

Student Council

10/10/19

Present:

Zoha Shah – ZS

Christopher Dow – CD

Joe Sanderson – JS

Fran Bridgewater – FB

Fizza Masood – FM

Ashley Smith – AS

Chelsey Grooby – CG

Emma Stevenson – ES

Rachael Chapman – RC

Abi Laverick - AL

Staff Present:

Finn Northrop - FN

Absent with Formal Apologies:

Heather Grogan – HG

Holly Gould – HG

Absent without Apologies

Mazn Amhamed – MA

Lauren Thomas – LT

Item 1 – Discussion of the Council Chair role

ZS welcomed everyone to the meeting

ZS informed council of the resignation of the Council Chair, and invited council members to put themselves forward to act as chair and vice-chair for the remainder of the academic year

RC put herself forward to be council chair

None others were forthcoming

ZS moved to a vote

Council voted unanimously to elect RC as chair

ZS invited members to run for Vice-Chair

JS put himself forward as Vice-Chair

ZS moved to a vote

Council voted unanimously to elect JS as Vice-Chair

ZS invited RC to take control of the meeting

Item 2 – Approval of minutes from the previous meeting

RC asked councillors to approve minutes of the previous meeting

RC moved to a vote

Council voted unanimously to approve

Item 3 – Matters Arising

RC moved council to the next agenda item

ZS updated council on the progress with the installation of microwaves by the canteen

JS raised issues of accessibility across campus

ZS acknowledged this and said she would explore the issue

ES raised the issue of Key-Card access which has been added to a variety of access points across campus

ZS said she would also explore this and ensure that students all had access

Item 4 – Action Tracker

RC moved council to the next agenda item

ZS updated council on the GP campaign to the best of her knowledge, acknowledging that CD had failed to attend the CCG meeting

FM questioned why CD had been late for the meeting, and what impact this would have on the campaign. She was concerned that students would feel the SU had failed to follow through on one of its campaigns

CD entered the meeting

CD explained that he missed the CCG meeting as a result of being late.

He explained that the chair of the PPG had raised the campaigns issues on behalf of the SU

ZS updated council on the Free Periods campaign and explained discussions were ongoing

ES raised the issue of the lack of Sanitary Bins in toilets

ZS said she would explore the issue

CD updated council on interaction he had had over their plans to better advertise assistive technology

CD talked about his work on the Rainbow Lace campaign and his meeting with the LGBT+ Officer

AL entered the room

ZS and CD both explained that the University had rejected the idea of having a Pride flag permanently displayed in the atrium

CD re-iterated his update on the GP campaign

JS interjected with a question about what CD was doing on Mental Health

CD provided an update from meetings with the Universities new wellbeing manager

CD discussed ambition for the Chris Dow Memorial Stand

CD explained the success of the Divestment campaign and provided council with information on the Sweatshop Free Campaign

Item 5 – Sabbatical Officer Reports

ZS summarised progress on her goals

CD explained to council the potential tension whereby provisions for more parking space may come with a significant opportunity cost as it would prevent new facility space from being created

ES and CG debated the merits of additional spaces and queried whether they would be for student use

FB questioned whether ZS planned to conduct a Car Park audit as promised

ZS explained she had plans to do it at some time next year

ES questioned when a Course Rep Social was planned

ZS responded that she hoped to have something sorted for the New Year

ES queried what the current situation with course reps and SSAC's was

CD discussed the current state-of-affairs and explained that he hoped progress could be made soon

CD glossed his goals

CD apologised for missing a meeting with the Women's officer about sexual violence

AL interposed with an eloquent explanation of her campaign objectives and informed council that her Student Say had passed the threshold

CD moved onto sustainability and his desire to paint a tree blue

CD implored Council to make best use of student say

Item 6 – Motions Debate

RC moved to motion debate

ZS introduced her motion on Kashmir and explained the motivation behind it

JS questioned ZS on how she would go about raising awareness

ZS gave a brief explanation of possible options

RC moved to a vote

Council Voted Unanimously in Favour

CG spoke on her circuit laundry motion – highlighting the work done by LUU

JS raised the issue of laundry maintenance

RC moved to a vote

Council Voted Unanimously in Favour

RC left the meeting and JS took over as chair

JS introduced DB's motion

JS moved to a vote

Council Voted with 7 votes for and 1 vote against

CG introduced her eBook motion

JS moved to a vote

Council Voted Unanimously in Favour

JS asked for AOB

No-one forthcoming

JS closed the meeting

Item 7 - AOB

JS raised his intention to put a motion on Student Say with the intent to improve the accessibility of campus

HG concurred with this intent

CG implored members to vote for her motion currently on student say regarding e-books

MA left the meeting

ZS also raised her motion, regarding Kashmir, which was currently up on Student Say

RC then raised her motion, which was focused on Printing credit, and was currently up on Student Say

CG then raised the cost of laundry

EM Closed the meeting