

Scrutiny Panel Meeting

Monday 16th May 2016, 4.30pm -6.30pm
Harrow Campus, E4.06

Attendees

- Sabbatical Officers: Jim Hirschman (JH), Lauren Waugh (LW)
- Panel: Leonard Nedelcu (Chair), Trea Boyce, Mamuna Akthar

Minutes

INTRODUCTION – All officers and panel introduced

The officers left the room and the reports were read and discussed by the scrutiny panel. The panel were not given officer data for May, also the panel were not given SAS and UM report as this was not submitted in time for the panel to review it. The panel asked the Clerk (Somirun Khanom) for information and clarification on some points as well ask her to write down the questions they would like to ask each Officer.

Officers returned to the room and were asked to provide an overview of their work and answer any questions the panel had.

SABBATICAL OFFICER QUESTION AND ANSWER:

- JM
 - How did you find the NUS conference and what actions will you plan as a result of this?
 - JH: Hated it. No actions resulted from this as of yet, there will be a meeting held soon which will look at what our stance is on the NUS
 - What does the employability departmental plan consist of?
 - JH: Strategy for employability for example the 'employability month'. Looking at key actions from societies and the Teaching Excellence framework.
 - What is the 'no platform' debate about and what did you gain from this?
 - JH: Gender, freedom of speech and protecting students from radicalisation. It was useful for me to understand our student issues and it was also good for us to increase our profile nationally.
 - What is the Memorandum?
 - JH: Legal agreement between the Union and the University in relation to our profits and expenditure, as well as our behaviour and the spaces we occupy on site.
 - What is the Societies strategy?

- Why is the cash machine still empty?
- Why have you not completed your sports and societies manifesto?
- SAS
 - There is still no access to the Hogg room for disabled students. When do you plan to complete this manifesto?
 - You have still not established a social space, something which was written in your manifesto. When will this happen?
 - When will you resolve the food issues of your manifesto?
 - P3 is still cannot be used by the SU, when will you ensure this happens?
 - You have still not established cheaper printing credits, when do you aim to achieve this?
 - There is still no dedicated smoking area, what are you doing about this and when will it this be created?
 - When do you plan to install more cash machines on campus?
 - Why has your 'bullying' campaign not taken place yet, and when will this happen?
- OKD
 - What were the outcomes of the meeting with the associate dean (Sarah) for Harrow?
 - How did you help with the filming of the SU's distress video with only one arm?
 - What were the issues you brought up in the MAD Student Forum?
 - What are the strategy for societies next year?
 - Why did you not declare the fact that you missed the Annual General Meeting and also the Course Rep conference under 'missed meeting' and are there any other missed meetings you failed to mention in your report?
 - 24 hour shop only happened once, why?
 - SU was approachable in the beginning of the year, but this did not happen after Christmas, what were the reasons for this and what actions have you taken to ensure this?
 - Why have you failed to create more funding for projects as part of your manifesto?
 - You have not done anything for international students which you set out in your manifesto, why?
 - Why have you not managed to secure larger printing budgets?
 - You helped to create 24 hour studio access, but there was very little information about which studios this applied to and also this only took place for a short period of time, explain why?
 - You have not achieved the 40% off Happy hour between 7-10 pm in the bar, why was this?
 - ACTION REQUIRED
 - Complete your manifesto
 - Provide a response to the questions

Decisions

- JH – COMMENDED
 - Had completed his manifesto
 - Goaling hours were not provided which made it difficult to provide any feedback.
- LW – COMMENDED

- Although some point of manifesto is still incomplete, you have taken the necessary steps for it to be completed after your time in office.
- Panel recommend you take your allocated annual leave soon.
- UM – CENSURE
 - Failure to attend this meeting
 - Failure to submit monthly report- an offence to the panel
 - ACTION REQUIRED
 - Finish your manifesto
 - Manifesto is generic and certain points aren't under your control or influence so more careful thought should have been put into its creation.
- SAS – CENSURE
 - Failure to attend this meeting
 - Failure to submit the report in time for the panel to review it- an offence to the panel.
 - ACTION REQUIRED
 - Finish your manifesto before you start your term in office in the next academic year. Re-running will not be an acceptable excuse for incompleteness.
 - Explain the Let's Go event to Harry Potter world. The panel wants to know whether this was a failure or success, specifically details of the cost of the event and the number of tickets sold and unsold. What were the conclusion of this event and how will you ensure that your events will at least break even in the future in order to minimise the cost to the SU?
- OKD – ACTION REQUIRED
 - To provide a response to the questions raised by the Panel
 - Explain why the manifesto has not been fulfilled

AOB

- The panel wants another meeting as there were only two officers present and that there were far too many unanswered questions. They would like this to be arranged ASAP
- The panel also did not have all the documents needed to conduct an effective scrutiny of the officers, for example the GOAL hours were not provided.