



Student Council Meeting	
Date:	7th March 2018 Coulson's Restaurant 12.00
Present:	<p><u>Staff:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Valerie Osborne- Helen Luszczak- Rachel Smirk- Bev Martindale- Gill Briggs- John Pollard <p>Class Reps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Anna Dobson- Connor Carter- Emily Hankinson- Kyle Wileman- Luke Browning- Matthew Holmes- Ryan Mozer- Sophie Parkinson- Zachery Robinson

1. Feedback	<p>Feedback from previous Student Conference with a 'you said, we did', action.</p> <p>Student conference took place on 7th December 2017. Feedback from the 6 focus sessions were reviewed.</p> <p>Focus group Food and The Lounge</p> <p>You said you liked the food and services and asked if we could: Have extra jam/butter for scones (they are so large) - yes, just ask, no cost Larger portions – yes, this is available on most meals, just ask, you'll pay 50p more Do something about chairs- the tall ones – if there is an issue just tell the team and they will check them. Vending machine options – the suggestion is that the shop and counter both do similar items, so check there first WiFi – still being investigated, there is a technical issue that has yet to be</p>
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resolved by an outside contractor, sorry for the delay!
Pool Room – has gone, and is now a quiet area for lunch.
Outside seating and chairs –you wanted more, we will try and get these for when the weather (hopefully) improves enough!
Burger pricing –you said it was expensive, however this is a premium product, baked to be healthier and double the size of the local popular burger place so the price is staying as it is.
Healthy food advertising – salad bar is a healthy option as are many of the main course. Just ask if you want something different, and if enough people want something we will see about putting it on the menu options.
Queues – at the time of the Conference, the Lounge team were struggling with staffing due to illness, so they do apologise and hope this has improved. Part of the issue is the number of people who have their break at the same time so timetabling is being looked at.
You would like: not to pay the 30p bank charge – AND, now you don't have to when paying by card. No charge!
You would like – lunch cards attached to your ID card –we cannot do this at present but we are looking at this in the future.

Focus group Personal Data

You wanted to know why we need your preferences/details on disability/ethnic origin/etc.

We said we need to know to ensure our way of doing things is not creating inequalities

If we decide to collect data on other personal information we will run a publicity campaign as to why we need it, what we will do with it, how we will store it and when we will destroy it. Also how we would collect it, from application forms, enrolment, induction, tutor etc.

You also said you found Additional Support useful.

Focus group Tackling Inactivity

You said- you would like a wider range of activities and an incentive scheme. We are looking at other opportunities such as roller skating/skateboarding and off site activities like sailing and rowing, so watch this space.

Sport & Public Services students wanted more activities, however the project that fund this scheme cannot support it for them as they are active as part of the course. Perhaps a way to be included is to volunteer to help?

We will, as a result, put on more off site visits and experiences, with incentive activities

We will buy punch bags and boxing equipment

Focus group The Hex and Services

Most students in the focus group used the Hex between 3-5 times a week, for IT, print and copy and books. All students said they met friends there. 25% said the Hex was too noisy with all saying behaviour was acceptable or OK and 75% saying they felt at ease in the Hex. 25% said they did not know! This is an improvement on the previous year as we have moved some of the furniture around as a result of previous comments.

Most found Hex staff knowledgeable and helpful although one student said staff were unapproachable.

You would like more areas where you can socialise. This has been passed onto the senior management team in College to explore.

You want more bins – we can accommodate that!

Your main concerns were the IT issues, and finding space in the Hex at certain times. The WiFi should now be OK, and we will explore timetabling. You want the Hex to be bigger! So would we but this is not possible, so we will have to look at how groups are timetabled for study time instead!

