

Student Council

25/04/22

Present:

Abigail Holden – AH

Aleksandra Krysa – AK

Bibi Aasia – BA

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

Emmanuella Osei – EO

Evie Hudson - EH

Jasmine Grewal – JG

Item 1 – Welcome from the Chair

VV welcome Council members to meeting

Item 2 – Approval of minutes from the previous meeting

Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes

Item 3 – Matters Arising

VV moved to matters arising

None were forthcoming

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

VV moved to item 035 – LTU Marketplace and asked for an update

RW explained that there was staff absence in the team

RW said she has picked up with Paperclip and explained system

RW said she is waiting on a response and will follow up on Wednesday

RW noted how it worked for students

VV moved to 036 – Trinity Pride

RW noted that this had been passed to the staff network and that we will go jointly if we get a spot

VV moved to 037 – Permanent Self Defence Session

KHM informed council of some free self defence schemes which she is keeping an eye on to see if any offer some in Leeds

VV asked if it was possible for students to go on training themselves and then pass this information on

KHM said it would depend on what the course offers but that she will have a look

VV moved to 038 – Promoting Self-Care Apps

RW said still no contact with EGH but she is picking up with Matt and will be asking them to publicise the apps

RW spoke to Toby Chelms and Ruth Wilson – they are happy to back this proposal

RW also linked this into the Mental Health Charter

RW to book in meeting regarding this

VV moved to 039 – Mental Health Crisis Team on Campus

RW said they were waiting on HR

VV moved to 040 – Pronouns on the System

AH said it was a case of comms going out now – student comms and staff comms are sorted

AH said staff will be getting training around pronouns

AH said they are looking at a way to implement pronouns where not everyone will have to have them

VV moved to 041 – Cut Back on Amazon and confirmed it was complete

RW confirmed that Trustees have now passed the policy which they were very happy with

VV noted that 042 was complete and summarised

RW confirmed and explained Fairtrade Fortnight communications

RW added that she has spoken to Ben about stocking more Fairtrade options in the SU Shop and for the clothing that we sell

VV moved to 022 – Tackling Sexual Violence

KHM said she has spoken to RW about updating how women support sexual assault

KHM said currently the issue is not very accessible so how this is made more accessible for students

RW noted that she had attended a meeting with SU Staff and SARS who work to tackle sexual violence and abuse

RW said they are offering a free service through the NHS which we are looking to sign up to

RW explained how the charity worked and how students would be able to access the service

RW added next steps for the policy

VV thanked everyone and congratulated officers on their partnership building

RW updated on Loud about being proud

RW said she has contacted marketing team who oversee atrium and is waiting to hear back

Item 5 – School Rep Reports

No School Reps in attendance

Item 6 – Sabbatical Officer Reports

VV moved to RW goals

VV took RW goals as read

RW noted goal #2 and told Council about work with SU Advisor – working together to show students what services the SU provide through videos

RW added the curation of a new tile on the myLTU app and explained what it would look like

RW highlighted to Council that clubs and society numbers had skyrocketed

RW explained work being undertaken over the summer to support clubs and societies

RW moved to sanitary products on campus and explained possibility of vending machine with sanitary products and now looking into biodegradable products for these

RW said University are getting some and there will be some in StUdio

VV moved to questions for RW

None were forthcoming

Item 7 – Officer Updates

VV moved to Officer Updates and asked if anyone had any updates

AH said she had been contacted by a charity who help trans people

AH added they wanted to pass on contact details and resources which she will pass onto students

AH said she will get in contact with Matt and make him aware so they he can distribute these

RW said she could set up meeting with AH and Matt to communicate this to students

Item 8 – Motions Debate

No motions were passed through Student Say

VV asked Council to get students to put things on Student Say

Item 9 – AOB

RW asked Council to share survey for strategy with students and explained what it was

VV backed this and asked Council to get responses for the survey

VV asked if there was any other business

VV said that student staff had raised concerns about working in the bar

VV requested meeting with GM and RW