

Student Council

19/04/2021

Present:

Chelsey Grooby – CG

Chris Dow – CD

Laura Pickering – LP

Niamh Burton – NB

Olivia Bartlett – OB

Rachel Powell – RP

Rebecca Mills – RM

Vinay Verma – VV

Staff Present:

Lucy Smith – LS

Absent with Formal Apologies:

Huba Ali – HA

Jasmine Grewal – JG

Joseph Nelson – JN

Rachael Chapman – RC

Absent without Formal Apologies:

Beth Robinson – BR

Briony English – BE

Muhammad Tahir - MT

Item 1 – Welcome from the Chair

VV welcome council to meeting

Item 2 – Approval of minutes from the previous meeting

VV asked Council to approve minutes

Council unanimously approved minutes

Item 3 – Matters Arising

VV asked Council if there were any matters arising

None were forthcoming

Item 4 – Climate Emergency Pledge

VV asked CD to give an overview of this agenda point

CD responded that he had been looking to declare a climate emergency as a Union and the reasoning behind this

CD explained that there would be accompanying pledges to this declaration

CD asked Council members if there was anything they would like the SU to pledge

VV asked if there was a draft to look at

CD responded that it does not include pledges at present

VV asked if anyone had any pledges

None were forthcoming

VV said councillors could send them to CD and LS

CD asked for pledges by Thursday

Item 5 – Action tracker and attendance log

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

CD asked CG if there had been an update from EDI Committee

CG said that it was not mentioned, and she would look into this

Action: CG to chase up and provide update at next meeting

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

CD updated Council

VV asked if StUdio would be reopening

CD responded that he was waiting for an update on commercial services

VV moved to 027 – Update Heritage Halls

CG explained that this had been passed and was scheduled for Summer

CG noted she was waiting for further funding confirmation and ran through the halls to be updated

VV asked for update on menstrual health motions

CD explained that different proposals were being taken to the University

VV asked for an update on 032 – Bleed Green

CD responded that this was dependent on the shop reopening

VV asked if there would still be awareness raising and free cups handed out, suggesting ideas for the return to campus

VV moved to 029 – More Washers on Campus

CG explained that there were some in Trinity Close and she was encouraging LTU to include them in all halls of residence

VV moved to 031 – Provide Sunflower Lanyards

RP said that she believes it was approved by EDI

CD added that the SU have undertaken action on this

CG explained that the proposal had gone to EDI who were keen on the idea but it needed to go to the Leadership Team

Action: CG and CD to chase this up with relevant University staff

VV moved to 002 – Cut the (Placement) Costs

CG asked for feedback from Council members about placement funding

RM and CG discussed placement costs

CG noted difficulties in reaching staff regarding this issue

Action: VV asked for update at next meeting from CG

VV moved to 004 – LGBT+ Inclusivity in Sport

CD said after they are up to date with training then events should happen in May

VV mentioned that it would be positive to get some pictures of clubs back training

Item 6 – Sabbatical Officer Reports

VV moved to Item 6

CG took goals as read

CG ran through various areas of work including the Race Equality Board, OfS submissions, and recruitment

CG moved to questions

None were forthcoming

CD took goals as read

CD updated council on all elements of his goals

RP asked to summarise her actions

RP explained her work on access routes around the University, resulting in tangible changes for disabled students on campus

VV thanked RP for her work

VV asked if any other officers wanted to share updates

None were forthcoming

Item 7 – Motions Debate

VV noted that there were no motions to debate

Item 8 – AOB

VV moved to AOB

RM clarified placement cost discussion with CG and asked whether there would be refunds for those in accommodation

CG responded that she had approached the University but they were not doing refunds this semester

RM thanked Chelsey

LS passed on comments about Student Say from JN

CG responded that PGR reps had been positive about this

VV thanked Councillors and closed the meeting