

Student Council

**08/03/2021**

*Present:*

Chris Dow - CD

Huba Ali – HA

Jasmine Grewal - JG

Joseph Nelson – JN

Laura Pickering - LP

Rachael Chapman – RC

Rebecca Mills – RM

Vinay Verma – VV

*Staff Present:*

Lucy Smith – LS

Simon Law – SL

*Absent with Formal Apologies:*

Briony English – BE

Chelsey Grooby – CG

Muhammad Tahir – MT

Niamh Burton – NB

Olivia Bartlett – OB

Rachel Powell – RP

*Absent without Formal Apologies:*

Beth Robinson – BR

### **Item 1 – Welcome from the Chair**

VV welcomed Council and introduced SL and Item 2

### **Item 2 – Discussion of Strategic Themes**

SL introduced Strategic Discussion, asking Council to imagine what the SU and LTU will look like in the future

SL summarised LTU Strategy Strands

SL summarised where SU currently stands

SL explained the consultation process and dates

SL noted Beyond 2020 Research

SL described core themes

SL moved to questions

JN asked if this would include a financial plan

SL explained that the SU strategy will be written after the arrival of a new GM which may have a financial plan alongside

SL added that there may be need for financial investment this year which will be a Trustee discussion

VV asked if there were any more questions

None were forthcoming

VV asked SL if Council should collect ideas for the groups they represent

SL responded that all member contributions would be welcome and reiterated that it was LTU, not SU, strategy

VV asked if council were comfortable having discussions with members to gain wider feedback

Council largely happy to facilitate discussions

VV asked for short summary to be sent to himself or relevant staff

### **Item 3 – Approval of minutes from the previous meeting**

VV asked Council to approve minutes

Council unanimously approved minutes

### **Item 4 – Matters Arising**

VV asked for updates from each Council member

JN noted an upcoming PGR meeting

JN expressed possibility of another Council role for PGR students

#### **Action: CD to discuss new Council role with LS**

CD said he would be happy to come along to one of these meetings as SU representative

JN appreciated this

#### **Action: JN to contact CD regarding meeting attendance**

RM noted lack of feedback from students

JG mentioned resolution of previous issue brought to Council

JG explained main concerns were still regarding placements

VV asked CD if there had been any developments in terms of placements

CD responded that conversations were ongoing and that he should receive clearer information with the end of term approaching

LP mentioned a few messages received from students including positive responses to CD Go Green Week videos

RC mentioned feedback regarding lack of communication from personal tutors

VV suggested Council asking LTU to encourage personal tutors to contact students

CD added that there should be clear communication about the role of a personal tutor

LP countered that her personal tutor is very responsive

LS suggested nominating them for an Academic Interest Award

HA said she had heard nothing from students but reiterated personal tutor concerns

VV expressed concerns that lectures are not being recorded

JG added that drop-ins do not get recorded

**Action: CD to take this to relevant University staff**

**Item 5 – Action Tracker and Attendance Log**

VV moved to policy 024 – Gender Neutral Bathrooms

CD responded that the resolves were completed

VV moved to policy 025 – Staff Members to Wear Pronoun Badges

CD explained this was going to EDI at the end of the month

VV moved to policy 026 – Mental Health Signposting Coasters in StUdio

CD responded that StUdio Coordinator happy for these to be implemented when reopen

VV summarised policy 027 – Update Heritage Halls in CG absence

CD added that Executive Team may update further two halls if budget allows

VV congratulated CD and CG

VV moved to updates on policy in relation to menstrual health and equality

CD responded that the Executive Team will finance this and the discussions are now regarding whether this is a pilot year or if there will be permanent bathroom fixtures

VV moved to policy 023 – Bleed Green – Menstrual Cups

CD explained the SU Shop will stock menstrual cups when open

VV summarised policy 029 and 030

VV moved to policy 031 – Provide Sunflower Lanyards

CD explained this would also go to EDI at the end of the month

VV summarised remaining policies

CD added that he is working on an LGBTQ+ project in sport with staff

#### **Item 6 – Sabbatical Officer Reports**

CD took goals as read

CD explained the sustainability action tasked by DVC

CD to present paper to LTU Exec

CD mentioned work on carbon neutral union and Barclay's divestment

CD updated on Covid specific goals and encouraged students to use the hardship fund if eligible

CD noted elections

VV thanked Chris

CD moved to questions

None were forthcoming

#### **Item 7 – Decision on policy due to expire**

VV moved to policy 012 – Refreshments in the Trinity Building

VV asked if resolves were complete

Council were unsure of resolves

JN suggested that Council need more information around what facilities are available

LP added that there were not any facilities

RM agreed that Council should retain the policy until able to check facilities

VV moved to a vote

Council unanimously voted to retain policy 012

**Action: CD to get clarity on resolves of this motion**

#### **Item 8 – Motions Debate**

VV noted that there were no motions to debate

#### **Item 9 – AOB**

VV moved to AOB

RM asked CD to clarify Covid updates

CD summarised Covid updates including those completed

CD said that placement updates should be available soon

CD added that he will bring information regarding crisis support to Council at the next meeting to ensure they are happy with the level of support

RM thanked CD

VV thanked Councillors and closed the meeting