

Student Council Agenda

Thursday 29th April 2021, 17:15-19:15 (online via Microsoft Teams)

1.	Welcome and introductions	HS	17:15
2.	Apologies	HS	17:20
3.	Declarations of interest	HS	17:21
	N/A		
4.	Minutes of previous meeting	HS	17:22
5.	Matters arising (actions from the last meeting)	HS	17:23
Approval Items			
6.	Approval of Policy Motion- Sexual Violence, NDAs and Student Sex Workers	MP	17:25
7.	Approval of Policy Motion-TeamWorc Committee Name	TM	17:35
8.	Approval of Policy Motion-Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Pledge	LR	17:40
9.	Approval of Policy Motion-Night Bus Revival	LR	17:48
10.	Approval of Honorary Life Memberships of WSU	THB	17:58
11.	Approval of Officer Reports	MP/HS/T M	18:06
Reporting Items			
12.	Network Reports	Network Chairs	18:12
13.	Update from Sub-Councils <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Welfare and Inclusion Council (MP) ● Education Council (HS) ● TeamWorc Committee (TM) 	MP/HS/T M	18:22
14.	Update from Executive Committee	TM	18:28
15.	Update from the Board of Trustees	MP	18:31
Information and Discussion Items			
16.	*Review of Implementation of Governance Review Year 1	*	*
17.	IT provision in Peirson	HS	18:34
18.	Live Ideas and Policy Update	Officers	18:44
19.	COVID-19 and SU Business Continuity Update	Officers/S W	18:52
20.	City Campus Update	MP	18:57
21.	NUS National Conference Update	Officers	19:00
22.	Students Union Access and Participation Student Written Submission*	*	*
23.	Update on SU Elections Results 2021*	*	*
Any other business			
24.	Any other business	HS	19:05
25.	Date of next meeting: tbc October 2021	HS	19:15

Attendance

Attending

Attending:

President	Meg Price	MP
Vice President Education	Harry South	HS
Vice President Student Activities	Tish Manning	TM
Academic Societies Rep	Amy Palmer	AP
Disabled	Archie Eaton	AE
LGBTQ+ Students Network Chair	Eve Baker-Sullivan	EBS
Mature, Parents & Carers Network Chair	Liam Lees	LL
Sustainability Network Chair	Lucy Robson	LR
Artistic & Martial Arts Sports	Jordan Ingamells**	JI
Charity & Volunteering Societies Rep	Rachel Holland	RH
Business, Psychology & Sport College Rep	Adam Harper	AH

** Attended after voting

Voted online

Widening Participation	Amy Hill	AH
General Interest Societies Rep	Ella Moir	EM
Artistic & Martial Arts Sports	Jordan Ingamells	JI

Also in attendance:

Incoming VPE	Ragnar Mularczyk	RM
Incoming VP Activities	Neve Ricketts	NR
Student Engagement Manager	Tim Hewes Belton	THB
Chief Executive	Sophie Williams	SW
Student Voice Assistant	T Shonhiwa	TS


Apologies

General Interest Societies Rep	Ella Moir	EM
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1.	Welcome and introductions
	HS welcomed all Student Councillors to the final Student Council meeting of 2020-21
2.	Apologies
	HS noted that apologies were received from EM.
3.	Declarations of interest
	N/A

4.	Minutes of previous meeting
	Vote to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 10/2/2021 For - 12 Against - 0 Abstain - 0
5.	Matters arising (actions from the last meeting)
Approval Items	
	<p>The meeting was not quorate and THB gave 3 options for how to proceed with the meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss the motions with those in attendance without voting and all voting would be via email 2. Vote on the motions and send out an opportunity to vote on them for the rest of the meeting 3. Move all these motions to the October Student council. <p>HS - chair of students council opted for option 2 with the remaining votes coming from the student councillors via email</p>
6.	Approval of Policy Motion- Sexual Violence, NDAs and Student Sex Workers Find policy from minute 5:07 until 17:34
	<p>There was a vote to amend the policy to a zero tolerance policy on sexual violence</p> <p>Vote For - 9 Against - 0 Abstain - 3</p> <p>Vote to amend the policy in relation to student staff relationships and power dynamics that arise from that and impact on students when they refuse these advances.</p> <p>Vote For - 11 Against - 0 Abstain - 3</p> <p>Voting on the policy to move forward</p> <p>Vote For - 11 Against - 0 Abstain - 4</p>
7.	Approval of Policy Motion-TeamWorc Committee Name Minute 23:40 - 25:08
	Vote For – 12 Against – 0 Abstain 3

8.	Approval of Policy Motion-Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Pledge Minute 26:00 - 28:00
	Vote For 14 Against Abstain 1
9.	Approval of Policy Motion-Night Bus Revival Minute 29:00 - 34:00
	<p>THB noted that MG presented the policy to the group and explained how the policy was based on creating better working relationships with the student networks and the University would improve the likelihood of getting a night bus.</p> <p>THB explained that the current policy lobbying for the night bus was due to expire after this meeting. NR & HS showed their support for the policy and how to gather student feedback.</p> Vote For – 13 Against - 0 Abstain - 2
10.	Approval of Honorary Life Memberships of WSU Minute 35:00 - 41:55
	<p>THB explained that following the governance review in 2020, Worcester SU had no recognised way to give honorary membership for students who have gone above and beyond during their time as students. THB further explained that honorary members would not be able to vote or take part in democratic processes of the union. The honorary membership would be awarded every outgoing officer and 4 other students.</p> <p>Vote</p> <p>Current officer trustees For 13 Against - Abstain - 2</p> <p>Previous officers dating back 5years For - 15 Against - 0 Abstain -</p> <p>Current students</p> <p>Violet For - 14 Against - 0 Abstain - 1</p> <p>Kieran For - 13 Against - 0 Abstain - 2</p>
11.	Approval of Officer Reports

