

Student Council Minutes

Monday 6th March 2017, 17:15-19:15 EEG020

Agenda

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Attendance

Student Councillors present: Jade Haley (JH), James Gunther (JG), Hemaka Pathirana (HP), Alexandra Wells (AW), Danny Gregory (DG), Euan Morrison (EM), Fran Storey (FS) Janna-Carla Niemi (JCN), Lauren Parry (LP), Ian Mackay (IM (Chair), Helen Chidler (HC), Tayla Elson (TE)

Also in attendance: Tim Hewes-Belton (THB (Student Engagement Manager, minute-taker),

Minutes

1.	Welcome and introductions IM welcomed everyone and noted that the meeting was quorate.
2.	Apologies Apologies were received from Carwen Davies, Harry Lonsdale, Kyle Harding, Lauren Parry, Olga Steikunas and Verity Postlethwaite
3.	Declarations of interest HP declared an interest in Policy 2016-17_005: Student Led Services and 2016-17_006: Raise and Give as the proposer. DG and JCN also declared an interest in policy 2016-17_005 as it would affect them as Nightline Committee members. FS declared her

	interest in Policy 2016-17_007: A Career Service for the Whole Student Body						
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6.	<p>Reports and the PTO Hub</p> <p>IM invited THB to speak. THB acknowledged that this item had been covered at the previous meeting but due to the low numbers felt that it should be revisited. THB reminded all those present that reports must be submitted on time as it hinders preparations for the meeting and prevents councillors from reading reports before the meeting. THB then went through the new PTO Hub on the website, showing councillors what resources were available.</p>						
Approval Items							
7.	<p>Policy 2016-17_005: Student Led Services</p> <p>HP gave an overview of the policy explaining the process that had led to its creation and that it was vital to allow the Union to implement a new structure for RAG as outlined in the following policy and that Nightline had been consulted and would transfer in to this new structure. THB clarified that this policy would allow the Union to create a new type of student group that focuses on providing services to students and has appointed committee members.</p> <p>IM asked for questions or comments and none were received. IM took the policy to a vote:</p> <p>For:8 Against Abstain 2</p> <p>The policy passed.</p>						
8.	<p>Policy 2016-17_006: Raise and Give</p> <p>HP explained that, if passed, this policy would create new RAG student led service to take the lead on student fundraising. The new SLS would support other students to fundraise with positions on the committee dedicated to supporting clubs and societies. HG confirmed that this policy would remove the position of RAG Officer and replace with a RAG Chair. HP outlined that he believed this new structure would allow RAG to adapt as it grows in the future.</p> <p>IM asked for questions or comments and none were received. IM took the policy to a vote:</p>						

	<p>For 9 Against 0 Abstain 1 The policy passed.</p>
9.	<p>Policy 2016-17_007 FS gave overview of the policy stating that it aimed to mandate the Union to lobby the Careers Service to improve and increase training for its staff to ensure that staff are able to give advice to disabled students and that there is at least 1 trained person who can help.</p> <p>IM asked if anyone had any questions. One was received:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Q: Does the policy ask the SU to lobby for new staff?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">R: FS confirmed that this was to lobby for further training rather than new staff.</p> <p>IM took the policy to a vote: For 9 Against Abstain 1</p> <p>The policy passed.</p>

Reporting Items

10.	<p>Update from Executive Committee JH updated Council that the Executive Committee had mainly focused on preparations for Varsity and getting venues confirmed. JH also updated that during Varsity the Union would be supporting BUCS Take a Stand campaign with a pledge from both Unions and the distribution to players of 600 rainbow laces.</p> <p>JH went on to explain that the Executive Committee had also been focusing on Celebration Week. She outlined how the committee had decided to move from 4 smaller events to 2 larger events: the Colours Ball and the Union Awards to allow the Union to produce higher quality events while still recognising staff and students for the breadth of activity that had been incorporated in previous years.</p> <p>JH also reminded councillors of the number of campaigns undertaken by Part Time Officers as outlined in their reports.</p>
11.	<p>Update from the Board of Trustees JH updated that the Board had not met since the last Student Council. However, interviews have taken place for new student trustees with 2 candidates being appointed.</p>
12.	<p>Officers' reports – questions/comments The full time officers presented their reports and the part time officers reports were presented on the screen.</p> <p>IM asked if there were any questions or comments,</p>

Officer	Question	Response/Additional Comments
JH	None	<p>JH added that since her report submission the University's Board of Governors had visited the Union and that they have since received positive feedback from the Chair of Governors who would like to meet with the Union's Chief Executive.</p> <p>Discussed having a guide of who to go and see including disabled students, could be more generic re point on referrals in account.</p>
JG	None	JG added that he is now involved in a HEA funded project on retention and that he will be working in particular on how the Personal Academic Tutor programme can be improved to decrease drop outs by students.
HP	None	HP added that he had met that day with Anne Hannaford, Director of Art and Culture at the University and that she has reaffirmed her commitment to supporting with Art and Culture projects and in particular societies.
JCN	None	None
AW	None	None
OS	None	None
HL		JG asked that the Council commend HL for the work he has done on the new RAG structure. Council unanimously commended HL.
FS	None	None
KH		<p>JH added in reference to the last point in KH's report on attendance in WBS that the university is aware and looking at how to remedy the issue.</p> <p>JG added that the University is also running a project on student behaviour.</p> <p>HC highlighted best practice in the Institute of Education. THB clarified that this has been highlighted as best practice in other meetings attended.</p>
DG	None	None
TE	HP asked how the first meetings of the Women's Society were	TE said that things were going slowly with only a small number of members

	going? HC suggested that used bras could be donated to Building Futures in the Gambia who collect used bras.	but that the bake sale and bra painting and bra “wanging” event had been well received.
Information Items		
13.	Take a Stand Campaign Hemaka gave overview of campaign and premiered his new campaign video	
14.	Inclusivity Officer Implementation Update (Policy 2016-17_001) HP explained that the role title had been changed from Welfare and Inclusivity Officer to Inclusivity Officer to better reflect the agreed role description. HP also updated Council that bespoke training for the new committee members would be developed over the summer.	
Any other Business		
15.	<p>Any other business</p> <p>University Access Agreement SW informed Council that she had met to discuss the University’s Access Agreement with the Director of Access and Inclusion and the Pro-Vice Chancellor Students. SW gave an overview of the purpose of the Access Agreement and explained that the governments now placed more onus on universities to focus on raising attainment in schools and to demonstrate the impact they have. SW went on to explain that this may create opportunities for the Students’ Union and that any major or proposals that involve the Union would be taken to Council.</p> <p>Future Meetings THB asked Council to consider when it would hold its last two meeting as the current dates clashed with assignment hand ins and Varsity. Council decided to hold their next meeting on Monday 24th April and cancel the meeting on 3rd May.</p>	

Meeting closed at 18:46

Action Points

Action 01:

HP to oversee the implementation of Policy 2016-17_005 and Policy 2016-17_006

Action 02:

JH to organise a meeting with FS to plan implementation of Policy 2016-17_007