

MEETING OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL Thursday 14th March 2019

PRESENT: **Number: 20**
 As in Appendix A.

MINUTES: K Macintyre (KM)

APOLOGIES: Ed Comm – Health and Society Rep (AS), Ed and Hum Rep (LD), Societies – SoC
Reps (FDC, TA), Volunteering – Vol and Soc Ent Reps (SC, SH)

Council commenced at 18h45.

1. **Declarations of Conflict of Interest.**

A Declaration of Conflict of interest was received from Vice Chair for items under Any Other Business with respect to equipment and kit.

2. **Apologies Received.** As per Appendix A below.

Quoracy

The meeting was deemed quorate with 20 Council members present from a possible 26 members.

3. **Approval of the minutes held on 21st February 2019.**

1. Procedural Motion (6) To withdraw Student Executive Minutes submitted.

President explained that Council Chair had, at the previous meeting requested, due to time constraints, that Student Exec complete the vote on Officer reports and Ratification of Committee minutes. Unfortunately, Student Exec omitted to vote on the Reports and Minutes for the December and January meetings which were inquorate. However, a subsequent meeting has taken place and the complete set of minutes from December through to February have now been submitted for acceptance in a following procedural motion.

The Chair move to vote to accept the Procedural Motion to withdraw Student Executive minutes.

Votes For: 19 Votes Against: 0 Abstentions: 1 Absent:

Vote Result: Procedural motion carried.

2. Procedural Motion (6) To accept revised Student Executive Minutes to complete Council Minutes as submitted.

President explained this was the full set of minutes to cover December, January and February votes for Officer Reports and Committee Minutes. Only points to note were to ensure wording used with respect to MS Officer.

No questions raised.

The Chair move to vote to accept the Procedural Motion to accept revised Student Executive minutes to complete Council minutes.

Votes For: 20 Votes Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Absent:

Vote Result: Procedural motion carried.

The Chair then moved to accept the minutes of 21st h January as amended.

Votes For: 19 Votes Against: 1 Abstentions: 0

Vote Result: Minutes for 21st January accepted as amended.

4. **Matters arising from the minutes not elsewhere on the Agenda.**
None raised.

5. **Motions:**

- A. **Discussion Points**
None Submitted.

B. Bye-Law Amendments

B(i) Student Council

Proposed by Ed Comm Chair. Seconded by: Ed Comm Health and Soc Rep

This proposes an amendment to the Bye Law to change the time the Chair may adjourn a meeting to allow for additional time for Councillors take refreshments, in accordance with the newly proposed food policy.

An observer asked if the amendment stated when the Chair should make such a adjournment. Ed Comm Chair clarified that the amendment suggested after Council had been in session or one hours.

There were no further questions.

The proposer summarised that the Bye Law amendment proposal was to mandate the Chair to introduce a refreshment break after an hour.

The Chair moved to vote on the Bye Law Amendment proposal as submitted.

Votes For: 19 Votes Against: 0 Abstentions: 1 Absent: 0

Vote Result: Vote carried to amend the Student Council Bye Law

C. Policy Proposals

1. 'Let them Eat' – Food, Wellbeing and Council

Proposed by Ed Comm Chair. Seconded by: Ed Comm Health and Soc Rep

The Proposer explained that it w=had been noted that there was a lack of engagement at Council which had resulted in two meetings failing to reach quoracy, Councillors dedicate time and energy to assisting the needs of students without reward and welfare is a main goal of the union and looking after staff and students is of importance. The Proposer felt that the introduction of food available to Councillors would increase better engagement.

The Chair invited questions.

President said that refreshments had been provided in previous years but asked Councillors to be aware that with the current financial situation, any extraordinary requests for funds might result in inhibiting the Sabbatical Officers in their work for the next year.

The Proposer said that any provision would have to satisfy all dietary requirements and should be done in-house rather than externally catered.

Socs Rep said in support that their meetings did provide a few things like teas and coffees, a selection of biscuits and occasionally, chocolate.

The Proposer went on to say that the kind of food had not been specified but that a hot meal occasionally would be expected but this would be up to the Student Exec.

The Proposer summarised that Food should be provided for Council meeting.

There were no further questions.

The Chair moved to vote on the Let them Eat' – Food, Wellbeing and Council proposal.