	<p>SU President</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Worked with the Sustainability Network to deliver the SDG Teach In sessions for students. ● Supported our first ever online leadership elections and presented our results night. ● Met with University senior management to discuss student issues including graduation. ● Completed NUS Equity at Work training alongside a number of SU core staff and Harry and Tish. ● Sat on lots of committees as a student governor, SU trustee meetings and on a panel for the new FirstPoint Manager. ● Joined a national meeting facilitated by NUS on Freedom of Speech in Students' Unions. ● Participated in the Remunerations committee which discusses the pay of the Vice Chancellor.
	<p>VPE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Work with the Marketing team to further promote the Course/ School Rep of the Month nominations process – We have new marketing material which will be used to further promote nominations. ● Follow up with NUS and Robin Walker on the national healthcare meeting that took place to ensure that the experiences of Worcester students are being represented nationally – We confirmed with Robin that he was in attendance at the national healthcare meeting and raised the concerns we shared with him to the Minister of State for Health and Social Care Helen Whately. ● Complete the actions given to me by AROG and Education Council. - Complete ● Book a meeting with the TEL team to discuss Academic Representation sections on Blackboard for all Schools. - Complete ● Meet with the new senior members of staff at the University, including the Deputy Provost and Head of School for Education, to discuss how we can work together to support students. - Complete
	<p>VPA - Tish Manning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Varsity 2021 has been fully planned. 11 sports will be competing throughout the W/C 17th May. All the sports fit into a criteria agreed by Gloucester and Worcester Students' Union (considering the road map, financial situations and safety of students just to name a few) There will be no spectators allowed, but we have been working hard to set up a 'fan zone' for students to come together as #TeamWorc community. ● 170+ Care packages were sent out to students who have kids at home during the lockdown. We featured in NUS, Worcester News and Free Hereford and Worcester Radio. The response back from students was amazing. ● Pen Pal scheme was set up and launched with 41 students signing up. • Carried

	on a wide range of activities including a March timetable of events for students to see what is going on, when at a quick glance.
	Vote For - 13 Against - 0 Abstain - 2
Reporting Items	

12.	<p>Network Reports</p> <p>BAME - please find attached report Commuter - please find attached report Disabled - Connecting with neurodivergent society to create a safer environment for students. Planning on running a podcast, interviewing disabled students about their experience within the university. International - collaborated with societies and publishing week playlists for students to listen to. Running a campaign for EU settle scheme. LGBTQ+ - limited activities with it being exam season. Currently planning on a sexual health campaign. Invited an external guest to campus for a talk to the student community. Recruited a new committee member for 2021/22 year. Mature & parents - struggled with the years that been. Supported the SU with Parent Care packages Sustainability - filled the committee position for the upcoming year. Ran SDG meeting and TM gave Team Worc points for groups that engaged. Womens Network - please find attached report</p>
13.	<p>Update from Sub-Councils</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Welfare and Inclusion Council (MP) ● Education Council (HS) ● TeamWorc Committee (TM)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Welfare and Inclusion Council (MP) <p>Thanked everyone who has contributed to policy contribution through the council. Because of a policy that had come through the council IT services now will accept students to change names without requiring a reason. Logistics on SOLE will be addressed at a later time but for now Teams it's possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Education Council (HS) <p>has been postponed because of other meetings that came before this meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TeamWorc Committee (TM) <p>Covid Update and road to return to sport. Outdoor sports are starting. Updated on the plan for returning to indoor sports The University is putting on free sport for all students until the end of the year. A Varsity plan was provided.</p>
14.	<p>Update from Executive Committee</p>
	<p>TM updated the group on the following areas. 2 new applications, from the Nigerian and Criminology society. They should be passed at the informal executive meeting. Ideas forum has not seen a lot of new ideas or students voting The Exec officers updated the group on their campaigns.</p>
15.	<p>Update from the Board of Trustees</p>

	MP updated the group that at the previous Trustee board, trustees had been given an update on the Freedom of speech act and how the organisation should work with this. Updated SC that trustee board had passed the upcoming years budget. SW updated SC that the SU have asked for an increase of 13% for the unions block grant.
Information and Discussion Items	
16.	*Review of Implementation of Governance Review Year 1 *
	This was a starred agenda point
17.	IT provision in Person HS updated the group on: The IT provision in Pearson Library is now out of date and the University is wanting to know would it be best to buy new computers or is it better for the university to invest in bringing your own technology? LL & LR asked if not investing in computers in the library would hinder students from lower income backgrounds or without access to their own laptops?
18.	Live Ideas and Policy Update
	Rainbow Crossing - MP updated the group and said this is ongoing and will be reviewed in the next academic year No other policies were discussed.
19.	COVID-19 and SU Business Continuity Update
	SW updated the group that the last update was on April 12. The next update will be on May 17th following the government update. Positive to see more students back on campus. Advice and support is currently very busy.
20.	City Campus Update
	MP updated group that next year's welcome week is being planned to be on City Campus. Food outlets are being discussed to be on this campus.
21.	NUS National Conference Update
	MP all officers went to national conference a few weeks ago and the policy on sexual harassment and NDA's came from this conference. It was a positive for the officers to network with other officers from other unions.
22.	Students Union Access and Participation Student Written Submission*
	This was a starred agenda point
23.	Update on SU Elections Results 2021*
	This was a starred agenda point
Any other business	
24.	Any other business TM - ACS have been shortlisted for a national award THB – thanked the outgoing officers and councillors for their hard work through a difficult year MP thanked HS for chairing the year and THB for the prep work for this and previous meetings.
25.	Date of next meeting: tbc October 2021