

Student Council 2

Date: 09/12/24

Attendees: Abbie Blackburn, Ammar Hussain, Amy Kiani, Asim Mahmood, Jenna Randall, Jess Change, Maddie Goodhand, Richard Walker, Ella Murthwaite.

Denica Shute (Rep & Dem Coordinator) as minute taker.

Apologies: Charlie Stamp, Ionela Ungureanu

Quoracy (50%+1 of currently elected seats) = 8. Therefore, the meeting is quorate.

Chair: Ammaar Hussain (Elected Chair), supported by Maddie Goodhand (President)

Item 1 – Housekeeping (Chair)

Chair worked through housekeeping list, supported by Maddie.

All confirmed in writing they consent to the meeting being recorded.

[Recording can be found here.](#)

Item 2 – Approval of Minutes

October meeting minutes signed off by all as an accurate record.

Item 3: Urgent / Matters Arising

1 Topic Submitted: ISOC Concerns Raised

Amy K: Had a meeting with Jo how they will work with ISOC and Amy, suggestions and instructions were made to safeguard products that are vegan and Hallal, Jo will be introducing new measures, such as using greaseproof paper and wiping down grills and utensils. I feel this is progressing well. Jo will be taking it forward to the next steps.

Chair: Was it clear the procedures could support Hallah, Vegan, and Vegetarian?

Amy K: Jo has said they'll be introduced and remind staff, add prompts to tills so it's note.

Chair: What needs to be done? Is this urgent? Is this something that needs to have information / poster put up?

Amy K: Trinity is run by LTSU and thinks that something needs to be posted, some clarification needs to be added in > can't buy a separate grill. Some assurance would be good for ISOC

members. A lot of concern over this.

C: When was this meeting?

AK: Today but Jo Barton meeting with ISOC on Friday.

C: Try to be on top of what is going on as interfaith officer. This is a very sensitive topic for Muslims. Keep me informed and I will support.

Item 4 – Liberation Updates

Update 1

Abbie Blackburn: Collecting feedback on MH, got quite a bit of negative chat coming back because of an office is being used as a store cupboard. Need a space for and a person. Needs to be changed on this front. Asim, we were making podcasts but not much has happened since then, Asim do you have an update? Trying to get in contact with Adny's man club. Posted about MH day, wellbeing roadshow, trying to ensure students have what they need while at uni.

(To note; the room isn't being used a store cupboard but closed until an advisor is hired in Term 3 with online provision being provided by a third party company.)

Chair: Some positives there, is there anyone you can email about the office being turned into a cupboard?

AB: I don't know who to contact.

Chair: Leave that with me.

Update 2

Jess Chang: I'm women's officer, worked on breast cancer awareness month with Maddie, together & wellbeing soc, increasing women's part in sports, planning a period campaign with Maddie, more period products in toilets around campus

Chair: Thank you for the update.

Update 3

Ella Murthwaite: Campaign idea for 17th January – disability information awareness day : get a few officers there with me, collab with Jess, collab with together & wellbeing soc, student support and disability support within the university , inclusive of disabilities, that's the plan, Also have a student who has come to me but a future campaign but meeting not sorted yet.

Don't know who to contact about the tranquility room. I want to make a bigger one but don't know where to start on that.

C: Leave that with me and I'll find it out for you.

Item 5 – Faculty Reps Reports

Update 1

Jenna Randall – Been quite quiet since, preparing for PSB boards but quiet otherwise

Item 6 – Sabbatical Officer Reports

Maddie – Report submitted in advance and summarised. Questions invited but none asked.

Asim - Report submitted in advance and summarised. Questions invited but none asked.

Chair: Could we have the officer's explain Green Impact a little more?

Asim: It's an impact award we've been in for quite a while, includes 50 areas to focus on and ensuring we're achieving in them.

Chair: Can we advertise this more so that we can understand how important it was for the student union?

Asim: We do but they need updating.

Item 7 – Trustee's Report

(To be summarised by Maddie)

Maddie summarised the trustee report; in terms of background, we have 2 student trustees and 4 external trustees. Some items are reserved but the updates to be shared are operational updates and commercial updates. Not enough to be a whole paper but that is what the trustee board does and what we discussed.

Item 8 – Motions & Policies

(Reading through policies and preparing 2 was listed as required preparation.)

