

LTSU Student Council Meeting

October 3rd 2017

Present:

Charles Isherwood
Nathan Bland
Megan Haugh
Jack Josling
Lydia Cosgrave
Robert Mooney

In Attendance:

Olivia Sharp
Matt Webber
Tom Chigbo

Apologies:

Rifat Hussain
Hannah Morton
Laura Wood
Georgia Wood
Zoha Shah

Item 1: Welcome from Chair

C. Isherwood welcomes Council to the first meeting of the year.

Item 2: Approval of Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officer for LTSU elections 2018

Council approve Deputy Returning Officer as the General Manager of the Students' Union, and NUS as the Returning Officer.

Item 3: LTSU Volunteering Policy

C. Isherwood introduces LTSU's new volunteering policy.
Council approve the policy and suggest that it is reviewed every year.

Item 4: I Heart Consent Campaign

M. Haugh introduces a proposed draft policy, regarding sexual consent, harassment and assault.
Council approve the policy.

Action: M. Haugh to meet with C. Isherwood and M. Webber to discuss changes to the Students' Union's bye-law regarding disciplinary matters.

M. Haugh proposes amendments to the joint policy from the Students' Union and the University named 'Zero Tolerance to Sexual Harrassment'

Council approve the following changes:

1. Policy title and wording to refer to both sexual harassment and assault as separate breaches.

2. Wording of policy to be more gender neutral.
3. The policy's definition of harassment to be strengthened.
4. Include updated statistics.
5. Policy to include signposting to where students can access guidance on sexual harassment and assault.
6. URL to be added of where it is kept on the Students' Union website.
7. Policy should be highlighted to all staff, as well as signposting and any action around the policy (e.g. related campaigns)
8. Policy requires stronger publicity across every area of campus (e.g. framed copy in every building)
9. Policy should be available in all places listed in the policy.
10. Wording from 'shall' to change to 'will'.
11. Historic wording regarding LTSU contracted staff to be updated.

Action: M. Haugh/O. Sharp to circulate edited copy of policy around to all Council members prior to it being presented at the University's committee on Friday.

Item 5: Non-Alcoholic Drinking Events

R. Mooney introduces discussion around non-alcoholic drinking events.

Action: R. Mooney to contact G. Wood on day of council meeting to look over Students' Union's Give It A Go plans.

Action: R. Mooney to discuss Trinity Fitness events with K. Balfour in TF.

Item 6: Women's Officer Notice

C. Isherwood reminds Council that the Women's Officer position is currently available for nominations and that students should be encouraged to put themselves forward for it.

Item 7: University Committee Memberships

C. Isherwood informs Council that there are still vacancies available for positions on the University's committees.

Action: O. Sharp to contact council about positions on the committees.

Item 8: Democracy Review

C. Isherwood presents an outline of an upcoming democracy review for the Students' Union, and encourages Council to be involved with it.