Votes For: 19 Votes Against: 0 Abstentions: 1 Absent: 0

Vote Result: Vote carried to accept the Let them Eat' – Food, Wellbeing and Council policy.

D. Officer Mandates

The Chair reminded Councillors that as the previous two meetings had not been quorate, there were a number of mandates that would need to be re-visited, commencing with those raised in December followed by those raised in January. The detail had already been provided in the proposals and are summarised here.

December:

1. AU Requested VP Education to provide elected officers with list of campaigns.

Sports Officer replied that a meeting was planned for January with MIND, still waiting for a reply but hoping to plan 4 or 5 campaigns in the New Year.

Some work has been ongoing and has been discussed at AU. Rainbow Laces for Varsity and promo video in progress. It was noted that MIND have missed a meeting twice. However, VP-UD has been speaking to people at a national level and has been advised to speak to those at a more local level.

Update as above. VP-UD requested mandate to continue.

There were no questions.

The Chair moved to accept the mandate as ongoing.

Votes For: 20 Votes Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Absent: 0

Vote Result: Vote carried to continue mandate.

2. VP Union Development and Sports Officer – Water Fountain in Sports Facilities

AU Chair Mandate to implement a water fountain in sports pavilion or sports dome. VP Union Development agreed 100% that this is necessary and mentioned they would be meeting with Jane Bunce and could discuss this then.

VP-UD said this was ongoing and he would be following it up.

VP-UD updated Councillors saying that he had been informed by the university that this was on their list of items needing attention but that he had not received any further information and would be going back to the university seeking an update from them.

The Chair moved to accept the mandate as ongoing.

Votes For: 20 Votes Against: Abstentions: 0 Absent: 0

Vote Result: Vote carried to continue mandate.

3. VP Union Development – Social Media for Sports Teams

AU Chair Mandate to increase social media exposure for all sports teams. VP Union Development commented that they are working on being able to have a member of staff to work full time on sports Wednesdays to facilitate increased exposure and is currently negotiating with the CEO to get this approved. In the meantime, VP Union Development will support this themselves until such staff is in place.

The matter is in progress. VP-UD is working with the new marketing agency for a template that can be uploaded. It is intended for a live scoring system to be trialled during Varsity.

AU Chair spoke in support.

VP-UD informed Councillors he had today received an email regarding the proposed template on a graphic and this would definitely help with publishing results as he had been doing this manually and sending out info on social media.

There were no further questions or comments.

The Chair moved to accept the mandate as ongoing.

Votes For: 3 Votes Against: 13 Abstentions: 4 Absent: 0

Vote Result: Vote to continue mandate was NOT carried and is therefore complete.

4. Sports Officer – Titans Partnership

AU Chair Mandate to communicate with Titans to chase up creating a partnership. The Chair moved to vote to accept the procedural motion

Sports Officer has been on placement and has not had time to pick this up. Requested it be left as ongoing.

The Sports Officer was not present and an Observer suggested that it might be beneficial to move the mandate to another officer as this was the last Council meeting before the new Council is formed and no Sports Officer has been elected. It was further suggested that if a Sports Officer is elected in the upcoming bye-elections that the mandate is moved to that new Sports Officer.

3. Procedural Motion (6) To move the mandate from the Sports Officer to VP-UD until such time as a new Sports Officer is elected.

The Chair move to vote to accept the Procedural Motion to move the mandate form Sports Officer to VP-UD.

Votes For: 18 Votes Against: 0 Abstentions: 2 Absent:

Vote Result: Procedural motion carried.

The Chair moved to accept the mandate as ongoing under VP-UD.

Votes For: 19 Votes Against: 1 Abstentions: 0 Absent: 0

Vote Result: Vote carried to continue mandate.

5. VP – Union Development – Pay and Display Parking

AU Chair Mandate to find out more about pay and display and when it will be implemented. AS VP Union Development is meeting with Jane Bunce they will attempt to obtain a reply then. The Chair moved to vote to accept the procedural motion

VP-UD has spoken to Jane Bunce. This mandate was with regard to a 50p parking charge at Midsummer Meadow. Parking on campus is now open over the weekends and parking as a whole will be reviewed in March.

VP-UD reminded Councillors that this item was completed but that he had requested it remain ongoing. It was now understood that the university would review parking in April, particularly in advance of exams and so on. VP-UD requested it remain ongoing.

