

Student Council

**10/10/19**

Present:

Zoha Shah – ZS

Christopher Dow – CD

Mazn Amhamed – MA

Emily Moran – EM

Joe Sanderson – JS

Fran Bridgewater – FB

Fizza Masood – FM

Ashley Smith – AS

Heather Grogan – HG

Chelsey Grooby – CG

Rachael Chapman – RC

Holly Gould – HG

Lauren Thomas – LT

Abi Laverick - AL

Staff Present:

Finn Northrop - FN

Absent with Formal Apologies:

Emma Stevenson - ES

### Item 1 – Welcome from the Chair

EM welcomed council members to the first meeting of the academic year

EM invited all members to introduce themselves, and all members did so

### Item 2 – Approval of minutes from the previous meeting

EM asked councillors to approve minutes of the previous meeting

EM moved to a vote

Council voted unanimously to approve

### Item 3 – Matters Arising

HG raised concerns on behalf of ES who was not in attendance at the meeting

HG raised ES's concerns on the persistent delays regarding the installation of for-student-use microwaves

HG also raised ES's concern at the lack of progress on her policy to get Water Fountains installed in the Trinity Building

CD attempted to communicate the reasons the University had provided for the delay in installation

**A/P – ZS to get a specific deadline for installation for Microwaves**

**A/P – ZS to chase Len on Water Fountain installation**

ZS raised the GP Campaign task and inquired as to how all officers present had progressed with the task they agreed to undertake at Council Training – and specifically how many students they were inviting to the action on the 4<sup>th</sup> November

FM explained she had spoken to a few people

As did HG

CD explained the work that he had done to get at least 5 students willing to take part in the action on November 4<sup>th</sup> and expressed his disappointment that officers had, as a collective, not put much effort into the campaign

ZS attempted to explain her further communications with Citizens Leeds over the issue

JS articulated that some students had asked him about GP registration

RC and HG echoed this experience

No-one else was forthcoming

### Item 4 – Action Tracker

EM introduced the Action Tracker

ZS ran through Free Periods and Cut the Costs

CD expanded on the work being done around Assistive Technology, most notably that himself and JS were meeting with staff from AKLC imminently

MA raised that existing AT's needed to be better advertised – in line with SU policy

CD tangentially responded with information about some of the technology he had just learned about

CD glossed the LGBT+ motion and made clear his commitment to work with AS to repeat and build on the work of 18/19

ZS then ran through the progress of Microwaves, Lockers, Blood, GP and Council Faces policy – all of which had been previously discussed with the exemption of the lockers policy (which had been completed) and the blood donation policy (which had proved to be unworkable)

#### Item 5 – Sabbatical Officer Goals

EM introduced Sabbatical Officer goals, explaining that both ZS and CD had failed to provide their updated goals in time and thus they had instead brought physical updates to circulate

CD stated that he intended to run through his goals in fairly granular detail for the benefit of the first council of the year

JS questioned when MHFA training would be rolled out for all staff

HG provided a comprehensive explanation of the current state of voluntary MHFA training and the coming SU mental health policy (See Motion 015) – expanding on the differences between them

CD continued through his goals – Better Social Hub, Democratic Engagement & Enhanced Sports and Socs in fine detail

HG raised that she may have a volunteer willing to help with one of CD's Sport goals

CD asked to have a chat after the meeting

CD finished by running through his Green Impact Goal

ZS stated she intended to give a faster, less expansive guide to her goals

ZS read aloud the key elements of her goals:

Student Space, Placement Costs, Increased Parking Spaces, Course Rep/Democracy and Black Attainment Gap

#### Item 6 – Motions Debate

EM introduced the motions debate

AS introduced 013 – adding that he did not actually want a flag in the atrium and had alternative suggestions

Council seemed in broad agreement about

FN recommended to the chair that the divergence was sufficient that amendments needed to be passed, as this had not been done in advance FN recommend passing 013 as currently constituted and subsequently bringing a motion to the next meeting with the explicit intent of amending 013 to more accurately reflect the apparent intent of AS

EM accepted this recommendation

EM moved to a vote

Council voted unanimously in favour

EM moved on to 014

CD highlighted the integral elements of his motion for the benefit of council

JS expressed support

EM moved to a vote

Council voted unanimously in favour

EM moved to 015

HG introduced her motion and explained the key elements of its resolves

EM moved to a vote

Council voted unanimously in favour

EM moved on to 016

CD extolled the virtues of his motion

EM moved to a vote

Council voted unanimously in favour

#### Item 7 - AOB

JS raised his intention to put a motion on Student Say with the intent to improve the accessibility of campus

HG concurred with this intent

CG implored members to vote for her motion currently on student say regarding e-books

\*MA left the meeting\*

ZS also raised her motion, regarding Kashmir, which was currently up on Student Say

RC then raised her motion, which was focused on Printing credit, and was currently up on Student Say

CG then raised the cost of laundry

EM Closed the meeting