

Moray College UHI – Class Rep Meeting Minutes

4th February 2020 – 12pm to 1pm



Present:

Class Reps: Kevin Mould, Leanne Rouse, Kyle Powell, Jessica Allman, Shavonne Connor, Emily Burns, George Sansom, Marcus Gray, Adam McNab, Katrina Farren, Megan Eadie, Andrew Whyte, Beatriz Pinto, Rhiannon Stradling, Hermione Morris

Staff: Joel Hockney, Seonaid Mustard, Heather Sharp, Kristine Duffus, Derek Duncan, Nikki Yoxall

HISA Officers: Kyle Gee – Depute President Education, Nathan Sanderson - Depute President Activities and Welfare,

Apologises: Menita Roberts, Nathan Anderson, Dana Munro

Accountability

As the accountability session was cancelled at HISA-CON, we will be running an accountability session as soon as possible. If you would like to send your questions to the Student Association Assistant's email at Joel.Hockney@uhi.ac.uk ahead of time or if you are unable to attend.

Finance

Nathan will soon be running a Student Finance Group;

The group is looking for volunteers and will be on the 12th of February, though the final time and room have not yet been finalised as of the time of the writing of these minutes. In particular, the Finance Group is looking for FE students around the issues of student funding, for example how difficult it is when first applying for student funding. Please get in contact with any of us at HISA Moray if you have any questions.



Elections

The HISA elections are currently open! You have until the 20th of February to apply for a local or regional position.

You can run for one of two of the local HISA Moray positions, of Depute President Education or Depute President Activities and Welfare. These roles are both 14 hours a week with a wage of £9.39 per hour.

Or, you can run for one of the three full-time HISA regional positions; Further Education Vice President, Higher Education Vice President and President of HISA with an annual salary of £17,099.

The campaign week for HISA elections will be from the 2nd of March until the 6th March.

The election week will be on the 9th to 13th of March.

Nathan, the outgoing HISA Moray Depute President Activities and Welfare officer expressed to the Class Reps that he has had the best experience of his life with his time at HISA and thoroughly recommended it to any student that would consider of applying for a position.

You can find more details about the positions here at <https://www.hisa.uhi.ac.uk/elections> .

HISA Night Out

After student feedback requested more HISA Moray organised events and the resulting survey was that a 'Party' was the option most Class Reps put forward, Kyle provided another quick survey using *Mentimeter* for Class Reps to pick as an activity for the event. Karaoke was the most popularly voted, so we will be taking this feedback on board and hopefully providing Karaoke at the 'Party' event.

Mental Health Pathways

Becky Poyner, Lead Facilitator of the Moray College Student Peer Support Group and a Champion of the Moray Wellbeing Hub came to the Class Rep Meeting to speak about the Mental Health Pathways. The Pathways was created as part of a partnership project led with the aim to empower people in Moray and those that support them, including GPs, to better communicate and navigate the services and supports that help mental health locally.

You can find a link to the Mental Health Pathways (for Moray) to help you, or someone you know that would benefit from this, with a link [here](#). There is also a link for children and family Mental Health Pathways that can be found [here](#).

We would like to thank Becky for spending the time to speak to students about the resource and providing a short presentation on mental wellbeing as well as the work that the Moray Wellbeing provides.



Open Floor Feedback

- A Horticulture Class Rep informed the meeting that one of their peers is requesting a water fountain for Biblical Gardens campus. Derek said they have a contract for water supply, so this request will be investigated, though they do currently have a tap in the meantime.
- A Class Rep studying a Computing course stated that the air condition and carpets in the C block (rooms C027, C026, C022, C011 etc.) are very hot and stuffy. Derek responded that many of the carpets do have a planned replacement schedule along with other rooms. As for the air conditioning, there could be a technical fault or legal issues around the gas that is used in the unit.
- A Class Rep said that one the rooms that they frequently used for class is cold and dark in the Victoria Art Centre. Derek replied that there is a new boiler, but the radiators could get checked up on for any faults as they may not be as new.
- Class Reps brought some very positive feedback; A LDW for a computing, acting and business class has been very helpful in helping students with their reapplications/reregistration's.
- Nikki requested for FE students to attend an Education Scotland visit on the 18th March from 12 to 12:30. In essence, Education Scotland oversee Moray College UHI and are a link between Moray College UHI and the funding council. This is all dependent on the on the Moray College UHI's enhancement plan, which Education Scotland is reviewing in this visit. There was a request for food by Class Reps, Nikki says that she will investigate if this is possible.

Next Meeting – HISA Elections Hustings!

The next Class Rep Meeting is now an election Hustings for local candidates running for HISA Moray positions! It will be on the Wednesday 4th March at 12pm - 1pm in Conference Hall and is open to all students and staff! The Linkwood meeting will remain the stay though.

Class Rep Meetings minutes by Joel Hockney, Moray HISA Student Association Assistant

