

Moray College UHI – Class Rep Meeting Minutes

19th January 2022 – 4pm to 5pm

Present:

Class Reps: Mharie Marshall 21009690, Gordie Wells 06012866

Staff: Veronica Borseth, Julie Cameron

HISA Officers: Depute President of Education Rhiannon Stradling

Apologies: Rebecca Shevill 13008821, Emma Coutts 18005733, Ryan Paddison 09013962

HISA previous actions:

RS (Rhiannon Stradling) raised that previously Art students have had issues regarding computers, however due to it being such a large issue, we're still fixing it and will get more info on it to you in the next meeting if possible.

RS noted that room C007 is being turned into the quiet room for students.

RS is hoping to get a multifaith room also, someone suggested the first aid room, but they're uncertain. Provisions might need to be made for hand and feet washing, talking to the local mosque about providing those facilities was mentioned.

On the topic of gender neutral bathrooms, there is one gender neutral toilet on campus so far, we're hoping to get more. RS said this isn't ideal, but they're looking into getting more cubicles that are gender neutral. Linkwood has gender neutral toilets, as does Biblical Gardens. For now, the focus is on getting some for the main campus.

Introduction:

RS introduced the staff member VB (Veronica Borseth) as the new Student Voice Assistant, explaining that VB will be in Contact with the SVRs every now and then when the need arose.

Upcoming events HISA CON:

RS introduced HISA's upcoming event, HISA CON, which is on from the 25th to the 28th of January, if you want to attend, you can receive authorised attendance, just asked your lecturers for it. Make sure to mention that it is for attending HISA CON.



The deadline to sign up is the 24th of January. Sadly, it was changed from having both online and in person event, to now being solely online, due to Coronavirus concerns. There are MSPs panels, Q&A's, workshops, and drop-in sessions planned for HISA CON.

Link to HISA CON and Agenda [HISA CON @ Highlands and Islands Students' Association \(uhi.ac.uk\)](https://uhi.ac.uk/hisa-con).

RS then proceeded to go through the agenda with all the attendees, stressing that it's free, and held annually. Students can go to vote on policies that directly affect their education and student experience.

JC (Julie Cameron) queried whether you need to book for the entire event or can pick and choose events that they can join. RS responded by walking through the booking process and reassured everyone that only the one ticket would be necessary, and with that, could access as few or as many sessions as desired.

Officer Updates

CL (Caelum Leese) was unavailable for this meeting, so was unable to share his updates. RS Mentioned CL is eager to start a Social Hotspot, which is a place where students can go to be students and be free from any authority figure. CL can hopefully speak more about his updates at the next meeting.

RS mentioned that CL has run events and competitions over the last few months.

If you have suggestions, send them to CL's email. hisa.moray.aw@uhi.ac.uk

Moray Motivation Monday

RS mentioned that the officers had met with LS (Laurie Symon) HISA's Sports Co-Ordinator with the aim of creating "Moray Motivation Monday". The officers would post every Monday on some social platform, to energise people. Mondays are fun, they're a fresh start to the week. For example, RS might work on being more flexible, so they'll post a vlog each Monday their progress on doing the splits. RS acknowledged that they were not sure which media to use, though they are considering different platforms for livestreaming for working on things. If you have ideas, the officers do welcome input.

Refresher's Fayre:

RS mentioned that the Refresher's Fayre would be running in person on the 22nd of February, and due to Covid it's important that should students want to go along, they need to book a slot as it has a limited capacity. There will be vendors, freebies, and student discounts.

Moray Enterprise Project

VB presented an upcoming project involving students. The project was created in collaboration with Moray Council, Elgin City Council, and Elgin BID, to provide further student focused social spaces in Elgin. The aim of this project is to determine whether students are interested in having a social space, and whether they would utilise such a space, and if the answer is yes, to create a social space



of the student's choosing. To assess interest in the project, there will be a survey released in the coming weeks which will determine the outcome of the plans put forward to the Moray Council. Students will have a 3–4-week period of filling in this survey before the plan moves to the next step. Students who complete the survey, will have the chance to win a £250 prize. Those that complete the survey will also have the chance at participating in a paid focus group after the survey completion.

In response to the enterprise project, MM (Mharie Marshall) liked RS' idea of having an entertainment area involving inflatable balls. GW (Gordie Wells) agreed that such an area would be highly enjoyable.

Final Remarks

RS mentioned that there is a beneficial new scheme offering free bus transport for students aged 5-21, and that if anyone is interested, they should sign up online. [Follow the link to sign up.](#)

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 16th February at 12pm - 1pm by Blended Online and in Person Meeting

Class Rep Meetings minutes by Veronica Borseth