There were no further questions or comments.

The Chair moved to accept the mandate as ongoing.

Votes For: 19 Votes Against: 1 Abstentions: 0 Absent: 0

Vote Result: Vote carried to continue mandate.

6. VP Union Development and Sports Officer – Website and Memberships

AU Chair Mandate to find out more about the website and more details about membership. VP Union Development and Sports Officer agreed. Progress on the website is slow and staff currently working on data input. They are also waiting for a development plan and waiting to hear about a possible launch in term 2.

The website is now up and running. AU Rep said that he had heard the Committee hub was not working. Observer said 80% of Members are not able to access their current sign in. Those people who are both student and staff can't sign in at all. There was one instance where a staff/student has tried to sign in and been directed to University of Lincoln Blackboard.

It was further noted that Rugby Union had not been able to access contact details for social media and had not been able to add manifestos etc. The Dr Who Society were also experiencing with societies emails.

Update from VP-UD was that this should all be working now.

There were no further questions or concerns raised.

The Chair moved to accept the mandate as complete.

Votes For: 19 Votes Against: 1 Abstentions: 0 Absent: 0

Vote Result: Vote carried to complete mandate.

January:

1. VP – Union Development - A House without Rules is Chaos – The Last Straw

Meeting was demanded in order to hold staff account for not complying with the policy and that Council policy is clearly explained to them. VP – Union Development said that he would go and speak to staff re this.

VP-UD has taken this up with the Manager at Avenue and staff do follow the policy and are all aware of it. The question was asked if the matter had been followed up since the last VSEC meeting and the VP-UD replied that it had been followed up.

Update: VP-UD informed Councillors he had spoken to the "Avenue Manager" who had assured him that staff have been and are being trained. VP-UD has also spoken to "HR Manager" to see if this would be included in HR processes. The "Avenue Manager" had assured him training had taken place.

MS Officer asked if that meant that staff had been made aware of the Policy as well.

VP-UD replied that he did not know if students were of why, they just knew that straws had to be asked for.

The Chair moved to accept the mandate as complete.

Votes For: 18 Votes Against: 1 Abstentions: 1 Absent: 0

Vote Result: Vote carried to complete mandate

2. **VP – Welfare – Moulton College Info Report.**

The Mature Students' Officer explained that this was a mandate for the VP-Welfare to go and visit Moulton College to investigate what systems are in place for supporting them and to find out why the relationship has failed in order to ascertain what went wrong and if the relationship is not to continue, how best to separate. It was not clear what roles they have, either Education Officer or Activities officer etc as these are not available on the website

VP-Welfare had attended a meeting at Moulton today but found out that if a relationship is to continue the rights structures need to be in place.

It was pointed out that two Officers had been mandated to do this. VP-UD said that he had been working with VP-Welfare on this but it had been made clear that although there was appetite from the students, the College management were not supportive in the same way.

Update: President informed Councillors that visits had taken place to Moulton and they had been made aware of who the appropriate people to speak to would be but they had not yet been available.

VP-Ed explained that the current provision for Moulton College was not the same as had been previously arranged when the relationship was first set up. A package had been offered to them with a stipend originally. However, going forward, they will only be allowed to have Associate Membership without democratic rights or access to a representation system.

The Sabbatical Officers said that they were aware that the university would be issuing a statement shortly to explain why Moulton is unable to be supported.

MS Officer asked when the change had taken place. President replied that it had happened in the last academic year and with the website issues and so on it has been really difficult to be able to stop any voting etc happening as the Moulton students still had access to systems.

An observer then asked if that meant that Council bye-laws would now need to be amended. President replied that he didn't see why not.

No further questions or comments.

The Chair moved to accept the mandate as ongoing.

Votes For: 19 Votes Against: 1 Abstentions: 0 Absent: 0

Vote Result: Vote carried to complete mandate

3. **President Mandate – To look into security at the University**

- a) President to explore the idea of holding security open forums
A Q&A Police Forum was held in the Engine Shed and looking for more opportunities to explore this.
- b) President to explore if security can be stationed at ground floor security barriers
Security has been placed at the barriers, particularly in the Learning Hub and this is being looked at for the campus as a whole as to where best to place security staff and this will be reviewed.
- c) President to investigate ensuring Halls and houses are locked automatically This has been raised and contractors are coming out this week to look at resolving the issue. This should be completed by the start of next term.
- d)
- e) President to explore whether Police can walk around campus in their uniforms.
President has spoken to the Police team and they are currently rotating in and out of uniform and conducting research which will be published later this year.

