

Moray College UHI – Class Rep Meeting Minutes

25th May 2022 – 4pm to 5pm

Present:

Class Reps: Gordie Wells, Andrew Reddy

Staff: Veronica Borseth - Student Voice Assistant,

HISA Officers: Rhiannon Stradling - Depute President Education, Caelum Leese - Depute President Activities and Welfare

Apologies: Jennifer Mair

HISA Welcome and Menti:

Rhiannon Stradling (RS) welcomed all to the meeting and introduced the Menti exercise. RS also mentioned that CL had officially contracted Covid and might be a little late.

Sports Updates:

Veronica Borseth (VB) spoke about the “Sport and Active Travel Survey”, which is open now to students and staff, both UHI and HISA! We want to know what people want in this area so we can deliver, please ask everybody present to pass it round their networks. You can fill in the survey at <https://uhi.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/sport-and-active-travel-survey-2022>

RS added that the survey is all about finding out specifically the travel provisions of specifically rural areas; and that it takes only about 5 minutes to complete.

VB went on to share about Sporting Blues Awards, which are open until Friday the 27th so nominate now if you haven't already! It's an opportunity to recognise the sporting achievements of UHI Moray students after what's been a really challenging year. There are different categories from representing UHI in team or individual competition, right up to representing Scotland or the UK at national, international or Olympic level. Previous recipients include Jade Konkel, Scottish international rugby player and Graeme Shinnie, Scottish international football player. You can find full details of the categories and nominate at <https://www.uhi.ac.uk/en/students/get-involved/students-association/sporting-blues/>

Building Effective Learning Communities Event:

VB mentioned the Building Effective Learning Communities Event that will take place on the 26th of May, where there will be multiple guest speakers discussing the topic, with the chance for discussion at the end. The event is open to all students, should they wish to attend.

Officer Updates:

RS spoke about how the officers have been in contact with HISA Sports Development Co-Ordinator Laurie Symon (LS) to host a UHI Moray Sports event in June, where HISA hope to have a variety of activities available. One such activity is a smoothie bike, where students get to pedal to power a smoothie maker. There'll also be promotion at the day for the sports clubs local to Moray, so for example the local Football club will be invited to attend, and they'll potentially host an open match.

CL relayed there was a Star Wars quiz that was held on the 4th of May, mainly for student hall residents. A few students turned up, including one that wasn't a halls resident. The quiz went well, some of the prizes available to be won were a Grogu plush doll, a Lego box, and a Grogu collectible. It went well overall, CL reiterated that he enjoyed the event, though had trouble pronouncing some of the odd names from Star Wars, even with him practicing beforehand.

CL then introduced the art showcase happening in a few weeks in the Victoria art building, mentioning he will be helping with the event. It's a UHI Moray event, and CL feels the art department is deserving of recognition and could use HISA's help in some cases. CL added he is waiting on receiving promotional materials for the event.

RS mentioned that the next SVR meeting is being held on the 15th of June, which is earlier than originally planned, because the officers are away at a regional meeting in person.

Pride Month Events:

RS then spoke about Pride events coming up, as June is Pride month. CL and RS have been working hard to create events for the month, and there are multiple events that they have planned. They'll be releasing a calendar of events for Pride soon, so if anyone would like to join, that'd be appreciated. Some of the things planned will be the usual Drop-In sessions, a flag calendar, "Wear Rainbow" day, posters, info cards, cake baking livestream, "test your knowledge" event that can either be in person or online, and even a small in person disco if anyone is interested in that.

RS also said that everyone should keep an eye out for the MMM (Moray Motivational Monday) video relating to pride, which is already being worked on, and should be very good.

Open Floor Feedback

Gordie Wells (GW) asked whether their student emails will be closed from the 8th of June due to the end of the school year, and RS responded that it is unlikely, but that they'd check for him.

Since then, HISA have found out that access varies depending on the status of the studies, so for example a student that completes their studies successfully will have access to their email until September.

→ Link to info <https://www.uhi.ac.uk/en/lis/servicedesk/summer-access/>

DYW Update:

RS then introduced the subject of DYW, saying that they had a quick meeting with Aimee Stephen recently, who represents DYW at UHI Moray. Aimee Stevens was wanting to share with students what DYW does, and the events that are coming up. RS added that for those that might not know, DYW stands for “Developing the Young Workforce”, and that there’s a lot of wrongful assumptions that they work with students and get them jobs, however this isn’t the case. What they actually do, is act as a middle ground between employment and schools. For example, they work with employers and communicate with them about the skills that students are learning currently and ask whether they can offer any vacancies related to those skills, to students.

Job Fayre:

RS then added that there is a Job Fayre held at the UHI Moray on the 8th of June between 2 PM and 6 PM, organised by DYW and helped by HISA. This Fayre will be attended by various local businesses who get the chance to talk about jobs, opportunities, apprenticeships, volunteering, etc. that would be available to students. RS stated that it would be a worthwhile event for all students to attend, and that you should sign up if that is something that interests you. RS can circulate links later if anyone is interested.

Link -> <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/jobs-fair-moray-jobs-and-you-tickets-327988962817>

Menti and Close:

RS led the closing Menti poll, and then brought the meeting to an end.

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 15th June at 12pm - 1pm by Online Meeting.

Class Rep Meetings minutes by Veronica Borseth

