

LTSU Student Council Meeting

8/11/18

Present

Charles Isherwood (CI)

Jake Bainbridge (JB)

Nathan Bland (NB)

Sophie Sinclair (SS)

Rachael Chapman (RC)

Chloe Tear (CT)

Lewis Benn (LB)

Maria Beckwith (MB)

Emma Stevenson (ES)

In Attendance

Finn Northrop

Absent with Formal Apologies

Zoha Shah

Daisy Speight

Emma Riley

Absent

Chelsey Grooby

Jessie Chalders

Emma Drinkwater

Item 1 – Welcome from the Chair

NB welcomed council, made clear that he intended not to hold an election for Vice-Chair due to the low turnout. NB also congratulated RC and CT on their election to SEC and MB on her election as International Students Officer

Item 2 – Approval of Minutes

NB advised council to have a look through the minutes of the previous meeting and noted that they had been circulated in advance.

Council voted to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as an accurate record.

Item 3 – Matters Arising

CI raised his frustration at the low number of student council who attend the student forum event

CI highlighted that it was an important part of council's role to represent students and student forum was a key opportunity to do this. CI wanted noted his anger and frustration at council members who had not attended

Item 4 – Reports

CI moved on to his report, said that it would generally be taken as read. CI ran through his report point by point, explaining the progress made on each.

CI specifically focused on recent developments, such as his trip to Derby to work with other SUs around QSU

CT asked what CI had learned from Derby

CI reported that it went incredibly well and had boosted his confidence as he felt LTSU was well positioned in comparison to others he met in Derby

ES enquired about the progress of the placement costs campaign

CI explained that it would be the topic of the upcoming school report

CI stated that he would report back to council on the progress of the school report at the next meeting

JB began to run through his goals. Made clear that his priority for the year was inclusion in sport

ES and MB enquired as to what the new Advice support volunteers would be doing

JB explained that they would deal with admin and low-level problems in order to free Matt Nunnerly to focus on more important work

MB enquired as to the support she could receive from the sabbatical officers in her new role

NB welcomed this enquiry but felt it would best fit into AOB at the end of the meeting

Item 5 – Motions

LB introduced his motion 004 and outlined the prevalence of LGBTphobia in sport

LB continued to lay out the resolves

Council expressed their support

NB further clarified the resolves

NB moved to a vote

Council voted to approve the motion (unanimously)

NB passed motion 005 to Charles as the proposer was not present

CI explained the motion and informed council of the preliminary progress that had already been made on the issue

Council remained supportive of getting microwaves

Council had a brief discussion on various proposed locations for the microwaves

LB raised the notion of amending the motion to demand a specific location for the microwaves

CI explained why he felt this was not something he'd support, as he felt it would bind the SU's hands in negotiation

LB agreed and stated that he therefore did not wish to amend the motion

NB moved to a vote

Council voted to approve the motion (unanimously)

ES introduced motion 006

ES explained that the motion was the result of discussions between herself and another student

JB noted that the promotion of lockers should primarily occur through social media

NB summarised the resolves

NB moved to a vote

Council voted to approve the motion (unanimously)

CI introduced motion 007

CI ran through his own experiences of giving blood and the benefits of donating blood

CI highlighted how the motion would not only benefit students but also the Horsforth community

ES asked if there would be a cost incurred by the union

CI explained that he did not believe there to be a cost

Council entered into a discussion on how to broach the issue of who was exempt from giving blood, with all agreeing that it presented particular difficulties as many councillors did not agree with certain exemptions

CI noted that he was personally opposed to some of the exemptions

CI and NB proposed to council that they should pass the motion in its current form, with the explicit potential of the motion being amended at the next council meeting to more clearly lay out council's stance on exemptions. This would be able to occur without another idea being put through Student Say.

CI and FN ruled that council would be able to do this

NB moved to a vote on the motion as currently constituted

Council voted to approve the motion (unanimously)

Item 6 - AOB

CI raised the creation of an action tracker which would monitor the progress of motions passed by council

A/P – ES asked to take control of the implementation of motion 006

CI also raised that there would now be a formalised attendance tracker

MB asked for advice on how to be an effective officer as she was new to the role

ES discussed the importance of liasing with her cohort

Council gave various pieces of advice to MB

CI queried with LB if there were any upcoming LGBT+ events

LB responded there were no clear plans

FN informed council of the purchase of new Perspex boxes to facilitate student say, and requested that council select 4 ideas from the website to be put into the boxes

Council voted to select:

- Join the campaign to let students register permanently at two GP surgeries
- Reading weeks are needed
- Show who can help in the union
- Canteen should have Vegan food options

A/P – Finn to set up another counter-based Student Say vote for the above ideas

NB thanked council and closed the meeting