Ed-Comm Chair said some good progress had been made but requested this this mandate be left as ongoing.

Update:

President said h had kept the mandate as ongoing to monitor for any further issues.

With regard to the back entries to the houses, he said it would be raised in OSWEG but was not sure that it would be completed by then.

Ed Comm Chair said the issue had been discussed in their meeting and asked that a further item be added in regard to the possibility of a phone being put in the houses with a direct line to security to assist students when they are locked out.

Bus and Law Rep said this is an ongoing issue when people are locked out of their rooms after having been to the toilet, at odd hours of the night and having to wait for someone to wake up to help let them back in.

President said that he could raise it but that he felt that security was not there as a concierge service and he was nervous that the phone might be misused.

It was suggested that a phone with pin access might be a better idea but again, this would still be open to abuse.

President said he would raise the point but said that he thought there were bigger issues that need to be dealt with and suggested that this mandate be completed and started afresh for the new Council.

The Chair moved to accept the mandate as complete.

Votes For: 9 Votes Against: 9 Abstentions: 2 Absent: 0

Vote Result: Vote carried to continue mandate

4. VP Union Development mandate – Art Shop, i.e.:

VP-UD to explore how the Art Shop could be moved to Waterside.

VP-UD advised that various options had been considered and discussed and a number of conversations had with the University. A petition had gone up on Facebook that didn't sit well with the Avenue students and VP-UD had been there to speak with them. At the moment there is a lot on uncertainty with a number of different stakeholders and any decision is going to take some time. The President concurred.

The question was asked as to if an alternative place would be found for students to obtain art supplies. VP-UD said the Art Shop was staying where it is for the moment but it will depend on what happens with the art students next year. The question was asked as to what additional support would be provided for the students at Waterside. VP-UD explained the options that had been explored already and the President concurred the best solution at the moment is for the Art Shop to remain at Avenue.

Update:

VP-UD said that this was becoming a really difficult topic. He had been to visit Avenue last month and is still taking to all stakeholder and is requesting that this mandate remain open.

Ed Comm FAST Rep said that as a whole, the art students felt that so long as the shop keeps going, it was more important to have a shop that the actual location of it and that the location could be considered in the long run. ED-Comm Chair expressed appreciation for the effort being made with this mandate.

The Chair moved to accept the mandate as ongoing.

Votes For: 20 Votes Against: 09 Abstentions: 0 Absent: 0

Vote Result: Vote carried to continue mandate

5. Mandate the VP-Union Development on UNO buses, I.e.

To increase the frequency of the number 20 bus and to have double decker busses on the route to increase capacity.

This mandate was further added to include looking into irregularities regarding the frequency of the services and the possibility of an additional stop on the other side of the Race Course.

This week particularly, the No 19 and 19A have either not shown up or have shown up late meaning students are arriving at Waterside late for lectures. With regard to the additional stop, the request had been taken to the [UNO?] Board but had been referred back to VP-UD who felt that if the issue was continuously raised then something might happen in the future. Members asked for an alternative solution. The question was asked if something could be done as a Students' Union to help members find a safe solution.

President was of the mind to take the problem to the University and raise the issue of safety there. Ed Comm Health and Society Rep said that she had recently found a possible solution whereby a support group is set up through a chat group facility so that if a walker was feeling unsafe, they could message into the group chat and someone would call them and chat whilst crossing the race course.

Ed-Comm Chair asked exactly where the additional stop was being proposed – next to the White Elephant as the No 21 had a stop there. The question was asked if VP-Education has looked into the No20 provision over weekends. They said that had and that it would be possible but there would be charge for the service.

The President said that there is work being done with the University on something to help identify women in crisis and the solution offered above was a credible one.

Update: VP-UD had met with stakeholders and with regard to the extra stop, had been advised that due to lack of funding, there was no possibility of having an additional stop added to the route. Apparently UNO says there is a stop at white Elephant but students are refuting this.

With regard to gaps in service VP-UD has spoken to the concerned Ed Comm Health and Soc Rep and agreed that a shared Google Doc be adopted to collect evidence to take to Uno as they are questioning reported gaps in service.

