

Student Council

17/01/22

Present:

Abigail Holden – AH

Aleksandra Krysa – AK

Chelsey Grooby – CG

Emmanuella Osei – EO

Emily-Grace Holden – EGH

Evie Hudson – EH

Katie Cecilia - KC

Kelsey Howard-Matthews – KHM

Rachel Ward – RW

Staff Present:

Lucy Smith – LS

Absent with formal apologies:

Jasmine Grewal – JG

Molly Jopling – MJ

Absent without formal apologies:

Bibi Aasia – BA

Mahbub Ahmed -MA

Priya Saluja – PS

Sabiyah Zaheer – SZ

Item 1 – Welcome from the Chair

VV welcomed officers to Council meeting

VV asked Council to introduce selves

VV ran over meeting etiquette and reminded officers of how to conduct meetings

Council introduced selves, roles, and remit

KC explained that she had come to see the meeting and whether Wellbeing Society could be involved

Item 2 – Approval of minutes from the previous meeting

VV moved to Item 2

Council approved minutes from previous meeting

Item 3 – Resignations from Council

VV moved to Item 3

VV and LS explained the process of Byelaw 1.32 being triggered

VV moved to the resignation of Priya Saluja

Council approved

VV moved to the resignation of Mahbub Ahmed

Council approved

VV moved to the resignation of Kyle Hodgkins

LS explained that these positions will now be unoccupied on Council for the remainder of the year

Item 4 – Matters arising

VV moved to Item 4

None were forthcoming

Item 5 – Policy Tracker, Action Tracker and Attendance Log

VV moved to Item 5

RW updated council on progress with 035 – LTU Marketplace and the potential website

VV asked if there were costs associated with it

RW responded that it seemed to be a free website and there would be marketing when in place

VV asked about the launch

RW said it would probably be a full launch

VV asked if the upload would be fairly easy

RW answered taht it looked fairly straightforward for students to use and that other universities use it

VV moved to 036 – Trinity Pride

CG updated Council on her and AH meeting with chairs of LGBT+ network to speak about this

CG and AH mentioned drafted plans on Name Change Project

VV asked for an update after meeting with University staff

VV moved to 037 – Permanent Self Defence Sessions

KHM updated and said LS had found someone who will do it for a reasonable price

KHM said she will email SU Staff about Give it a Go grant

CG updated Council on staff changes in SU

VV moved to 038 – Promoting Self-Care Apps

EGH said she will be getting in contact with people from IT about what is feasible

VV moved to 039 – Mental Health Crisis Team on Campus

CG updated Council on meetings with University staff

CG noted meeting with RW and Wellbeing Services

VV moved to 040 – Pronouns on the System

AH updated on board meeting the previous week which looked at comms and how to get information out

AH added that there was an update on the systems

CG also added that there were instances students had to use their legal name and the issues around this

CG said it was a legal requirement but it was about communicating to students that sometimes their legal name had to be used

VV moved to action tracker

VV asked for update on Sustainability Society

AK updated on progress and posts

AK explained difficulties getting students involved with the society

RW said there was support from sports clubs to set up the green space outside the SU

RW explained they would do the project in the hope to engage people with the society

VV ran through rest of action tracker and asked for update on BHM video

CG responded that this was a year-long project

VV asked for an update on International Women's Day

KHM said her and RW had meeting

KHM ran through ideas including women in leadership videos

KHM said she would also email lecturers and some of Council about putting in a quote or inspirational story about being a woman in society

KHM said there will also be a social event also involving wellbeing society

VV suggested speaking to Leigh Hoath in Primary Ed

EH said Cheer would also get involved

RW said they were hoping to get guest speakers in

VV suggested a speaker

VV asked CG for an update on shuttle bus issues

VV asked Council if the bus was more regular now

VV said seems to have improved

Item 6 – Liberation Consultation

VV moved to Item 6

LS asked Council for responses to NUS' Liberation Consultation

LS recorded responses following consultation with Council to be submitted to NUS

Item 7 – Student Charter

VV moved to Item 7

CG explained the Student Charter and that it is refreshed each year

CG read through some of the Student Charter and noted outdated elements due to Covid-19 changes

CG asked Council to have a discussion about what they expect as students as the bare minimum for their student fees

CG said Council can write in notes and send them to her

Council discussed potential amendments and additions to Student Charter

Item 8 – School Rep Reports

VV moved to ICE report

EH discussed her update

EH noted how it would be better to have simplified google docs form rather than MEQs

EH said it has been quite a quiet time

EH added that general consensus is that there is not enough funding for placements

EH explained how she had spoken to the placements team and that generally they do not give out funding

EH said students have been dropping out of courses because they cannot afford to get to placements

KHM, CG and EH discussed issues with placement costs and that it should be means tested

CG and EH discussed issues with driving

KHM added that an issue was that all funding was about transport rather than other expenses

