

Student Council

16/1/20

Present:

Zoha Shah – ZS

Christopher Dow – CD

Joe Sanderson – JS

Fran Bridgewater – FB

Fizza Masood – FM

Ashley Smith – AS

Rachael Chapman – RC

Abi Laverick – AL

Heather Grogan – HGr

Holly Gould – HGo

Staff Present:

Finn Northrop - FN

Absent with Formal Apologies:

Chelsey Grooby – CG

Emma Stevenson – ES

Absent without Apologies

Mazn Amhamed – MA

Lauren Thomas – LT

Item 1 – Discussion of the Council Chair role

RC welcomed everyone to the meeting

Item 2 – Approval of minutes from the previous meeting

RC asked councillors to approve minutes of the previous meeting

RC moved to a vote

Council voted unanimously to approve

Item 3 – Matters Arising

RC asked councillors to approve NUS as the returning officer for the 2020 elections and Finn Northrop as Deputy Returning Officer

Council voted unanimously to approve

Item 4 – Action Tracker

Council reviewed the attendance log

ZS updated council on the Free Periods campaign and explained discussions were ongoing with the University over producing a sustainable funding model. Explained that the SU would attempt to begin distribution from StUdio

CD updated council on interaction he had had over their plans to better advertise assistive technology

JS expressed a desire to attend the next meeting Chris had with the library on this issue

CD talked about his work on the Rainbow Lace campaign and his meeting with the LGBT+ Officer

JS raised the issue of pride lanyards

CD ran through plans for LGBT+ history month

ZS explained that microwaves were now fully installed and operational

CD explained the situation with the GP campaign both with regard to the CCG and national campaign and the work liaising between the local practise and University

JS raised that during fire drills, access to the roof was made incredibly easy inside some halls and students had raised mental health concerns about this

ZS and CD expressed concern at this

After general discussion FN requested that council not stray into the territory of discussing individual students

ZS and CD both explained that the University had rejected the idea of having a Pride flag permanently displayed in the atrium

HGr queried whether the flag could be located outside somewhere

JS suggested it be hung from halls

FM left the meeting

CD discussed ambition for the Chris Dow Memorial Stand and his intention to lobby the University for more sport facilities

ZS explained that MHFA training was being provided to a wide range of staff but was not yet mandatory

CD explained the success of the Divestment campaign and provided council with information on the Sweatshop Free Campaign

ZS explained she felt the Kashmir campaign was no longer relevant

JS queried this

HGr also questioned this

ZS expressed that she may re-consider

ZS stated she set up a meeting with relevant staff with regard to eBooks

ZS/CD no updated on Gym

ZS/CD to put proposal to the COO with regard to Circuit Laundry

Item 5 – Sabbatical Officer Reports

ZS summarised progress on her goals

ZS explained she hoped to see the University add more parking spaces soon

CD glossed his goals

Item 6 – Motions Debate

RC Introduced the motion on Pride Lanyards for Students

RC moved to a vote

Unanimous vote in favour

RC introduced the Weekend maintenance motion

JS noted there were no maintenance staff present over the weekends

HGr suggested a more cohesive system for emergency situations

AL added that the sabbatical officers should ask for a wholesale review of the maintenance process

ZS explained that she would speak to relevant staff

AL proposed that she did not believe the motion should pass in it's current form

AL requested to postpone a final vote on the motion until the next meeting of council in order for amendments to be made

RC moved to a vote on this proposal

Unanimous vote in favour of deferral

FB entered the room

AL introduced her motion

AL explained she had been in communication with a variety of Womens' officers across the country

AL provided an explanation of her motion with input from CD

RC moved to a vote

Unanimous vote in favour

Item 7 -AOB

ZS raised the nomination period for elections encouraging councillors to stand

JS queried what ZS and CD had done about his previous statements on accessibility on campus

ZS explained she was attempting to set up the relevant meetings