There were no further comments or questions.

The Chair moved to accept the mandate as ongoing.

Votes For: 19 Votes Against: 1 Abstentions: Absent: 0

Vote Result: Vote carried to continue mandate

New Mandates:

March

1. Mandate the Users of Council

Proposed by MS Officer. Seconded by: Ed Comm Chair

The Chair invited the Proposer to explain.

Proposer explained they had been fielding questions regarding who is Chair. They said that students aren't aware of their Chairs and what their responsibilities are. The Proposer felt that people should be properly informed before they chose to be Councillors and was proposing two videos be prepared to include information on... the powers of council, powers of a councillor, responsibilities of a councillor, duties of a chair, that a chair/deputy chair becomes a counsellor, the layout of council, why there is more than one councillor from one place, that a counsellor can be mandated within the sub-committees, the effect a councillor creates, and anything supportive that people would like to add.

Questions or Comments.

VSec Rep said they concurred, that when they agreed to be on VSEC, they had not been made aware this meant sitting on Council as well.

Ed-Comm Chair said they had not been aware of how much work was involved in being a Chair.

Proposer then asked for volunteers to contribute to the videos.

The President suggested that the President and VP_UD should be involved but that others should be volunteers.

The Chair suggested it would be useful for the President and VP-UDs in their capacities as Chairs to nominate themselves. After further discussion, the Chair suggested a procedural motion be submitted to mandate specific Councillors.

The Chair asked for a show of hands as to who would like participate in the video, as noted by the Proposer.

It was generally agreed that the date for such videos to be made be discussed outside Council.

4. Procedural Motion (6) To amend the submitted mandate to ensure that all new Chairs are shown video 1 and all Sub-Committees shown video 1 before a Chair is elected.

Votes For: 20 Votes Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Absent:

Vote Result: Procedural motion carried.

The Chair moved to ask for a show of hands to self-nominate for the videos as noted by the Proposer.

The Chair then asked the Proposer to provide a summation of the mandate.

The Proposer summarised, that two videos be prepared to include information on the powers of council, powers of a councillor, responsibilities of a councillor, duties of a chair, that a chair/deputy chair becomes a counsellor, the layout of council, why there is more than one councillor from one place, that a counsellor can be mandated within the sub-committees, the effect a councillor creates, and

There were no further comments or questions.

At this point the Entertainment Officer left the meeting and the BME Officer joined the meeting. Quoracy was retained.

The Chair moved to accept the mandate to those Councillors having self-nominated..

Votes For: 20 Votes Against: 0 Abstentions: Absent: 0

Vote Result: Vote carried to accept mandate

5. Procedural Motion (13) To adjourn the meeting for 30 minutes for a break.

Votes For: 19 Votes Against: 0 Abstentions: 1 Absent:

Vote Result: Procedural motion carried.

Meeting Reconvened at 19h35.

6. Trustees Report

As per previous report. No meeting held since January. Net meeting at end of March.

7. Finance Report

President assumed the report had been read and had no comments but invited questions. The President was asked to provide highlights of the performance during the last month as follows:

Bar Income in the Charity – year to date performance is significant but looking at how the space has been utilised within that building.

Staff costs are below budget for the year

Not much change since last month.

Some interesting challenges coming up for the Sabbatical Officers net year.

To help Sabbatical officers to have stronger opinions, would be good to get strong opinions from Councillors if there are things they do like.

MS Officer asked how the Su had managed to make a profit on support.

President replied that it was the difference on what had been done with the budgets and requested the MS Officer to pick up the point with him outside of Council.

No further questions or comment.

The Chair moved to vote to accept the Finance Report.

Votes For: 19 Votes Against: 0 Abstentions: 1 Absent:

Vote Result: Finance Reported accepted.

8. Green Impact Report (VP-UD)

VP-UD summarised that work was progressing well and staff were being encouraged to complete their objectives. A recent Green Impact event was held in the Engine Shed as part of the Green Impact campaign as a festival type event with food and demonstrations. VP-UD in the process of writing in the process of writing his report and does not foresee any issues with the submission.

The Chair moved to vote to accept the Green Impact Report.

Votes For: 20 Votes Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Absent:

Vote Result: Green Impact Reported accepted.

9. Officer Reports

9.1 President

As per report submitted.

