

3rd Council Report – 8th February 2010

The Christmas period has been a busy time for HUU. In December we entered the NUSSL Sound Impact awards and expect to achieve a silver award after achieving a bronze last year. I have also been participating in the University's Student residences review group, informing the strategy moving forward that is likely to include new halls of residence to be built on campus. Last week I attended the annual SUEI conference in Birmingham with Union staff, which was useful in assessing what other unions are doing nationally and to share innovative practice. I also attended the NUS strategy meeting in Manchester where discussions were had concerning the direction of the national union and the future landscape for students & student unions.

In recent weeks I have been involved in the interview process for the new Pro Vice-Chancellors for Teaching & Learning and Engagement. Prof Glen Burgess and John Leech have been appointed to the two positions respectively. I have also recently given the Union's annual speech to University Court outlining the year's activity and issues currently facing students – This is also available online at hullstudent.com/president

Key Events this Semester

- **Higher Education funding debates** – 15th February & 18th February - Wes Streeting, NUS President v Dan Randall NUS Trustee Different perspectives as to how higher education should be funded in the future with the fees review later this year (**Referendum 2nd – 4th March**)
- **Governance Review** If passed the new constitution will improve our democratic processes, enable policy making and charity registration (**Referendum 2nd – 4th March**)
- **Elections** Week 5 elections where all positions will be up for elections including 6 full-time positions & 4 part-time paid positions (**Voting 2nd – 4th March**)
- **SHAG week** The classic Sexual Health Advice & Guidance week– including a number of events including a world record attempt for Chlamydia testing (**12th -16th April**)
- **24 Hour Library Campaign** This has been talked about for years but now is the time for action! We will be running a campaign to get 24 hour library access on both the Hull and Scarborough campus' (**19th -30th April**)
- **General Election** Throughout this semester we will be pushing voter registration for the general election throughout the union (?)
- **Healthy Body = Healthy Mind** An initiative to increase participation in Sport in the lead up to the end of semester exam period (**10th – 14th May**)