	<p>Focus group My Employability –do I have the skills for work? You wanted more help with preparing CVs and mock interview sessions. We have put together CV preparation guidance in the Hex and you can access through Moodle too. You wanted more specific careers advice – we cannot do every career, so ask your tutors but we are running a Careers Fair on 26 March! We will create mock interview sessions for students to book onto. You wanted help researching for jobs, gaining part time work etc. We will explore how we can do this.</p> <p>Safe at College, security in modern society You said you did not know about the Report It button – we are currently holding a Report It button campaign One a particular issue we reminded the student that they have a personal tutor they can discuss any concerns with and offered the college welfare team to act as advocates on their behalf. Discussed the college Wellbeing Conference & Big Chat which was well received. Student support via the Welfare Officers was discussed The wearing of mandatory lanyards was discussed and this is now in place. We will continue to promote Wellbeing around college / lanyard wearing All had been present at the recent student wellbeing conference and had appreciated the importance of each presentation. Discussed the Big Chat in more detail</p>
<p>2. The Big Chat</p>	<p>The Big Chat – What you want it to be, how you can help it be a success for your fellow students with Bev Martindale and Gill Briggs.</p> <p>Bev (from the Safeguarding and Wellbeing team) gave an overview of the purpose of The Big Chat. The Big Chat is a monthly gathering for students, to meet, talk and enjoy free cakes and refreshments, in a safe and relaxing space. It’s an opportunity for some time out of the classroom. In order for the group to continue running it is vital more students start to attend. A variety of services frequently attend, previously there have been representatives from Minds Matters and Addaction. Students are welcome to bring along their pack lunches and enjoy free cake. The Big Chat is run by the Wellbeing & Safeguarding team. It is important all class reps make an effort to attend The Big Chat and tell their class about it. Class reps will be reminded of the next Big Chat via email.</p> <p>The Big Chat 20th March Coulsons restaurant 11.30am – 1.30pm – students can call in and leave at any point.</p>
<p>3.Lanyards</p>	<p>Review of lanyard wearing, your comments and input.</p> <p>Generally students were happy to wear the lanyards but reported that many of their classmates don’t wear theirs. Students will not be</p>

	<p>permitted in the lounge area or Hex unless they are wearing their lanyard. Students who forget their lanyard must report to their department administrator who will issue them with a temporary one.</p>
4. IT	<p>New printer and what happens next with IT, with John Pollard.</p> <p>John explained IT has recently been heavily invested in. New printers have been installed throughout the college, the new interface is fairly straight forward to use. Student cards are now scanned under the screen. There have been some issues with the new wifi installation which computer services are working on. Any problems students have should be reported to the Computer Services team. The main issue has been android devices connecting to the wifi. There are a few areas within college which are have poor wifi, students reported that K block and the lounge are particularly bad. Computer services are aware of these areas and will continue to work to improve them. Windows 7 is soon to be replaced with windows 10. Desktop computers will slowly be replaced and the network points are being replaced which should start to improve login times.</p>

<p>5. Idea</p>	<p>Ideas for events</p> <p>A college prom was suggested, previously this hasn't been successful. The idea would need to be presented with clear support from other students.</p>
<p>6. AOB</p>	<p>Any cross college business you wish to raise (not related to your course, general items such as food, security, IT ect.)</p> <p>More activities such as Zumba and Yoga to be available for groups. - <i>Activities have to meet everybody's preferences, but if there is a class who would like to do a specific activity they should speak with Adam Cowperthwaite.</i></p> <p>Half of the chairs in K are broken. -<i>To be investigated</i></p> <p>Where can motorbikes be safely stored? – <i>They should be parked as a car would be, CCTV monitors the area so motorbikes should be safe. Any specific security concerns raised will be investigated.</i></p> <p>The pasta bar in the lounge has not been open, which has reduced options at lunchtime. – <i>There have been some staffing issues which have prevented the lounge functioning at full service.</i></p> <p>Students sitting around in corridors, especially in c block. - <i>Class reps should report back to their groups that students who are waiting outside classrooms for lessons should do so without taking up all the corridor space (so not sitting on the floor with their legs out). Other students should be able to easily walk past.</i></p> <p>Rent a bike scheme for students – <i>This could be explored, but the general feeling is that the maintenance of the bikes would be too difficult to maintain.</i></p>

5. Next Student Council	Date TBC Reps will be informed via email.