Has being doing the last of the NSS shout outs and very important to note how these are such an opportunity to talk to students about the SU and was of the opinion that more NSS shout outs should be done.

Did a presentation to the university Board of Governors that covered SU's activities over last two years including Alterline research and the transition between the to SU strategies.

Has been attending a not insignificant number of disciplinary hearings.

Attended Mental Health Wellbeing Day and have been working Saturday evenings at the Platform to try and keep an eye on it.

Questions:

MS Officer for confirmation that the additional items regarding the phone on the security mandate would remain open.

The Chair moved to vote to accept the Presidents' Report.

Votes For: 20 Votes Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Absent:

9.2 VP-Union Development

As per report submitted.

Have been sorting out the Green Impact event which the biggest issue was parking for the stall holders.

Have been working on a plan for Friday evenings for the Platform but plans are changing in the space.

Lots of work being done for Varsity and preparing social media materials etc for that including UoN Base for music and so on to make it more of an all-round festival feel with a wellbeing package and to ensure the tickets are value for money.

Ongoing social media work for Groups.

Questions.

Question was raised as to who was eligible to attend varsity and it was advised that any student is eligible to attend as spectators and that tickets were available from the website which include a t-shirt and transport to the venue, the Awards event at Avenue and entry to the Platform for the after-party.

MS Officer pointed out that one of the VP-UD's manifesto points was to have a minimum number of inclusive events and asked if this just covered SU Talks. VP-UD clarified that he had done more than SU Talks, including Green Impact Campaign, Socs Varsity etc.

MS Officer asked if a wide variety of different sized t-shirts would be made available for Varsity.

There were no further comments or questions.

The Chair moved to vote to accept the VP-UD's Report.

Votes For: 20 Votes Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Absent:

9.3 VP-Education

As per report submitted.

Working finishing Star Awards stalls and special to note as of today's date 660 nominations received and mainly thanks to the advocacy team who helped massively to promote and raise awareness.

Awards night in May – lots of surveys being done on anonymous marking, students and staff completing surveys.

Participated in Appointments Committee for new Trustees and working with the CEO on the future of the SU and strategy development.

There were no further comments or questions.

The Chair moved to vote to accept the VP-ED's Report.

Votes For: 20 Votes Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Absent:

9.4 VP-Welfare

Attended university Mental Health wellbeing Day on 7th March and had 5 stalls including stressball and hand massage.

Applied for Mental Health Training funds for Sports teams and dates still to be set with that.

Supported elections and assisted students to vote.

With exams coming up have some events for Conversation Café and every week there will be a presence in Learning Hub or Engine Shed where students can get free drinks and biscuits and have time to de-stress.

The Chair moved to vote to accept the VP-Welfare's Report.

Votes For: 20 Votes Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Absent:

9.5 Sports Officer
No report submitted

9.6 Societies Officer - Vacant

9.7 BME Officer
No report submitted.

The Chair provided a censure to BME Officer for non-submission of reports 3 time in a row despite having been reminded, advised and guided on how to do so.

9.8 Disabled Students' Officer Vacant

9.9 Entertainments Officer
As per report submitted but Officer has left the meeting.

I have been very busy with recent work load with assignments and my dissertation, alongside working and election campaigning

No questions asked.

Votes For: 19 **Votes Against:** 0 **Abstentions:** 1 **In Absentia:** 0

Vote Result: Report accepted

9.10 Ethics and Environment Officer - Vacant

9.11 International Students' Officer - Vacant

9.12 LGBTQ Officer - Vacant

9.13 Mature Students' Officer

As per report submitted.

Attending MSA meeting bi-weekly but the last meeting saw apologies received from the Committee members and therefore a meeting was not held and no report forthcoming from that.

Was present during elections and have spent time tidying the PTO email account in preparation for the next Officer.

Spent time trying to engage with QSpace but that hasn't progressed well so far with regard to the sexual harassment policy.

No questions asked.

Votes For: 20 **Votes Against:** 0 **Abstentions:** 0 **In Absentia:** 0

Vote Result: Report accepted

9.14 Postgraduate Students' Officer - Vacant

9.15 Womens' Officer - Vacant

9.16 Changemaker Officer – Vacant

10. Committee Meetings (ratify minutes)

10.a Education Committee

As per report submitted.