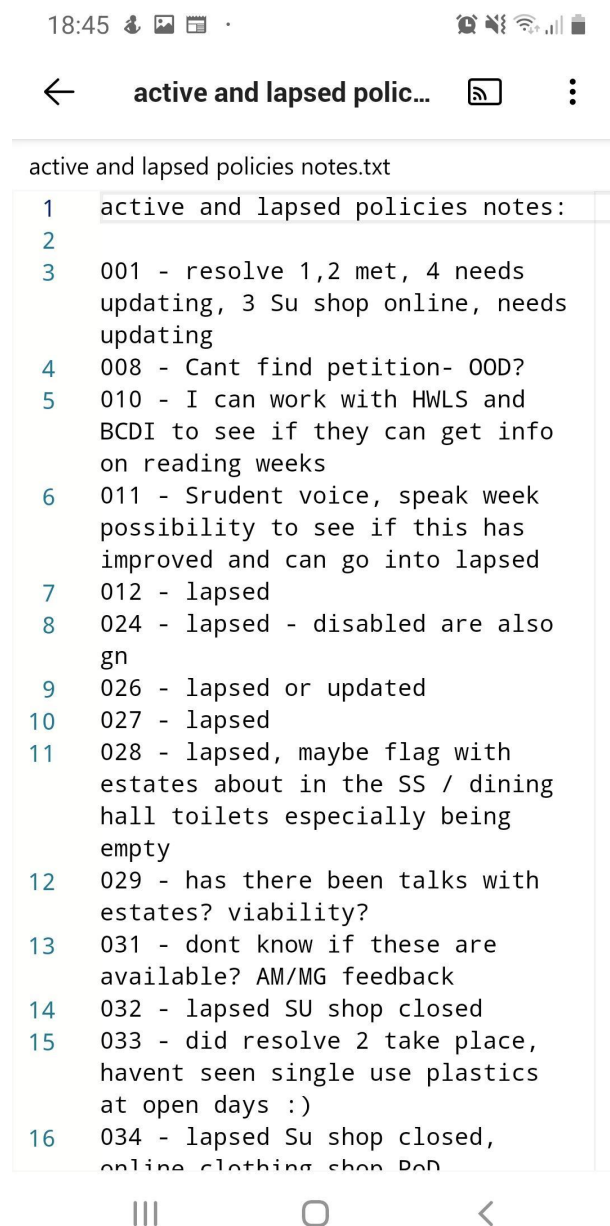
Chair: Any innovative ideas come through?

Maddie: I'll check

Asim: A few come through but not hit the vote requirement.

Chair: We'll take a look at them and discuss. A reminder went out so now is your time to discuss as asked in advance. The chair invites speakers.

Jenna sent a file in the chat summarising her findings which can be found below;



Chair: We need to have a meeting with staff working in mental health, as there are quite a few relating to this. I'll find out and come back to you ASAP.

AB: Mine are on mental health, it looks like when we've written the mental health ones have been shut down. App for students under LTU file, UME app needs to be added to the LTU app (a networking app), need this to be promoted centrally. COVID mentioned and needs updating. Signposting needs improvement, especially in terms of mental health, her main mission is getting the store cupboard fixed so students can use it. Crisis team on campus – ideas form me especially in terms of MH, we need someone in person not monitoring emails, easier to speak if you have a

physical person in front of you. Make a bigger tranquil room, very important. Reduced exam stress sessions or Trinity tick tock – bring that back. Bring back activities for them to do and the blog was nice to read on the bus. I think we really need to fix the store cupboard to be used for MH support.

Chair: Asim has said he's in touch with the MH team so connect with Asim. Also, send it to me, as a chair I can help you out too.

Asim: Have quite regular contact, happy to involve people.

Chair: That's all for policies but I had a few to note too;

Not many students know about PT officers, but Maddie is working on that.

Updating heritage halls but Jenna has spoken about that.

Market places for the university, most unis have them, Facebook groups are not always safe.

Students would benefit from this. If someone from the council could organise and keep an eye on this, it would be particularly good. Something that must be looked at.

Amy: Few that are interfaith in the same way the other roles have. Wants to plan an interfaith day or a culture day, student showcases, put that in the auditorium, LTSU could support with that.

Chair: Would look particularly good for the union to do this. Maybe look at having conversations with students and try to find policies for interfaith that could work.

AK: An interfaith day worked really well for my college, and I think we could make it work.

Jenna: Do we know if 44 and 43 were ever approved by the student council?

Maddie: Yes, it was approved in the May/June meeting.

Chair: Could we include the Student Say?

Maddie: Have not passed quorum.

Item 9 – Sustainability

Sustainability Officer not present.

Chair: More information will be shared shortly on how you can help with Green Impact.

Item 10 – AOB

2 items submitted in advance.

- Expression of interest for those wanting to join SEC (Student Executive Council)

- Amy Kiani

Maddie: Need to check with those who are absent

- Vice-Chair Appointment

Anyone interested in this? Expressions of interest.

- Amy Kiani
- Jenna Randall

Maddie: Checking Byelaws to see if she herself would be appropriate.