

## WSU Student Council

Monday 25/10/2021 at 17:15 (Online via MS Teams)

Members	Apologies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ragnar Mularczyk</li> <li>- Neve Ricketts</li> <li>- Eve - Baker</li> <li>- Nicola Lawton</li> <li>- Harry South</li> <li>- Sarah Phillips</li> <li>- Terezá Vidrova</li> <li>- Kacey Stack</li> <li>- Jordan Leighton</li> <li>- Helen Phillips</li> <li>- Joseph Derrett</li> <li>- Harvey Bowron</li> <li>- Vanessa Gakuba</li> <li>- Josh Jones</li> <li>- Rhys Tench</li> <li>- Anwen Jeffreys</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Liam Lees</li> <li>- Sophie Williams</li> </ul>
	In Attendance
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jack Appleby</li> <li>- Tim Hewes-Belton</li> </ul>

### Agenda:

	Item	Timings	Owner	Paper Attached
1.	Welcome & Introductions	17:15	RM	
2.	Apologies	17:20	RM	
3.	Declaration of interest	17:21	RM	
4.	Minutes of previous meeting	17:22	RM	In Email
5.	Matters arising	17:28	RM	In Email
Approval Items				
6.	Student Council Agenda Schedule 2021-22	17:30	THB	In Email
7.	Responsible Freebies Policy	17:35	THB	In Email
8.	Idea sent to Council from Executive Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Women's Workout Hour (<a href="https://www.worcsu.com/ideasforum">* Ideas Forum * (worcsu.com)</a>)</li> </ul>	17:45	THB	Paper available in link
9.	Policies due to lapse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2018-19_001: People's Vote (27/09/2021) <a href="#">Link Here</a></li> <li>- 2018-19_002: Shuttlebus Service between City Campus and St John's Campus (18/10/2021)</li> </ul>	17:55	THB	Paper available in link

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2018-19_003: PGR Network (18/10/2021)</li> <li>- 2018-19_004: Societies in Open Days (13/11/2021)</li> <li>- 2018-19_005: LGBT+ Officer Rename (13/11/2021)</li> </ul>			
10.	Officer's Annual Objectives	18:10	NR	In Email
11.	Officer Reports	18:15	NR	In Email
<b>Reporting Items</b>				
12.	WSU Executive Committee Update	18:21	NR	Verbal Update
13.	Sub Council Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Welfare and Inclusion Council</li> <li>- Education Council</li> <li>- Team Worc Council</li> </ul>	18:26	THB/NR/RM	Verbal Update
14.	Trustee Board Update	18:32	RM	Verbal Update
15.	Academic Representation Oversight Group (AROG) Update	18:37	RM	Verbal Update
16.	WSU Operational Plan 21/22	18:40	THB	In Email
17.	*Update on live (current) policy and ideas progression	*	*	In Email
<b>Discussion Items</b>				
18.	NUS Tuition Fees Campaign	18:50	RM/THB	
19.	City Campus	19:05	THB	
<b>Any Other Business</b>				
20.	AOB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Student Trustee Vacancy</li> <li>- December Student Council</li> </ul>	19:10	RM	
Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 09/12/2021 at 17:15				

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## **Minutes**

### **1.0 Welcome & Introduction**

RM welcomed all members to the first Student Council of the year. All members were asked to introduce themselves, the role they held and as an ice breaker their favourite meal deal combination. RM acknowledged that on this occasion student council was quite long due to an hour training pre-council.

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### **2.0 Apologies**

Apologies can be seen above.

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### **3.0 Declaration of interest**

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

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### **4.0 Minutes of previous meeting**

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

For - 16

Against - 0

Abstain - 0

The minutes from the Student Council on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021, were approved.

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### **5.0 Matters arising**

RM you will be pleased to know there are no matters arising.

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### **6.0 Student Council Agenda Schedule 2021-22**

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

For - 14

Against - 0

Abstain - 2

The 2021-22 agenda schedule for Student Council was approved.

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## **7.0 Responsible Freebies Policy**

THB gave an overview of the policy and that it was put forward end of last academic year.

RM asked if there was any questions or queries before we went to a vote.

HS asked about the role of the sustainability network and how they are involved in this policy. When actioning the work next year would it be supported by the current or future sustainability network committee. THB commented it will be part of the remit of which next years committee would deal with pushing for flyer free events, we'd encourage the exiting committee to update and involve next years committee prior to leaving.

After the council had discussed the policy, it was then put to a vote to approve:

For - 15

Against - 0

Abstain - 1

The Responsible Freebies Policy was approved by Student Council.

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## **8.0 Idea sent to Council from Executive Committee**

THB gave an overview of this Idea and the reasoning to why it wasn't passed at executive committee and why it had then been passed onto student council.