Last meeting went well and got through the meeting. There were some issues with working being carried forward and the previous meeting taking too long but report have now been submitted.

No questions asked.

Votes For: 20 **Votes Against:** 0 **Abstentions:** 0 **In Absentia:** 0

Vote Result: Minutes ratified.

10.b AU Committee

AU Chair not present so JF attended in place of AU Chair.

Unfortunately minutes had not been circulated and not available to Council.

The Chair requested that these be moved for ratification at the next Council meeting.

10.c Societies

Minutes were submitted late so not all Councillors will have seen them.

Verbal Highlights given as follows:

Main issues raised have been raised with regard to the new Committee lacking training and awareness and not having access to the website.

With regard to election students didn't know when they were taking place and no PTO Socs report available because they have stepped down.

VP-UD has been working on Green Impact, SU Talks, Varsity and Friday nights at the Platform.

Questions

An observer pointed out that there may be issues due to the fact that many Committees and groups are meeting on the same evening. For example, VP-UD can't be at three places at once and requested that this may be taken into consideration at the next Council meeting.

Votes For: 20 **Votes Against:** 0 **Abstentions:** 0 **In Absentia:** 0

Vote Result: Minutes ratified.

10.d VSEC

As per report submitted.

Difficulties with online signups for the groups.

Rotaract and Mindfulness classes taking place.

Student Newspaper 'Have a Gander', ratified recently, are calling for submissions of at least 300 words for the paper should anyone wish to write for them. Details are on the website.

Freshfest /Union Day was discussed and noted that it shouldn't take place in Town Centre again.

Discussed funding for groups and protecting them from funding cuts.

Votes For: 20 **Votes Against:** 0 **Abstentions:** 0 **In Absentia:** 0

Vote Result: Minutes ratified.

10.e MSA

No minutes submitted as meeting not held.

11. AOB

Ed-Comm submitted a procedural motion as follows:

6. Procedural Motion (12) To mandate the President have the Lighting Inconsistencies repaired.

Lighting is either on or off at inappropriate times, ie at weekends, in variety of buildings including Engine Shed, Learning Hub, Senate and includes TVs and Screens – waste of energy and also unsafe when lights do not come on. President to facilitate shared Google Doc to capture occasions and places where there are issues experienced or noted.

Votes For: 20 Votes Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Absent:

Vote Result: Procedural motion carried.

7. Procedural Motion (12) To mandate the President have the Doors in the Creative Hubs repaired.

Votes For: 20 Votes Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Absent:

Vote Result: Procedural motion carried.

8. Procedural Motion (12) To mandate the President to investigate and solve the noise pollution in Creative Hub CH305.

Votes For: 20 Votes Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Absent:

Vote Result: Procedural motion carried.

9. Procedural Motion (12) To mandate the President to door hooks put on the toilet doors so that bags and coats can be kept off the floor whilst the toilet is in use.

Votes For: 20 Votes Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Absent:

Vote Result: Procedural motion carried.

10. Procedural Motion (12) To mandate the President investigate parking for East Halls.

Votes For: 20 Votes Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Absent:

Vote Result: Procedural motion carried.

11. Procedural Motion (12) To mandate the President to investigate getting house phones with lines to security.

Votes For: 20 Votes Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Absent:

Vote Result: Procedural motion carried.

12. Procedural Motion (12) To mandate the VP-UD to investigate Church Services on Sundays.

It is understood that these are allowed between 10 and 5pm but sometimes they go on until midnight and affect people working in the quiet areas and the noise reaches the 2nd and 3rd floors. This happens in both Creative Hub and Learning Hub.

The President asked if this should be raised as a complaint to the university. Socs Chair said they hadn't heard of any issues and requested that if there were any complaints to please contact them so these can be investigated and resolved quickly.

It was noted that 4 or 5 Churches exist on campus and the noise cannot be attributed to any one or two in particular.

Votes For: 18 Votes Against: 1 Abstentions: 1 Absent:

Vote Result: Procedural motion carried.

At this point, there was a procedural motion to Change Vice Chair as a Declaration of Interest had been made at the beginning of the meeting with regard to the following.

13. Procedural Motion (5) To move to a vote to allow the Vice Chair to step down temporarily.

Votes For: 20 Votes Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Absent:

Vote Result: Procedural motion carried.

