**Terms of Reference for the Interfaith Forum**

**Purpose:**

To promote good interfaith relationships on campus and promote understanding between people of different faiths and those of no faith. It acts as a formal conduit from the university community to university management on matters of religion and belief and helps communicate with all staff and students on faith-related issues.

**Terms of Reference:**

1. To review and comment on SGUL’s strategies, policies and guidance relating to religious observance.
2. To receive reports on activities from community faith groups and contribute to a University-wide calendar of faith events.
3. To receive reports of concern from groups and individual members of the community relating to faith and to escalate these as appropriate.
4. To report at least annually to the Campus Good Relations Group and to the Diversity and Inclusion Committee.
5. To establish meetings, working groups and sub-fora as necessary for the effective management of its business.

**Membership of the Interfaith Forum:**

One representative from each student faith society may attend the Interfaith Forum. This will usually be the President of that faith society. If it is not possible for the President to attend, s/he may send an alternate. Staff of particular faiths may attend on an ad hoc basis. The Co-Chairs may limit staff attendance if required to ensure equal representation from different faith groups.

***Student faith society members***

Christian union president

Hindu society president

Islamic society president

Jewish society president

Sikh Society President

***Individual Staff members of different faiths/beliefs***

Christian

Humanist

Muslim

Pagan

Sikh

***Staff members***

Student Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Officer

Deputy Director of Estates & Facilities

Equality & Diversity Manager

Assistant Registrar (Student Services)

University Chaplain

Student Life Centre Advisor

***Student Union Members***

Student Union Equality & Diversity Officers

**Interfaith Forum Co-Chairs**

The Interfaith Forum will be co-chaired by one staff and one student member of the Forum. Co-Chairs will be selected by the Forum as a whole at the first meeting of each new academic year.

**Meeting schedule**

This group meets three times per academic year, once per term.

**Reporting line**

The Interfaith Forum reports to the Campus Good Relations Group and Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

**Annual review of terms of reference**

In order to ensure the interfaith group is representative of the university community, these terms of reference will be reviewed annually by the Campus Good Relations Group.

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