Student council discussed the idea and councillors made comments about:


- Is there different demographics of students who may want dedicated time slots (LGBTQ+, BAME, other marginalized groups)
- Ensuring that the timings of workout hours are inclusive (varied timeslots in days/weeks)

SP asked what the process is now, the group seems to agree that this idea should be more inclusive. Do we have the power to amend this idea?

THB explained that the council does not have that power but has 2 suggestions to the council on how we can approach the matter:

1. We fail the idea here at council today, the women's network resubmits the idea with relevant changes and when it hits 25 up votes it can be readdressed at Executive Committee.
2. Approve the idea today as 'Women's Workout Hour' then encourage LGBTQ+ Network to submit an idea which complements the already passed idea.

After the council had discussed the idea and the options available, it was then put to a vote to approve:



### Option 1 - To Fail

For - 0

Against - 0

Abstain - 0

### Option 2 - To Pass

For - 13

Against - 0

Abstain - 3

The idea (Women's Workout Hour) was approved by Student Council.

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## **9.0 Policies Due to Lapse**

THB gave an overview of the policies. How they affect the work the SU does, how long they last for and what policies were due to lapse today. THB gave insight into each policy at their current relevance and or status.

### 1. 2018-19 001: People's Vote (27/09/2021)

Recommendation to let this idea to lapse due to it no longer being a relevant topic of conversation.

For - 16

Against - 0

Abstain - 1

Student Council voted to lapse the People's Vote Policy.

### 2. 2018-19 002: Shuttlebus Service between City Campus and St John's Campus (18/10/2021)

Recommendation to let this idea to lapse due to there being a new policy which covers the same matter.

For - 16

Against - 0

Abstain - 1

Student Council voted to lapse the Shuttle Bus Service Policy.

3. 2018-19 003: PGR Network (18/10/2021)

Recommendation to let this idea to lapse due to the fact that this has happened, and we have a PGR Network.

For - 16

Against - 0

Abstain - 1

Student Council voted to lapse the PGR Network Policy.

4. 2018-19 004: Societies in Open Days (13/11/2021)

Recommendation renews this idea due to the fact that we think it will have a good impact on sport & society recruitment.

For - 17

Against - 0

Abstain - 0

Student Council voted to renew the Societies in Open Days Policy.

5. 2018-19 005: LGBT+ Officer Rename (13/11/2021)

Recommendation to let this idea to lapse due to the fact that the dedicated officer role has been removed and replaced with an LGBTQ+ Network.

For - 16

Against - 0

Abstain - 1

Student Council voted to lapse the LGBT+ Officer Rename Policy.

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## **10.0 Officer Annual Objectives**

NR gave an overview of the officer annual objectives. RM explained that you as council are here to scrutinise the work we do, and as part of that you need to approve our objectives.

After the council had discussed the objectives, it was then put to a vote to approve:

For - 15

Against - 0

Abstain - 2

The officers' annual objectives were approved by Student Council.

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### **11.0 Officer Reports**

NR & RM gave a quick update to the room around what they've been up to since being in office. NR gave a brief update for LL in his absence.

After the council had been updated, it was then put to a vote to approve:

For - 15

Against - 0

Abstain - 2

The officer's reports were approved by Student Council.

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### **12.0 WSU Executive Committee Update**

NR gave a quick update about the work that Exec Committee has been doing. Topics of conversation were around:

- Current Students Issues (addressing the issues we hear from students')
- Approval of new Sports and/or Societies (Dodgeball, Knitting)
- Approval of new ideas (Women's Workout Hour)
- Policy & Idea Updates (BookSwap BookShelf)
- Officer Objective Updates (progress made)
- Upcoming Campaigns and/or Awareness Days (World Mental Health Day)

NR asked the Council if there were any questions.

No questions asked.

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### **13.0 Sub Council Updates**

#### Welfare & Inclusion Council


THB have an update on LL behalf, Welfare & Inclusion council happened on 11<sup>th</sup> October. The agenda and conversations were around:

- Diverse Food Options at University
- Multi-Faith Rooms (how many, where, how well advertised, importance of)
- Gender Neutral Pronouns (the encouragement of using pronouns)
- Gender Neutral Toilets
- Gypsy Roamer/Traveller Pledge
- Night Bus Policy

#### Education Council

RM gave an update for Education Council. Took place on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

Topics and conversations were around:

- An introduction to Education Council
  - Terms of Reference Approval
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- RM update
- Timetabling/Lecture Capture (inc. Feedback Survey)
- Face2Face meetings or online
- Feedback from council members

### TeamWorc Council

NR gave an update for TeamWorc Council. Took place on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021, topics of conversation were around:

- What the council does
- Terms of Reference Approval
- Club Photos (looking at provider etc.)
- NR Objectives and Update
- Analysis of BUCS and how it's worked so far
- Akuma (Kit, Sizing Session, Possible Delays)

The council was asked if they had any questions about the above council updates.

No Questions Asked.

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### **14.0 Trustee Board**

NR & RM gave an update for board.

