

Meeting Minutes



Meeting	Trustee Board	
	Management Board	
	Executive Committee	X
	Finance & Commercial Development	
	Appointments & Remuneration	
	Compliance, Governance & Risk	
	Other: Staff Development Day	

Meeting Date	15 th May 2024
Meeting Time	14.00 – 15.00
Attendance	
Present	William Campbell (President) Gary Souter (Vice President Education) Kian McDonald, SAMS Holly Pearce (Inverness) Sophie Ann Bain (NWH) Elizabeth Keeghan (Inverness) Shannon MacCallum (NWH) Sophie-Ann Bain (NWH) Holly Pearce (Inverness)
Apologies	Fiona Smith (Perth) Rebecca Bond (Perth) Ahren Armstrong (Argyll)
Observers	Joanne Machine (PGR rep, observer) Adele Lidderdale (PGR rep, observer) Simon Varwell (Student Engagement and Representation) Rachel Burn (Chief Executive Officer)
Attending	Max Brown and Lindsey Moodie

Section	Minutes
1	Welcome and Meeting Management
1.1 Apologies	As detailed above.
1.2 Minutes from 14 th April 2024	Minutes from 14 th April 2024 were approved by the Committee.
1.3 Action Log from 14 th April 2024	<p>Actions were completed and closed or left open as per the action log.</p> <p>ACTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PGR reps – complete • Item on the NUS is on the agenda • ASM – complete • Spectrum Life – Ongoing, UHI's mental health team are keen to speak to the individual who raised the issue

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QESR - complete • HISA awards panel - complete • Clubs and socs - complete • Space – on agenda
2	PGR reps on Executive
2.1 PGR reps on Executive	<p>Joanne and Adele were welcomed to the committee as observers. SV introduced Joanne and Adele and the long term discussions we need to have about PGR representation on Exec.</p> <p>Adele explained the background to the PGR reps coming into place, following the PGR conference hosted by Orkney in January 2024 and is part of a wider University conversation about how we can involve PGR students more widely in relevant quality committees and enhancement activities going forward. Joanne and Adele are setting up a PGR society to connect PGR students who often have quite an isolating experience at UHI. Adele will be the President of the new society and Joanne the Secretary.</p>
3	UHI transformation project
3.1 UHI transformation	<p>Executive received a confidential presentation from Max Brown and Lindsey Moodie from the EO transformation team to outline the next steps in terms of the UHI transformation and change process.</p> <p>ACTIONS:</p> <p>It was agreed that the comms manager for this project would make contact with HISA and Executive once in post and the two sides can work together to great a student comms plan for 24-25.</p> <p>It was agreed that Max and Lindsey would return to Exec in the new academic year to update the newly elected officers and provide an update.</p>
4	Current UHI proposed changes and restructures
4.1 Current UHI changes	<p>WC noted that he will be writing to the new First Minister about the impact of financial cuts on all APs with specific reference to impacts on students in Perth, NWH, Shetland and Moray.</p> <p>ACTION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All relevant members of Exec to send WC bullet points of how students in their APs are being affected by cuts or proposed cuts which will be added to the ASM themes that emerge on 23rd May
5	NUS Scotland
5.1 NUS	<p>WC confirmed that he had written to NUS Scotland following issues which occurred at the NUS Scotland conference in March and had received a letter back. This resulted in a couple of meetings between the CEO and senior NUS staff about what services NUS supply to HISA and UHI students and how we can work together better in the future and get involved when we often can't afford many of the activities on offer from the NUS. The NUS offered to attend training or an Executive in the new academic year when the new officers start and can</p>

	<p>certainly help to support how HISA can advocate for students through the major changes underway at UHI.</p> <p>ACTION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RB to circulate the presentation from the NUS on the services they offer to all members.
6	AOB
6.1	<p><i>Space for students and HISA across the UHI partnership</i></p> <p>This has been discussed on and off for some time. HISA now has a list of what is offered in most locations.</p> <p>ACTION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RB to circulate the list and Exec to consider where they could have the most impact on campaigning for better spaces for students during 24-25
6.2	<p><i>Palestine</i></p> <p>HISA has not yet made a statement about the conflict in Palestine and Israel but is likely to need to soon, as for the first time students are asking for our position on the subject. RB has drafted a statement for Exec to comment on. There are many good SU statements online to compare against.</p> <p>ACTION:</p> <p>WC to circulate the draft statement for comment</p>
6.3	<p><i>Impact report</i></p> <p>RB reminded officers to subject bullet points for the 23-24 Impact Report by mid June</p> <p>ACTION:</p> <p>All to send RB bullet points</p>
6.4	<p><i>Thank you to Gary Souter, VP Education</i></p> <p>WC recorded his thanks for the incredible work that Gary has done as VPE this academic year. On behalf of Exec, WC wished Gary well for whatever he does in the future. This was warmly echoed by the meeting.</p>