

# Executive Committee (FVC and LEDIC) Minutes; August 2019

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# 1.4 Actions Arising

| ITEM    | ACTION  | OWNER    | UPDATE  |
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| Carried | over actions: 2018/19   |          |   |
| 6.1     | BM to share MP correspondence relating to Paramedic Support Campaign with MH and ACW                        | FLY      | Completed   |
| 6.2     | ACW to investigate lack of tutor support for dissertation students in BA Film and Media                     | ACW      | Ongoing.  |
| 7.2     | MH to raise concerns about placement student access to counselling services at the Wellbeing Steering Group | МН       | Ongoing.  |
| 7.5     | MH to explore examples of good practice at other SUs relating to the Equal Access to Education Policy.      | МН       | Initial contacts made. Ongoing  |
| 7.8     | MH to raise 'inclusivity training' as a suggestion for sports team welfare officers                         | МН       | Ongoing.  |
| 7.8     | MT to share resources for sports coaches relating to inclusivity when completed.                            | MT       | TL to request information from MT-Ongoing.                                      |
| 8.1     | BM to confirm availability of free<br>menstrual products through HEMS in<br>Chelmsford                      | ВМ       | Checked availability in WHB but missing products in men's and disabled toilets. |
| 9.      | FLY & BM to raise concerns about presentation marking processes in HEMS FPT meeting.                        | FLY / BM | Ongoing.  |
| New ac  | tions: 23.07.19   |          |   |
| 2.1     | MH to seek updates on roll out of Crisp Packet recycling trial.   | МН       | Awaiting response   |
| 2.2     | EH to arrange Sustainability and Media Law training for interested members.                                 | EH       | Completed   |
| 2.4     | MH to arrange contact between GD & GG and NUS support opportunities   | МН       | MH put GG into contact with NUS but the other opportunity has been cancelled.   |
| 3.1.3   | MC to meet with DF to discuss lecture capture projects  | MC       | Ongoing   |
| 3.1.3   | SF to meet with MC to discuss lecture capture projects  | SF       | Ongoing   |
| 5.2.3   | SS to explore options for free condoms.   | SS       | Ongoing   |
| 6.1.1   | MC and GD to discuss international student support options  | МС       | Ongoing   |
| 6.1.4   | MH to add 'University Savings<br>Initiatives' to the next agenda  | МН       | Completed.  |

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| 2. | 2.1 Election of the Deputy President  |            |
|    | Not quorate. EH to email all relevant parties and add to next Executive Committee agenda.   | EH         |
| 3. | 3.1 Inclusivity Fund Reminder   |            |
|    | MH: To be brought to next Exec  |            |
| 4. | 4.1 Committee-ments   |            |
|    | MH: To be brought to next Exec  |            |
| 5. | 5.1 Bye-Law Changes - 9419FVCLEDIC & 9519FVCLEDIC   |            |
|    | Not quorate: Votes will go online   | EH         |
|    | 5.1.1   |            |
|    | EL: If there is no AHSS faculty rep at Chelmsford, will SS have to go to Chelmsford?  |            |
|    | SF / FLY / MH: No. There will be no more students after next year, very few students.   |            |
|    | 5.1.2   |            |
|    | MH: Proposal for change from 2 HEMS Faculty Reps per campus to 1 HEMS Faculty Reps per  |            |
|    | campus.   |            |
|    | FLY: There needs to be two.   |            |
|    | IL: There are just over 4000 HEMS students in Chelmsford.   |            |
|    | MH: There is a massive breath of courses but we still have just 1 rep in other faculties, so this is not  |            |
|    | the issue.  |            |
|    | SF: The difference is that there are way more students on placement, students need 2 reps to  |            |
|    | address the gaps in the timetable. HEMS has a more complicated structure than others.   |            |
| 6. | 6.1 ARU Budget Cuts   |            |
|    | MH: Dip in student population resulted in £10m saving scheme by the University. Paper brought to  | MH         |
|    | meeting, to be included in minutes.   |            |
| 7. | 7.1 Executive Officer Reports   |            |
|    | 7.1.1 President – 9619FVCLEDIC  |            |
|    | MH: Will take paper as read. Update on drug harm reduction, brought budget request to exec for  |            |
|    | the kits. Supplier would only accept Euros but company cards locked to £s. Budget request was   |            |
|    | made during end of financial year and so will need to be requested again.  EL: What can exec do to support Let's Be Honest and move it to general student population? |            |
|    | MH: As an officer team, reviewing past 18 months. Meetings have taken place with AC and   |            |
|    | counselling and well-being, need to better assess position and then will bring back to exec when they   |            |
|    | have a better idea.   |            |
|    | EL: Have officers met with CUSU? How did that go?   |            |
|    | MH: Key areas for collaboration: working together on history month events, carers events and  |            |
|    | reclaim the night. Want to continue keeping in touch and will let exec know about updates.  |            |
|    | EL: Drug testing kits, is the supplier the only option? Will it be a long-term project or quick-fire  |            |
|    | project?  |            |
|    | MH: Want it to have a big impact initially, not financially sustainable in the long-term, but want to   |            |
|    | bring this to University staff to demonstrate success.  |            |
|    | EL: How will effectiveness be measured?   |            |
|    | MH to circulate plans to measure KPIs.  | МН         |
|    | GG: Met with counselling and well-being, received statistics regarding visits and willing to share.   |            |
|    | MH: Asked GG to share to the Exec page for everyone.  | l MH       |
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## 7.1.2 VP: Business and Law - 9719FVCLEDIC

MC: Absent

Updates taken as read.

