**Moray College UHI – Class Rep Meeting Minutes**

**14th December 2020 – 12pm to 1pm**

***Present:***

**Class Reps:** Caelum Leese, Corey Anderson, Connor Mitchell, Elana Smith, Elizabeth Harley, Emma Coutts, Joel Burke, Katrina Stewart, Liam Cormie, Rebecca Stevenson, Sam McCready, Sarah Ratcliffe

**Staff:** Joel Hockney, Seonaid Mustard

**HISA Officers**: Kyle Gee – Depute President Education, Hermione Morris - Depute President Activities and Welfare, Ash Morgan – Vice President of Further Education, Flo Jansen, President

**Apologises:** Nicole Hyslop, Gemma Williams, Hannah Price

**HISA Regional Visit:**

At the Class Rep Meeting we had the HISA President Flo Jansen and HISA Vice-President of Further Education come along to the Class Rep Meeting, so that students could directly ask them questions. The two regional officers also provided a summary update of their recent work to the Class Reps.

Flo has been working on HISA policies from last year’s HISA CON event, student residencies, hardship funding for students as well as this the upcoming HISA CON.

Ash has been working on alleviating for digital poverty for students (such as students getting access to laptops who do not have a laptop and need one), also working on the next HISA CON event and assisting with forming the next Student Mental Health Agreement.

**HISA-CON:**

HISA’s annual event - which is led by your elected student officers, helps shape the decisions, policies, and actions that HISA will work on throughout the year. Students who attend this year’s HISA Con will have the opportunity to learn more about the Changing World of Employability and feel more ownership of the University through debates, workshops, listening to speakers and taking part in breakouts.

HISA-CON is completely online this academic year, which not also means that it has the most jam-packed and most flexible agenda possible, all students can attend (those please note that some sessions are specifically aimed for Class Reps in particular). While online, it is shaping up to be the biggest HISA event yet, the conference offers a variety of sessions of interest to students. Over the course of 5 half days, the conference will focus on what’s happening across the UHI, ending with a creative industry celebration! In a nutshell, you will:

* Have a chance to listen to keynote speakers!
* Ask MSP’s questions on a range of topics- especially regarding employability in the new climate
* Work your way round an Employability Expo
* Be able to shape HISA policy
* Get a chance to develop your skills
* Have the opportunity to make new friends!
* Become part of the HISA family!

With social events, activities and top-quality conversations all round, HISA Con promises to be more than just a conference- join us for five wonderful days, or a few if you can’t make them all!

You can find more information at: <https://www.hisa.uhi.ac.uk/events/hisa-con>

**Upcoming Events:**

At the Class Rep meeting we spent a small portion of the meeting highlighting to Class Reps the range of activities for students run by HISA over the winter holidays. See below for a summary of the events and a link to more information about the events:

**18th December**: Teleparty Movie Night ‘The Grinch’. ***Check our social media for a link to the event!***

**20th December:** *Submission deadline for Winter Art and Gingerbread Decoration competition*

**22nd December**: HISA Presents Festive Special Comedy Night. Sign up and more information at <https://www.hisa.uhi.ac.uk/what-s-on/hisa-presents-festive-special>

**Christmas Eve**: Cuppa & Chat Drop-in, 5pm to 6pm<https://bit.ly/31O0NLh>

**Christmas Eve:** Online Games Night, 6pm to 7pm   
<https://www.hisa.uhi.ac.uk/what-s-on/games-nights>

**28th December**:Cuppa & Chat 12am to 1pm <https://bit.ly/35EQHgO>

**28th December:** Online Games Night, 6pm to 7pm  
<https://www.hisa.uhi.ac.uk/what-s-on/games-nights>

**Open Floor Feedback**

* A Class Rep asked when they would be to access/sign into Microsoft Teams, also stating that they could not see why UHI do not use Microsoft Teams instead of Webex as the latter platform has numerous issues.  
  + Flo responded that Microsoft Teams has not yet been licensed to students, however trials are being run with one of UHI’s smaller campuses to try see how successful it would run – with the hope that Microsoft Teams would be available to students if this trial is successful.
* One of the Class Reps asked about trying to gather feedback from fellow students, especially how difficult it is to try and connect with people online due to the lockdown.   
  + Kyle responded to the Class Rep that Class Reps can get in contact with us at HISA Moray to try assist with engagement with students. If trying to record responses from fellow students, to use Microsoft Forms which HISA Moray are willing to assist with.
* A Class Rep also asked how to feedback positive feedback along official channels.  
  + Kyle responded that there are many ways to go about giving the positive feedback, though contacting the lecturer directly, potentially Nikki Yoxall and in instances where students wish to really highlight positive work done by staff, via UHI’s Online Red Button.
* It was also mentioned by Class Reps that assignments, exams, as well as other academic work deadlines they felt were very close to one another.

**Hedgehog Friendly Campus**

Hermione has been working on making Moray College UHI campus as hedgehog friendly campus, if you would like to become a student ambassador or would like to know more, please email Hermione at [hisa.moray.aw@uhi.ac.uk](mailto:hisa.moray.aw@uhi.ac.uk) .

**Date of Next Meeting**

**Monday 14th January at 12pm - 1pm by Online Meeting.**

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