EH suggested alternatives such as shopping vouchers

VV moved to SCBL report

EO noted meeting with Course Reps

EO said that the feedback was largely positive

EO explained that there were issues with lecturers leaving the University

EO expressed concern that photography students felt lecturers were not helping them that much

EO said that other Course Reps felt it would be better if they could access previous year's resources on Moodle

VV asked about photography lecturers and whether replacement lecturers were put in place or were they cancelled

EO responded that they did not mention

VV asked if this was escalated to Deans

EO said it was brought to attention last week but has a meeting tomorrow with Dean of School

VV asked for an update on how EO gets on and that she will have backing and support of CG

VV took SSHS report as read in JG absence

Item 9 – Sabbatical Officer Reports

VV moved to Item 9 and asked officers not to go over things that have already been said

CG ran through goals and provided updates to student council

CG noted meeting with Bradford around decolonising the curriculum

CG further updated on work going on filming network chairs to showcase underrepresented leaders

CG summarised rest of goals

CG noted paid student interviewer role is with HR at present

CG summarised ongoing goals

VV thanked CG and asked if there were any questions

None were forthcoming

VV moved to RW goals

RW ran over goals relating to communicating the advice community

RW noted that 'create more employability' needs to be changed to 'In Progress'

RW explained further goals related to student wellbeing

RW explained that biodegradable sanitary products will be ordered imminently

VV asked about sanitary products in toilets

KHM responded that there were products being distributed

RW said she would speak to LB

Council discussed sanitary product motions from previous years

RW explained ongoing plastic reduction waste

RW said soil was being ordered next week for food growing opportunity

RW noted ongoing goals

RW updated Council on meetings with Catherine O'Connor about sustainability strategy

RW said she will book a meeting with estates about the automatic door in StUdio to confirm dates for installation

RW said she will be getting in contact with international students about international day

VV thanked Officers for hard work and asked for any questions

None were forthcoming

Item 10 – Officer Updates

VV moved to Item 10

VV asked for verbal update

CG asked for updates before the meeting in future

AH updated Council on Name Change Project, Liberation Networks, and LGBT+ History Month

AH said her next steps were to continue to go to board meetings and meet up with IT to explain logistics regarding name change project

AH added that she will be relaunching and promoting the LGBTQ+ equality network

AH noted she will execute plans for LGBT history month with support from RW

KHM updated Council on continued dispatch of period products and meeting with RW about future of IWD

KHM explained to Council that this semester she will be holding a week of raising awareness of PCOS and endometriosis and putting plans in place for IWD in March

AK said she had mostly covered her work but updated Council on meeting with BP before Christmas break about space for the zero waste shop and importance of asking students what they want

VV suggested doing a questionnaire, online form, or a stand

AK expressed her focus on the zero waste shop and further sustainability projects

AK also noted litter picking and environmental walks involving the wellbeing society

Council discussed possible walks

KC said not to worry too much about making it a society but to hold the activities anyway

AK agreed and said she wanted to make sure things got done

Item 11 – Motions Debate

VV moved to Item 11

VV moved to policy 041 – Cut Back on Amazon

VV took motion as read

VV summarised motion

VV asked for those in favour

Council voted unanimously in favour

VV moved to item 042 – Multi-purpose Mirrors

KHM summarised motion and explained it had come from the idea that dance is one of the only societies on campus that don't have their own tailored space

KHM said they had to use SAC grant to purchase tap floor whereas other teams can use theirs to develop team

KHM added that it could be used for other clubs such as cheer and ran over benefits of mirrors

KHM expressed her understanding that this is not a quick fix and will not be installed immediately

RW asked where they would go

KHM responded that she is not sure where as there is not the information yet

RW asked if they train in the sports hall

KHM responded that they hold one session in the sports hall and the rest in classrooms

VV suggested that KHM could ask estates where they would feasibly go

KHM said that the Activities Coordinator had suggested they could go in classrooms and be covered up

KHM added that the resolves are about finding funding and space to do it

KHM asked if there were any questions

CG asked if dance had looked into alternative provision and how much this would cost

KHM responded that they had but this was not in budget after costume, travel, and competition cost

KHM added they had found no viable options due to different issues including time to travel and only availability being last minute

KHM noted that it was a fair question

KHM ran over costs per head of each member and said that raising the cost would hurt numbers but would also not cover a training space

CG asked about what mirrors are suitable and expressed concern that there had not been a look at on-campus spaces in depth or risk assessments carried out

Council discussed room availability on campus

CG said there needs to be more clarification on what is actually needed

CG added that there needs to be more substance to motion t

KHM asked where she can find out what rooms are available

VV suggested that this motion comes back with amendments at next meeting

CG asked for the motion to include where mirrors would be stored, how much they would cost, and where they would go

VV suggested that KHM comes back to CG next meeting

Item 12 – AOB

VV asked if there was any other business

VV said he would like to host the Clubs and Society awards

CG responded that the Sabbatical Officers host the awards

Council discussed Club and Society Awards

VV closed the meeting