

Student Council
Monday 26th February 2019
12-1pm in Conference Room 1

Present:

17 students:

Mathilda	Kenny	Performing Arts - Level 3
Isaac	Consadine	Performing Arts - Level 3
Bailey	Parrington	Performing Arts - Level 3
Shannon	Thurston	Performing Arts - Level 2
Bethany	Pettifor	Performing Arts - Level 2
Rebecca	Ivinson	Access to HE Health & Human Science
Louis	Slade	Access to HE Health & Human Science
Kristen	Robinson	Animal Management - Level 3
Michael	Tam	Business - Level 3
Adam	Boyce	IT - Year 2
Megan	Lawson	Children's Play Learning & Development (Early Years Educator) Y1
Brogan	Jackson	Children's Play Learning & Development (Early Years Educator) Y2
Freddy	Rogers	Bench Joinery (Construction) - Level 2
Ethan	Stewart	Engineering Science - Level 3
Euan	Noble	Engineering Science - Level 3
Taylor	Byrom	Hospitality & Professional Cookery - Level 1
Garth	Stables	Motor Vehicle - Level 2

Staff:

Kelvin Nash, College Principal & CEO
Adele Mundy, Student Services Manager
Rachel Allison, Student Services Assistant

Agenda 1 – Minutes from the last meeting – Isaac, Student Council Chair and Bailey, Deputy Chair

Adele distributed the minutes from the last meeting. Isaac commented that it was a positive first meeting, reminded reps about Department meetings, and stressed the advantages of purchasing the NUS Totum card (great discounts and £4 from each card goes directly to Student Council).

Agenda 2 – Student Feedback Action Plan – Adele, Student Services Manager

Adele distributed the student feedback gained so far. She asked reps to check that all details are accurately recorded, and to contact their Head of Department about their department meetings. Reps from the Milnthorpe Road Campus said that they have not had any Department meetings yet.

Action:

Reps to check the action plan.

Adele & Kelvin to remind Heads of Department to arrange rep meetings in their areas.

Agenda 3 – NUS National Conference Election – Adele, Student Services Manager

The NUS National Conference is the largest national gathering of students from colleges and universities. Adele asked reps to put themselves forward for who would like to nominate themselves to attend the conference at Glasgow on the 9-11 April, stating that it is a great experience of democratic decisions on a national level. Two places were available – one for a college representative and one observer to support.

Four reps put themselves forward (Matilda, Isaac, Rebecca, Bailey) and they were given the chance to say why they would like to attend the conference. All reps then voted, by writing their first and second choice on a piece of paper. Votes were collected and the result was very close – the two candidates elected were Isaac (college representative) and Matilda (observer).

Agenda 4 – Principal Question Time

Question: The hub is used a lot for exams therefore limiting space for us, is there anywhere else we can go?

Kelvin: We recognise that we are short for space. The reason we use the Hub is that we try to book and use rooms that students are familiar with. We are currently reviewing the space we have to see how we can utilise space better.

Question: The library at the Arts and Media Centre gets too hot, is there any chance of some ventilation?

Action:

Kelvin: We shall get an engineer to have a look at it, and look at putting some fans there.

Question: We would like more extra-curricular clubs, for example a student led music club?

Kelvin: There is a lot of talent at the college, and we will discuss this at the next academic management group meeting.

Adele: Student Services can support to help set up clubs using the money from the Totum card sales. It works better when the clubs are student-run/ student-lead. Examples from previous years were a lunchtime Games Club and LGBT club.

Action

Class reps to contact Adele if they are interested in setting up a student club.

Question: Can we have a meal deal in the canteen?

Action:

Kelvin will speak to Mike, our Café Manager.

Question: When exams are on it gets frustrating that we get asked to be quiet while walking in the corridors.

Kelvin: Please appreciate that certain times of the year are busy due to exams taking place. Staff too are asked to be quiet.

Agenda 4 – Any Other Business (AOB)

Careers Advisor Interviews & Student Enterprise - Adele

We are holding interviews for a Careers Advisor post tomorrow. This post involves supporting students and visiting schools, so we would love some students to be involved in the workshop side of the interview. A text will be sent in the morning. Adele also asked reps for their feedback on how we support students who would like to set up their own business.

Action:

Class reps to contact Adele if they can attend the interview, and to gain feedback from their group about support for setting up their own business/ student enterprise.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 7th May, 12-1pm in CR1