Helen Barnett, Harriet Tyler, Mary Guy

1. **Minutes of the last meeting.** Accepted as a true report of the meeting.

These may be found <https://gap.lancs.ac.uk/colleges/Pages/default.aspx>

2. **Matters Arising.** No matters arising

3. **Fylde Constitution.** The Principal thanked all for coming. The meeting was declared quorate. The Fylde Constitution was presented for approval.

20 approved the motion with one abstention.

4. **Nomination for Court Membership.** Fylde had a vacancy on Court. Unfortunately the only nomination, Dr Sunil Banga could not be present today. Details would be circulated by email.

5. **Inter College Charity Competition.** There had been another intercollege competition mooted (to join debating, sustainability and the quiz). The quest would be for a college to work with a charity in Lancaster, or maybe generally and to make the most money for said charity. This would be organised as a programme for the students involved so that the result would be a boost to their employability skills. There was some discussion about the colleges having 'competition saturation' and the JCR Exec feeling that they would have to do more and more. The feeling was that it would be better for each college to adopt a charity and centre any fundraising around that. It was felt that a competitive element did not sit well with 'charity'.

6. Round up of Activities

JCR

The JCR produced a round up of all JCR Executive achievements this year.

President (Gabriella Rezetko): Implemented new Fylde reps` system; planned Freshers` Week; was in charge of a few joint events with other college; made changes to the bye-law; organized Freshers` Committee; participated in LUSU events; ran a successful JCR Exec who all contributed to Fylde College throughout their term in office.

Vice President: Socials (Suzy Wild): Planned Extrav; organized Extrav committee; ran regular quizzes; ice skating trip; Spirit of Summer event; and in the process of organizing a Night Out in Manchester and Winter Ball.

Vice President: Welfare (Harvey Messenger): Was in the position only one term, however before was in the position of Welfare Officer. Fylde Breakfast happens every Friday, it has different

themes; took part in Freshers` Week interviews; running drug awareness session; stress-management workshops; currently running a campaign for Movember.

The previous Vice President: Welfare (Jack Machell) arranged gender neutral toilets and put LGBT posters in the bar.

Socials and Events Officers (Alise Usacova and Lucy Unsworth): Fylde Spirit of Summer event was successful; did collaborations: Disney social, Eurovision; helped and participated in Extrav and Freshers` Week; did an Ice skating trip; quizzes every second weekend; we`re involved in LUSU`s events: Battle of the Bands & Big Night Out; prospective events for upcoming term: Manchester social, Christmas Market and Winter Ball.

Welfare Officers (Philip Iakovidis and Khadeejah Ashraf): Only in office for this term. Set up Fylde breakfast; went to welfare meetings; set up two campaigns: breast cancer awareness campaign and Movember campaign.

International Officer (Valeria Albertini): Organized Fylde Goes Global, Chinese New Year; collaboration with welfare team in international breakfast; WeChat channel of communication has been very successful; helped a lot with welfare events.

Education and Employability Officer (Louise Fielding): Psychometric test workshop; Fylde Scholarship advertisement and allocation; events in collaboration with Careers; helped with Fylde Reps; in the process of setting the team for debating competitions.

Communications Officer (Ollivia Dale): Posted on Facebook a lot, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram; helped with Freshers` week planning; helped with lots of events advertisement; helped with welfare campaigns; worked on WeChat; takes minutes in every meeting.

Publicity Officer (Paloma Garcia Almodovar): In charge of artwork and running successful campaigns; Freshers` Week was the biggest project, made a Tumbler site for that, got more than 2k views, designed freshers` packs, posters; currently running a project for elections.

Sports Officers (Matt Barrow and Holly Laing): Organised Freshers` Fair specifically for Fylde; ran House Wars; made sure all freshers were aware of times for taster sessions; counted the pool money.

Chair and Democracy Officer (Lauren Elliott): Was in charge of finance for the entire JCR; dealt with LUSU finance; had a project to change bye-law; ran elections throughout the year; represented Fylde College on the LUSU exchange trip to China.

SCR

College Advisory Team. The team were noticing more letters of concern from Academic Departments which was good. There had been a homesickness event following on from a larger event in the Square. Very few takers.

Note was made that following the Christmas break it was felt that there may need to be some events /Rep visits to check on students who may be feeling homesick again.

Deanery. There seemed to be very few incidents in the flats. Which was good! The Assistant Deans were regularly patrolling to keep contact with the students both to check on kitchens and to check that all was okay.

The Principal thanked the Assistant Deans for taking good care of the college whilst the Dean was on sick leave.

Other. There had been disappointing uptake of the Halloween evening although those students that came stayed all evening and although they arrived individually had made a new friendship group at the end.

It was felt that engagement across the board was proving difficult this year.

7. **Senate.** The agenda and papers for the meeting of Senate to be held on Wednesday 9 November 2016 have been posted on the SharePoint site at:

Items discussed at syndicate ahead of Senate meeting.

TEF Year Two Specification

Main point to note:

The second year is to act as a trial year and therefore the headline policy of differentiating fees based on the TEF levels will not be implemented at this point. Pilots in Year Three will inform the introduction of subject level assessments in Year Four.

League table updates

These were acknowledged

'We Are Lancaster'

There was discussion with the students present about their perceptions and experiences around Brexit and there was a report of an unpleasant interaction in Sainsbury's when a man was aggressively rude to two students speaking in Italian to each other. He demanded that they get out of his country and continued to harangue them as they shopped.

Overall the International students perceived a different atmosphere and there were concerns for the future. *The students were encouraged to report all such instances through the bullying and harassment processes.*

Education Strategy

Print out of table made available

Council, HEFCE and Quality Assurance

Comment by Principal about the importance of such checks and balances to ensure academic quality.

Amendment to Ordinances

Some changes that would impact on students' involvement but mainly semantics, LUSU would be able to inform if they had any concerns.

SECTION 3: ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION NOT REQUIRING DECISION

9. Strategy Update: Consultation

Colleagues were encouraged to engage in the online consultation process

Next meeting : Monday 6th March 2017