

Moray College UHI – Class Rep Meeting Minutes

9th January 2020 – 12pm to 1pm

Present:

Class Reps: Hermione Morris, Shavonne Connor, Emily Burns, Kyle Cruickshank, Lana Munro, Nathan Anderson, Jonathan Grady, Andrew Whyte, Charlotte Brown, Marcus Gray, Rachel Goodison, Katrina Farre, Daniel Indge, Louise Calder, George Sansom, Rhiannon Stradling

Staff: Joel Hockney, Anne Campbell

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

Apologies: Seonaid Mustard, Kristine Duffus

Marketing Advertisements

Here are the Moray College UHI Marketing Advertisements that were displayed during the start of the Class Rep Meeting;

Buckie Community Lunch, Thursday 16th January, 12.00 - 1.30pm, Fishermen's Hall Buckie - The Community Monitoring Group are looking for members of the community who would be interested in getting involved with the organising, cooking, setting up, serving of the event. This is a great opportunity to learn some skills and help within the community!

REAP Food Waste Challenge, Tuesday 4th February, 4.30pm - 5.30pm, Moray Street Campus - By making small shifts in how you shop, prepare, and store food, you can save time and money and stop food from going to waste! This three-part course will help you reduce your carbon footprint; www.bit.ly/REAPFoodWasteChallenge

Last Class Rep Meeting (2/12/19)

Nathan mentioned that at the separate meeting that been organised to discuss the issues of smoking and the smoking shelter, that there were very few students that attended. We recognise that the time of this meeting may not have been ideal for many students, though hope that students know that they are more than welcome to provide feedback to us with an email or visiting the HISA Moray office. In regards to the ongoing smoking issues, there will be more student consultation over time, as it is unlikely that the smoking issues will be resolved within this academic term.

Following feedback from staff and students, we have changed the Class Rep Meetings at Linkwood from Wednesday to Mondays, so that Class Reps who are based there have greater accessibility to the meetings.

We have also provided the information of the Moray College UHI fitness suite at the meeting, see below. You can find more information [here](#).

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Costs

	Per month or 10 sessions	
Students	£22	£25
Staff	£25	£26
Public	£28	£28

Opening Hours

	Term-time only
Monday	4.30pm - 7pm
Tuesday	4.30pm - 8.30pm
Wednesday	4.30pm - 8.30pm
Thursday	4.30pm - 8.30pm

www.moray.uhi.ac.uk/fitness | fitnesssuite.moray@uhi.ac.uk | Facebook: @MCFitnessSuite



How can we improve?

Following constructive criticism from Class Reps, we are now sending out an agenda prior to Class Reps meetings. Minutes will be also posted onto the Moray College UHI website.

While this subject of improvement was being discussed, Class Reps requested that there could be better advertisements for Class Rep Meetings, on posters and social media – we will endeavour to provide alternative notifications outside of emails to Class Reps if the consensus is that this would be helpful as a reminder to Class Reps to attend the meetings. Furthermore, it was brought up by Class Reps that many posters, of all types, across the college are considerably out of date and should be removed.

HISA Moray would also like to stress that lunch can be eaten in Class Reps meeting, so please free to bring in lunch - aside from soups, very hot food, food or drink items that you would not bring to a classroom that could make a mess, etc.

Activities (Mentimeter)

As there has been a growing request for HISA Moray to help facilitate more extra-circular events, Class Reps were asked to what activities they would like to do. At the meeting, Mentimeter was used to gather anonymous feedback from Class Reps.

Among the most popular activities were;

- Party
- Bowling
- Film Night

As the 'Party' option was the most popular, we will be bringing options to the next Class Rep meetings as to what students would like to do.

Open Floor Feedback

A Class Rep brought up a significant number of issues about their HNC Business course;

- Lack of communication between lecturers and lecturers, as well as lecturers and students – resulting in exams and assignments being straight after one another.
- For example, the Class Rep said that they had an exam for business law, had to do a review, four assignments on top of this, redamation and resits, all in one week. Students did not go to business exam due to stress and pressure.
- On some dates for exams, there two exams straight after one another – with no space in between the exams. The rooms for these exams were also not suitable – in the lecturer hall, the chairs creak significantly and students can see over each other shoulders to their exam papers. It was also unbearably hot in this room, for



an hour and an half exam. There was also no clocks in the exam room and the request for clock on the wall was denied, which the Class Rep believes to be unfair. Moreover, there was also no 'Do Not Disturb' sign room around the corridor around the exam room.

- The units were changed after their course after they have been accepted. The new spreadsheet module has a bout of issues – but the students were just told to read the booklet. Overall, there is a feeling from students that there is minimal teaching, minimal help and minimal feedback from assessments – provided feedback on one assignment was “you missed this”. The same “you missed this”, was provided on the same assignment for feedback after handing it back from the initial feedback.
- The Class Rep took this feedback to the ECDL team, to which the Class Rep claimed that even they said booklets were not enough for the exams for this module.
- Of all the feedback that was provided by the Class Rep, they stressed the most that their lecturer stated that the resit for an exam would be on the 14th but the exam was changed (or miscommunicated) to be on the 7th. Only five students, half of the total number of students, attended the resit as they believed it to be the 14th when the resit would be on.
- When students tried to provide feedback to their lecturer, the response was “take to higher powers” and walked away. Students are feeling massively demotivated. A lecturer also did not turn for a month for classes and supposedly these issues were present last year. If HNC Business had these issues last year, why were they not resolved.
- The Class Rep did offer solutions; for lecturers to have training in invigilation for exams, as the staff had their back to students during exam, which could have led to cheating and inappropriate behaviour.
- On a final note, an email was sent the week before this Class Rep meeting and the students do surveys for modules that they do not have.
- One Class Rep discussed at the meeting that they felt that the Numeracy for Childcare was not really planned. Many of the sessions where they were asked to just do questions in a textbook, then told to do the assessment. The Class Rep said that this form of study may be acceptable for some students, but for some students this was not effective studying for those who want more detail. They requested practice, and to work through some of the questions on the whiteboard as a class. The Class Rep had mentioned it to lecturer but nothing had so far changed – in addition to the fact they now only an hour every second week, compared to an hour a week as the class had to be spilt up, the Class Rep is concerned about the state of this class.



- An issue was brought up a few Class Reps that some students in the morning in the Aye-Pod were messing around with lights being turned off. A staff told off the wrong students for tampering with lights, when it wasn't them – they did not want to turn back on the lights in the Aye-Pod and potentially mess any system with it. In addition, at times, the Class Rep said, there are students that are running around campus, turning off lights and then running away and they would like something done about this disruptive behaviour.
- On a different note, a Class Rep wanted to bring up some positive feedback. Their lecturer for a Social Sciences and Psychology class had been supportive; the lecturer completely renewed the whole class's motivation for the course and taught everything their class had missed when they had previous issues with lecturers being absent. The Class Rep had spoken to many students about the lecturer and all the students they had spoken to have all agreed that this lecturer has been doing an excellent job.

HISA-CON 2020

It was mentioned at the very end of the Class Rep Meeting that there were still a few available slots for students to attend HISA-CON which would have their accommodation and travel paid for. As a result, HISA Moray filled up all the slots that were remaining as Class Reps stood up to fill the spaces that were available.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 4th February at 12pm - 1pm in Conference Hall.

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

