

# WSU Education Council

Friday 14/10/2022 at 13:15 - EE 1026

Members In Attendance	Apologies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bryonie Conlan</li> <li>- Jake Matthews</li> <li>- Harry Janssen</li> <li>- Sam Finney</li> <li>- Abbie Dutton</li> <li>- Brad Law</li> <li>- Benji Robson</li> <li>- Ellie Harris</li> <li>- Tegen Jones</li> <li>- Rajan Bhogal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Iva Devcic</li> <li>- Frankie Webb</li> <li>- Seb James</li> <li>- Helen Phillips</li> <li>- Fiona Tovey</li> <li>- Nicole Mau Vieira</li> <li>- Hannah Gray</li> </ul>

	ITEM	Timings	Owner
1.	Welcome & Introductions	13:15	GA
2.	Apologies	13:20	GA
3.	What is Education Council?	13:21	KrCR
4.	Declaration of interest	13:35	GA
5.	Minutes of previous meeting	13:36	GA
6.	Matters arising	13:40	GA
<b>Reporting Items</b>			
7.	Policies Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">2018-19_011: SU Against Fit to Sit (20/05/2025)</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">2019-20_004: Fit to Study (28/04/2023)</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">2018-19_012: Deadlines and Multiple Assessments (31/07/2025)</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">2021-22-006: Multiple Exams in one day (31/07/2025)</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">2021-22-007: University Grading and Postgraduate Application Support (31/07/2025)</a></li> </ul>	13:45	GA
8.	VP Education Officer Update	13:55	GA
<b>Discussion Items</b>			
9.	Timetabling	14:00	GA
10.	General Feedback	14:10	GA
<b>Any Other Business</b>			
11.	AOB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Face to Face Vs. Online</li> </ul>	14:15	GA
Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December at 13:15pm			

## Minutes

### 1.0 Welcome & Introduction

GA welcomed all members to the first Education Council of the year. All members were asked to introduce themselves and the role they held.

### **2.0 Apologies**

Apologies can be seen above.

### **3.0 What is Education Council**

KrCR gave the group insight to what education council is and how it fits within the union's governance structure and what impact it has on the work Worcester Students' Union does.

### **4.0 Declaration of interest**

GA explained declaration of interest.

No members declared any interest in today's given agenda.

### **5.0 Minutes of previous meeting**

GA walked the council through the previous minutes. The council reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting and then took a vote to approve:

For - 9

Against - 0

Abstain - 0

The minutes from the Education Council on March 28th 2022, were approved.

### **6.0 Matters arising**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Update</b>
<b>ED04-1:</b> RM to communicate student feelings around being left short and let down by the university around scholarship criteria changes to Tim Jones.	RM raised this concern and TJ said this is something he would look into. Since the University have now updated there scholarships page which clearly outlines the criteria of scholarships.  <b>COMPLETE</b>

### **7.0 Policy Update**

[2018-19 011: SU Against Fit to Sit \(20/05/2025\)](#)

An explanation of the policy was given. No update required as policy is now in place with University.

[2019-20 004: Fit to Study \(28/04/2023\)](#)

An explanation of the policy was given. The University are in the process of introducing this policy.

[2018-19 012: Deadlines and Multiple Assessments \(20/05/2024\)](#)

An explanation of the policy was given. There are currently no updates to give on this Policy as of yet.

[2021-22 006: Multiple Exams in one day \(31/07/2025\)](#)

An explanation of the policy was given. There are currently no updates to give on this Policy as of yet.

[2021-22-007: University Grading and Postgraduate Application Support \(31/07/2025\)](#)

An explanation of the policy was given. There are currently no updates to give on this Policy as of yet.

### **8.0 Vice President Education Officer Update**

GA explained her objectives and priorities for 2022/23.

- Review & Refresh the rewards and recognition system for both course & school reps
  - 1 School Rep per month
  - 3 Course Rep per month
  - Rep Pin Badges & Certificates
- Hold rep conference to provide reps with skills and share knowledge on EDI and Sustainability
- Hold 2 open panel forums per semester to allow all students the chance to ask Senior University staff questions and raise concerns
- Lobby the University to implement institutional policies on decolonisation. Curriculum design framework policy.
  - Curriculum design framework policy
  - Workshop being held at the end of October
- Bring back 'Change Week'

No Questions Asked.

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## **9.0 Timetabling**

GA explained that this is quite early on in the year

- **Joint Honour Students**
  - Criminology/psychology students having lectures on different campuses with 15 minutes between lectures
- **Biological Sciences**
  - Class size in a small room, students having to sit on the floor.
- **Computer Classrooms (Education)**
  - Room being booked and there has been 10 computers less than amount of students
- **Lack of consistency in timetabling**
  - Biology having no 2 weeks the same, rooms moving.
  - Education, having to check your Blackboard and timetable regularly so they're not missing out on 'last minute' changes.
  - Education, one day you're in 9-6 and the next you only in for a 1-hour lecture.
  - Sport, commuting students travelling in to have 1 lecture. Some commuters on a 50-mile round trip for 1-hour.
- **Length/Lateness of Lecture (Large Class)**
  - Digital Media Lecture doesn't start until 6:15pm and aren't finishing until 9pm at night
    - **ACTION:** Brad to email Gemma more details on late Digital Media lectures.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Semester**
  - Timetabling schedule is very different and inconvenient for the majority of students.

GA/KrCR noted that following 'Open Panel Discussion' that University SMT said that courses/academics should sense check timetables with their students at the beginning of the year. GA opened it to the room, whether any of our reps or students had been approached about 'sense checking' their timetables to address issues as soon as possible.

- None of our School Reps present were aware of any discussions around 'sense checking'.

No Further Comments Made.

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## **10.0 General Feedback**

GA explained that this is an opportunity for all members to give any feedback on University life since they returned to campus. GA opened the floor to the councillors.

- Benji Robson - The new Medical School Building
  - Can there be clarification of who will have access to these facilities? Paramedic students have been told that there is no
  - No food/catering options available to students based down at The Garage.
  - There has been no use of facilities
    - Simulation Days (Ambulance, Demonstration House, etc.)
- Harry Janssen - More services available in Jenny Lind Building. This is being pushed by students but also staff.
  - Students Spaces (Kitchen, Common rooms, etc.)
  - Student Services (First Point, SU)
  - Laptop safe unit installed, 4-hour loans
    - GA noted that we are doing in rep drop in sessions
- Benji Robson - Mental Health Awareness
  - Wellbeing/Mental Health awareness which could be tailored to course specifics
  - Recent session ran in Paramedic course, providing wellbeing support for students who may be affected by the recent fatality to a paramedic student.
  - The need for there to be a policy or procedure in place on how to support students if ever a similar scenario happens again.
    - **ACTION:** GA to contact Benji and arrange a meeting to see how we can support and develop future student support.

No further discussions were made.

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## **11.0 AOB**

### Face to Face Vs. Online

GA asked Education Councillors if they preferred to have the council meetings in person or online.

There was a varied response from SRs, with both positive and negatives for meeting in both in-person and online. Education council to continue in person but GA/JA to look at hybrid options moving forward.

No further discussion was made.

GA closed the meeting and thanked all members for attending.

