

Student Council

01/11/21

Present:

Abigail Holden - AH

Aleksandra Krysa – AK

Bibi Aasia – BA

Chelsey Grooby – CG

Emmanuella Osei – EO

Kelsey Howard-Matthews – KHM

Molly Jopling – MJ

Rachel Ward – RW

Vinay Verma – VV

Staff Present:

Lucy Smith – LS

Absent with Formal Apologies:

Emily-Grace Holden – EGH

Evie Hudson – EH

Jasmine Grewal – JG

Absent without Formal Apologies:

Kyle Hodgkins – KH

Mahbub Ahmed – MA

Priya Saluja – PS

Sabiyah Zaheer – SZ

Item 1 – Welcome from the Chair

CG opened Council in VV and JG absence

CG asked for introduction of new officers to meeting

Item 2 – Approval of minutes from the previous meeting

CG moved to Item 2 and asked for any amendments to minutes

None were forthcoming

Council approved minutes

Item 3 – Matters Arising

CG moved to Item 3

None were forthcoming

Item 4 – Policy Tracker, Action Tracker, and Attendance Log

CG moved to Item 4

VV entered the meeting

VV explained policy and action tracker

VV covered policy 035 – LTU Marketplace

VV asked RW and AK for update

RW responded that she had a meeting lined up with Sabbatical Officers from other Leeds Unions

Action: VV asked for an update at next meeting

VV moved to action tracker

VV asked LS about SEC vacancy

LS confirmed that KHM and AH will be on SEC

VV asked RW for update on menstrual product campaigns

RW said meeting with General Manager has been delayed

RW added that the papers written by Chris to take to University to funding – Lisa had idea of changing and paying for the vending machines so moving forward with this

VV asked if there were any questions

Council discussed where sanitary products were available

VV moved to Sustainability Society

RW summarised meeting that day with AK

VV asked if anything AK wanted to add

AK said will work on society this week, start planning how to engage students

VV asked for update at next meeting

VV asked for plastics in SU update

RW said plastic on pizza has been reduced 60% and StUdio Coordinator will continue to look where we can cut plastic

RW added that single-use plastic cups were no longer used

VV asked MJ about Student Say idea

MJ confirmed it was on Student Say and directed students to this

VV asked MJ to send this to share on socials and asked Council to share MJ post

MJ mentioned other Student Say idea as well

VV asked about Council directly contacting

No one contacted

VV explained about Council working on CG and RW goals

VV asked Council to look at CG and RW goals

AK said she would like to work with RW on sustainable goals

Action: LS to put AK name in brackets next to sustainability goals

VV moved to MJ and explained that her name would automatically go onto automatic door

VV asked AH about working on inclusivity goals

CG explained work she is doing with AH on name change group

Action: VV asked CG to add this onto goals

VV asked KHM what she would like to work on

KHM responded women's involvement in sport

Action: LS to add KHM to RW goals

RW added links between KHM and International Day, and AH and Rainbow Laces

CG asked that School reps get involved with Decolonising the Curriculum Campaign

AH said she would like to be involved with this as well

Action: LS to put School Reps, AH and VV onto decolonising curriculum goal

VV asked BA

BA said she would think about it

VV asked EO

EO responded regarding employability skills

Action: LS to add EO to RW employability skills goal

Action: LS to send email to Council asking for areas of interest by the end of the week

VV noted that he would like to work with RW on improving our diverse range of clubs and societies

Action: Add VV to this area of RW goals

Council discussed Bollywood Night plans

VV moved to discussing Christmas plans

CG explained about inviting Trustees, Council, and SU Staff

VV explained Christmas deal

Council discussed

Action: VV to discuss deal on revised date (11/12/21)

Item 5 – School Rep Reports

VV moved to Item 5 and asked EO to give update

EO explained that course reps were emailing about new software for Law

EO also noted that in Accounting and Business, module lecturers were just reading off slides rather than engaging the students

VV asked if this was just one person or a common theme

VV asked CG to support EO in approaching this situation

Action: CG asked EO to get in touch and discuss next steps

VV noted similar situation

VV took ICE and SSSH reports as read in EH and JG absence

Item 6 – Sabbatical Officer Reports

VV moved to Item 6

CG updated student council and noted new areas

CG noted relaunching of decolonisation forum

CG explained taking School Rep Reports to Academic Board

CG noted Speak Week instead of SU on Tour but will update Council

CG took comments as read and asked for any questions

None were forthcoming

RW took goals as read

CG updated on Proud to Be and explained that this would be ongoing

VV asked for example

CG said we shared DVC video as indication of campaign

RW and CG spoke about academic societies including new additions

RW moved to questions

None were forthcoming

VV thanked officers for goals

Item 7 – Motions Debate

VV moved to item 7

VV invited CG to discuss motion 036 – Trinity Pride

CG took motion as read

CG explained reasoning behind making this a motion

CG explained that the motion was for a representative to attend in a formal capacity

CG ran through resolves

VV asked for any queries, comments, amendments

AH said she would like to work with CG on this

Council discussed where the parade goes

VV moved to vote

Council voted unanimously in favour

VV invited KHM to discuss motion 037 – Permanent Self-Defence Sessions

KHM explained that she wanted self defence lessons to be put in consistently over the year

KHM ran through the resolves of the motion and explained pricing

VV moved to a vote

Council voted unanimously in favour

VV invited RW to discuss motion 038 – Promoting Self-Care Apps in EGH absence

RW ran through believes and resolves of motion

VV moved to vote

Council voted unanimously in favour

VV moved to motion 039 – Mental Health Crisis Team on Campus

CG offered to go over in submitter absence

CG ran through notes, believes, and resolves

CG stressed the importance of having appropriately trained staff

VV moved to vote

Council voted unanimously in favour

VV moved to motion 040 – Pronouns on the System and asked AH to explain

AH took the motion as read

VV asked about 'other' option

Council discussed having a box where people could self-define

AH ran through notes, believes, and resolves

AH explained that work would be with President rather than Vice President

VV moved to a vote

Council voted unanimously to approve

Item 8 – AOB

VV noted to Council that he has had a handful of complaints around the quality of the SU food

VV explained that he had seen issues with consistency

Action: VV asked RW and CG to feed back

CG asked for specific products to know what the issue is

RW asked for Council members to get students to email them with specific complaints if they have them

VV asked for update at next meeting

VV asked BA how her first meeting was and stressed the importance of mature and part time students

VV thanked Council for attending and closed the meeting