There has been a couple of trustee board meetings since we started. Some of the work we've done has been:

- Appointing new Student Trustee (still a vacant position if you'd like to know more about the role or if you know anyone who you feel may be a good fit)
- Finalised end of year accounts and audit with external auditors Knox Cropper.
- Approved annual terms of reference for trustee board.
- Approval of 1-year operational plan (our strategic plan has come to an end so we're doing a 1-year operational plan.
- Drafting annual impact report


The council was asked if they had any questions about the trustee board update.

No Questions Asked.

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### **15.0 Academic Representation Oversight Group Update**

RM gave an update of AROG, so far there has been 2 meetings. These were based around:

- Refreshing the brand of Student Staff Liaison Committees (SSLCs)
  - Regular updates of the Representation system.
  - School Rep Recruitment Update
  - Confirmation of AROG Objectives 2021/22
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- Feedback & Intelligence Update
- Inclusive TSEP Toolkit
- Closing the Feedback Loop

The council was asked if they had any questions about the AROG update.

No Questions Asked.

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## **16.0 WSU Operational Plan 2021/22**

THB gave an update on the operational plan, highlighted that he was conscious of time and that we wanted to ensure the council got chance to contribute to discussion items. On the assumption all council members had read the document, Tim will give a quick overview. The operational plan outlines how we address different remits within the SU and how we can develop them going forward for the 21/22 year. The remits are as follows:

- Student Engagement & Satisfaction
- Representation & Networks
- Governance & Democracy
- The Hangar
- EDI
- Student Advice & Wellbeing
- Sports, Societies & Student-Led Services
- TeamWorc Action
- RAG
- People & Culture
- Finance
- Health & Safety
- Sustainability
- Employability

The council was asked if they had any questions about the operational plan.

No Questions Asked.

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## **17.0 Update on live (current) policy and ideas progression**

RM explained that as this is a starred item unless anyone has any questions then this will not be discussed.

No Questions Asked.

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## **18.0 NUS Tuition Fees Campaign**

RM gave an explanation to the campaign. A more in-depth explanation can be found [here](#). RM opened the conversation to the group, what are your opinions? Conversations were around:

- Whether we should support NUS Campaign or run our own independent one.
- Concerns were raised around if and how many students are actually aware of this happening.
- What kind of awareness can we raise to make this known?
- Concerns that the NUS petition has mixed agendas, mentions students shouldn't have to pay tuition fees, with the current party in government this may not be as effective due to mixed messages.

After the council had discussed the tuition fee repayment campaign, the group agreed that students needed to be made aware of the campaign and that there is a petition that can be signed if they wish. Councillors actioned elected officers to promote.

**ACTION** - Elected officers to promote NUS Tuition Fees Campaign to students via social media platforms to make them aware of it.

**ACTION** - Post Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October, elected officers to discuss next steps of NUS Tuition Fees Campaign. This will fall in line with the government announcement.

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## **19.0 City Campus**

THB explained that in previous Student Council the agenda point 'City Campus' was made as a standing order. This was done due to the fact that the SU are based at St. Johns and there is slightly less resource from us at City. By adding this to the agenda it gave you as representatives to share and or update all things city campus. THB gave an update to the SUs commitments at City:

- Hosted Welcome Weekend
- Multiple night-time events throughout welcome week
- TeamWorc Showcase
- Regular Tuesday & Thursday SU Hot desk in reception foyer

Any updates from you as representatives about City Campus

- Students' unaware of SU presence on City, how can this be more transparent
- No additional updates.

**ACTION** - THB to contact Rachel Webb about reception staff knowing when the SU are at City and raising awareness of our presence to staff and students.

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## 20.0 AOB

### Student Trustee

RM explained that there is a student trustee position available for WSU Trustee Board, encourages all members that if they feel they know someone who may fit the role and/or is interested themselves to get in touch with Liam Lees (SU President).

### December Student Council

RM due to unforeseen circumstances we need to reschedule the date for Decembers Student Council, do any members have preferred dates?

**ACTION** - JA to circulate Doodle Poll with alternative dates for December student council to all members.

### Girls Night In

RM gave an explanation into the Tramps responded to the Girls Night In campaign. Tramps bar staff are undergoing awareness training to help deter and prevent spiking.

Rag thanked the council for their contributions on what was a very positive first student council of the year, he reminded the group that the next meeting is to be decided by councillors via the Doodle Poll that JA will send out to all members.

## **Actions**

<b>Actions</b>	<b>Responsible</b>
Action 1 - Elected officers to promote NUS Tuition Fees Campaign to students via social media platforms to make them aware of it.	Officers
Action 2 - Post Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> October, elected officers to discuss next steps of NUS Tuition Fees Campaign. This will fall in line with the government announcement.	Officers
Action 3 - THB to contact Rachel Webb about reception staff knowing when the SU are at City and raising awareness of our presence to staff and students.	THB
Action 4 - JA to circulate Doodle Poll with alternative dates for December student council to all members.	JA