MH posted question from MC's report: Would exec support the students union involvement within the people's vote if ARU students wanted the Union to support this\*\*(thinking about the students that did not get to vote and referring back to the impact on education and the brexit policy\*\* GG and EL asked for clarification on what people's vote is.

MH and FLY explained it's the push for the people to have a final say.

Discussion around suspension of parliament and MC's efforts to find out students' opinions on Brexit.

# 7.1.3 VP: Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences - 9819FVCLEDIC

ACW: Absent.

FLY: Updates taken as read.

No questions.

## 7.1.4 VP: Health, Education, Medicine and Social Care - 9919FVCLEDIC

FLY: Rent almost finalised and should have it sent to Comms by the end of the week. Continuing to work with AC and Counselling and Well-Being. Looking into events to host with Global Sustainability Institute. Looking to bring sustainability into Union strategy.

Updates taken as read.

IL: What is happening with International Nurses Day?

FLY: Will be looked into closer to event (end of semester 2).

# 7.1.5 VP: Science and Engineering – 10019FVCLEDIC

SF: Taken as read.

No questions.

# 8. 8.1 Campaign and Faculty Rep Updates

### Campaigns

8.1.1.

GG: Has got a position as a PAL leader. Presenting at Course Leaders' Conference.

Plan to speak to someone from the Civil Service and thinks the schemes are great for students.

Black history month begins October and wants help for this. HB to put in a 1:1 with GG and Activities to plan.

#### 8.1.2

AA: Reached out to a charity (CARA) to get them to speak at Freshers' Fair but they need further information. Met with TB and he gave her his business card to share with the charity. Wanted further clarification on what to do.

IL: World Mental Health Day is another opportunity to invite charities that cannot go to Freshers.

EL: Currently working with TB and externals can find information packs on the SU's website. EL to send email to AA with the information and links.

GG: Does an officer have details on planning for Black History Month?

MH: Some things have already been planned and are in calendar. MH to share with GG.

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#### 8.1.3 HEMS

AJ and IL met with BM to review campaigns from last year and brainstorm areas for campaigns for this year. Learning support fund is an area of particular concern as it cuts off before students technically finish. Looking into childcare support for HEMS students, want to reach out to nurseries in the area and education courses to see if there are better options.

EL: Suggested having a chat with Parents in Education society, they have a large membership and it could be useful to liaise. AJ and IL agreed.

IL: Ruskin Modules, staff meetings ongoing so will wait to assess after.

IL has organised to meet with RW to review disability gap in HEMS and assess issue.

#### 8.1.4 S&E

EL: Attended Sustainability training, eye-opening to see statistics. Wants to do more work with FLY and would like to meet with FLY and SF.

Met with DS on data gathering to assess employment options.

Contacted by a course leader to arrange a trip and a change to a module, meeting with TP to better assess what to do this year.

Wants to discuss assessment and feedback with SF.

Wants to speak with GD on culture shock and gap for international students. HB mentioned MC would like to discuss that as well.

Running an event Saturday 28 September- 'Fate or Fun Day'. Softer introduction to societies, second opportunity to have a conversation after Freshers. Liaising with Sustainability Society, Team ARU, and Residential Services to attend. Happening in Cambridge but if it goes well will plan for Chelmsford as well. Taking place in courtyard. Want SU stalls, calmer and more catered to new students. EL to circulate flyers. EL spoke to Tom about running in 92 potentially. In planning stages. Invited to IL to assist with planning.

SF to email AA to talk about campaign for survivor support. AA raised the issue that the support offered at the University is not accessible and SF said they are working with the University to improve this.

## 9. 9.1 Budgets

## 9.1.1 Budget Request: BUCS 2019 - 10119FVCLEDIC

Not quorate: vote to go online.

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FLY: Request for funds for BUCs Conference. Related to competitive activities at universities. Opportunity to network with Unions that do and do not have sports internally. Also opportunity to raise trans inclusion in sports.

SF: If anyone knows of any Sports Reps, please let SF or FLY know so they can reach out to them.

# 9.1.2 Budget Request: Drugs Harm Reduction – 10219FVCLEDIC

MH: Have to reapply because wasn't able to spend it last year.

### 9.1.3 Budget Request: Raise The Bar – 103FVCLEDIC

ACW: MH: On 16<sup>th</sup> of September there will be a placard and banner making session for Occupy Helmore event. This is to demand a bar from the University. Funds going towards making the materials, for stickers and for batteries for a megaphone.

EL: Asked if cardboard could be used instead of foam board. Not easily recyclable. Would like something more environmentally friendly.

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|     | MH: it was chosen as it is easy to use, but materials aren't set in stone. MH will raise sustainability of materials issue with ACW regarding Raise the Bar placard making. | MH         |
|     | 9.1.4 Rent Campaign: Rent report (late paper)   |            |
|     | FLY: 21-22 pages, funds used to print copies.   |            |
|     | EL: Does it need to be printed?   |            |
|     | MH: Will have more impact as a printed report.  |            |
| 10. | 10.1 AOB:   |            |
|     | MH: Asked that everyone please read the papers before attending the meeting to save time and allow everyone to ask questions.   |            |
|     | SS: Can we skype into this meetings? This is an accessibility issue.  |            |
|     | HB: Reps can still put things into the agenda.  |            |
|     | SS: Would prefer not to do that and be present for the discussion.  |            |
|     | HB: Will ask about options for skype / other access to exec meetings.   |            |
|     | GG: Sustainability goals of facilities information available, happy to share website.   |            |
|     | SF: TB said if anyone wanted to man a table at Freshers from Exec, they are able to.  |            |
|     | Date of next meeting TBD.   |            |