14. Procedural Motion (5) To move to a vote to accept Ed Comm Chair as temporary Vice Chair.

Votes For: 20 Votes Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Absent:

Vote Result: Procedural motion carried.

15. Procedural Motion (12) To mandate President, VP-Ed and VP-Ed to ask the University to provide a better return and collection method for students returning equipment (such as photographic equipment, cameras, tripods etc etc) via car to campus.

Currently it is taking far too long to sign equipment in and out and has knock-on effects on deadlines etc when there are students waiting for equipment and are having to carry equipment long distances.

Votes For: 20 Votes Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Absent:

Vote Result: Procedural motion carried.

16. Procedural Motion (12) To mandate President, VP-Ed and VP-Ed to ask the University to employ a Kit Manager who can facilitate checking, changing and repair of equipment and then getting is signed out properly.

Votes For: 20 Votes Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Absent:

Vote Result: Procedural motion carried.

11.1 New Dates for Student Group Committee Elections.

Councillors were asked to note the new dates as follows:

Announcements: 25th March

Nominations Period: 1st April – 12th April

Voting Period: 1th – 17th April.

The Chair move to vote to accept these new dates:

Votes For: 19

Votes Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

Absent:

Vote Result: New Dates Accepted.

The Chair concluded by thanking all Councillors who are moving on to pastures new as this would be their last Council and encouraged them to either run again or encourage others to take their place.

At this point, the President rose and addressed Councillors and informed them that this was the last meeting for the current Chair of Council who had been in post no for 3 years. Despite several challenging meetings, she has conducted herself in an exemplary manner and will be sorely missed.

Meeting adjourned at 20h45.

END.

Members in attendance overleaf:

APPENDIX A

MEMBERS ATTENDANCE:

Committee	Name	Initials	Role	Attendance
Executive	Raf Garcia-Krailing	RGK	President	Present
Executive	Ryan Bradshaw	RB	VP Union Development.	Present
Executive	Gemma Lovegrove	GL	VP Education	Present
Executive	Shangyin Ji	SJ	VP Welfare	Present
Executive	Vacant		Societies Officer	
Executive	Josh Olasehinde	JO	BME Officer	Late
Executive	Chris Watkins	CW	Entertainments Officer	Present
Executive	Alex Lopez	AL	Sports Officer	Absent
Executive	Vacant		Disabled Students' Officer	
Executive	Jonathan Vobe	JV	Mature Students' Officer	Present
Executive	vacant		Internat. Students' Officer	
Executive	Vacant		Changemaker Officer	
Executive	Vacant		LGBTQ Students' Officer	
Executive	Vacant		Women's Officer	
Education	Komal Salah Ud Din	KS	Business and Law	Present
Education	Sadie Wood	SW	Health and Society	Present
Education	Ana Saravanja	AS	Health and Society	Apologies
Education	Catriona Doyle	CD	Health and Society	Present
Education	Sam Dorywala	SD	Education and Hum.	Present
Education	Louise Dowson	LD	Education and Hum.	Apols
Education	Amber Rawlins	AR	FAST	Present
Education	Sam Arnold	SA	FAST	Present
Education	Vacant		FAST	
Education	Lilliam Kuroma	:LK	FAST	Present
Non Portf.	Zoe Pape (Chair)	ZP	Non Portfolio Rep	Present
Non Portf.	Vacant		Non Portfolio Rep	
Societies	Ahmed O. Basil	AOB	Societies Rep	Present
Societies	Taryn Aistle	TEA	Societies Rep	Apols
Societies	vacant		Societies Rep	
Societies	Fergal D Clancy	FDC	Societies Rep	Apols
Societies	Karolina Baran	KB	Societies Rep	Present
AU	Vacant		AU Rep	
AU	Jack Farnell	KB	AU Rep	Present
AU	Tom Weaver	TW	AU Rep	Present
AU	Kate Parsons	KP	AU Rep	
AU	Natasha Weasley (Dep Chair)	NW	AU Rep	Present
AU	Vacant		AU Rep	
AU	Vacant		AU Rep	
Volunteering	Sarah Crooks	SC	Vol. and Soc Ent. Rep	Apols
Volunteering	Hannah Joes	HJ	Vol. and Soc Ent. Rep	Present
Volunteering	Samantha Hernandez	SH	Vol. and Soc Ent. Rep	Apols