**Minutes of STUDENT COUNCIL – 22/10/2013 – 1.15pm (EEG020)**

1. Attendance

See attached sheet

2. Apologies

None

3. Absences

None

4. Minutes and accuracy of last meeting dated: (30/09/2013)

Not available

5. Matters Arising

None

6. Declaration of Interest

(PJ explained what this meant for the benefit of new members)

None

**AGENDA**

7. Officer Report s

KS – Now have BT sports and food in the Bar which is increasing revenue.

LC – Could have over 60 clubs and societies by the end of the academic year.

TC – Currently almost 400 StARs and waiting for course leaders to add more. Planning to try and breaking the world record for blowing up balloons for children in need.

RAG officer – Forming links with charities, working on a trip to Peru and also paperwork that will assist fundraisers.

Mature Students Officer – Sat on a discussion panel about moving on to university and also induction talks for Mature students. Hoping to start a Mature Students Network.

Sustainability Officer – Registered for Green Impact and looking at special awards on NUS.com including the ‘draw your life’ challenge.

Diversity Officer – Talked with to disabled students within this year’s intake (first time this has happened) and now need to stay in touch with them. Has recruited Women’s, LGBT and Disabled representatives for Council.

Representation Officer – Working on getting more students involved and brining different student groups together.

8. Council Recruitment

Students present were allocated roles with Council, some positions (currently) remain unfilled and recruitment will continue. Chris and Letitia were co-opted on to Council

9. AGM

About half of those present attended the most recent AGM attempt and most were aware it was taking place. Numbers had increased from 9 in May to 65 in September but this is still not sufficient as we need 150 present. Papers are being written on how to possibly improve attendance and will be emailed to all members for review and suggestions. The next AGM needs to take place soon, probably late November.

10. Motions

(PJ explained what Motions are and how to raise them)

Motions have to be passed every 3 years and this is the re passing of an existing motion regarding initiations. NUS asked all SUs to put motions in place banning initiations. A discussion ensued regarding the relevancy of the motion and how it should be communicated to students.

PASSED – 23 for, 2 against,

11. SU Nominated Charities

St Richards Hospice (also university charity of the year) – PASSED (unanimous)

Leukaemia Care – PASSED (unanimous)

Future Sense – PASSED (23 for, 2 abstention)

Suggestions for a 4th Charity were then taken, these included:

Help for Heroes

Sense

Ronald McDonald House

Blue Cross

Snoezelen

Headway

Rape Centre

Mind

Time to Change

These will be shortlisted to a final 3 and voted for at the next Council Meeting

12. New Sports and Societies

Conservative Futures – PASSED (for 21, 4 abstentions)

Geography – PASSED (unanimous)

Martial Arts – PASSED (unanimous)

13. Any other business

TC – Need 2 people for disciplinary hearings panel.

KS – need feedback on the Hive to pass to uni staff

AW – Volunteers, please get a V-Record. 50+ hours goes on HEAR

DS asked if HEAR go on a Masters Transcript. KS thought they did but will confirm.

14. Date of Next Meeting: 14th November