Student Council Minutes

# Tuesday 15th October 2019, 17:15-19:15, EE2035

**Agenda**

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|  | Welcome and introductions |
|  | Apologies |
|  | Declarations of interest |
|  | Minutes of previous meeting |
|  | Matters arising |
| Approval Items | |
|  | Co-option of Councillors |
|  | Ratification of Annual Accounts |
|  | Ratification of Trustees |
|  | Approval of New Clubs and Societies   * Nutrition Society * Humoured Folk Society * Policing Society * Change Ringers * Harry Potter |
|  | Process for co-option for remaining vacancies on Student Council |
| Reporting Items | |
| 11. | Update from Executive Committee |
| 12. | Update from the Board of Trustees |
| 13. | Update from AROG |
| 14. | Update from Education Council |
| 15. | Officers’ reports – questions/comments |
| Information Items | |
| 16. | Peoples’ Vote |
| 17. | Governance Review Update |
| Any other Business | |
| 18. | Any other business |

**Attendance**

**Councillors present:**

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| Student Council Chair | Katie Watts | KW |
| President | Harry Lonsdale | HL |
| Vice President Education | Meg Price | MP |
| Vice President Student Activities | Mike Harris | MH |
| International Students Officer | Samuel Kyei | SK |
| LGBTQ+ Officer | James Gould | JG |
| Sustainability Officer | Claudia Gutierrez | CG |
| Welfare Officer | Amelia Price | AP |
| Women’s Officer | Alia Moorhouse | AM |
| General Interest Societies Rep | Danielle Jones | DJ |
| School of Psychology Rep | Janne Vollan Tollefsen | JVT |
| Postgraduate Rep | Afoma Obidinnu | AO |

**Also in attendance:**

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| Student Engagement Manager | Tim Hewes-Belton | THB |
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**Apologies Received:**

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| Academic Societies Rep | Karl Stanfield | KS |
| School of Education Rep | Kelly Chamberlain | KC |
| Students’ Union Chief Executive | Sophie Williams | SW |
| Student Voice Assistant | Abbie Banner | AB |
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**Not Present:**

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| Student Disability Officer | Nadine Baxter | NB |

**Minutes**

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| **1.** | **Welcome** |
|  | KW welcomed everyone to the first Student Council of the 2019-20 academic year. |
| **2.** | **Apologies** |
|  | Apologies were received from Sophie Williams and Abbie Banner |
| **3.** | **Declarations of interest** |
|  | None were received |
| **4.** | **Minutes of previous meeting** |
|  | Vote to approve the minutes of the previous meeting:  For: 10  Against: 0  Abstain: 0  **The minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.** |
| **5.** | **Matters arising** |
|  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Action 01. JS to circulate the Code of Practice with Councillors once this document is formally approved and published** | **The Code has just been published**  **Action 01: AB to share COP with councillors** | | **Action 02. SW and THB to look into the possibility of budgeting for a fourth full time officer** | **THB updated that this was on hold during consultation on Governance Proposals** | |
| Approval Items | |
| **6.** | **Co-Option of Councillors:**  Candidates Sophie Davies and Janna Vollan Tollafson spoke to Council about why they want to be co-opted into Council. Luke Quinlan was not present.  **Vote to approve Sophie Davies Application for BUCS Sports Representative**  For: 10  Against: 0  Abstain: 0  **Vote to approve Janne Vollan Tollafson Application for School of Psychology Rep**  For: 10  Against: 0  Abstain: 0  Sophie and Janna were elected onto Council.  JVT spoke on behalf of Luke Quinlan but council decided to delay his co-option until the following meeting where he can attend or submit information to Council.  THB gave an overview of the co-option process and asked Council to approve for this year. Council decided to continue co-opting students into other positions:  For: 10  Against: 0  Abstain: 0 |
| **7.** | **Ratification of Annual Accounts:**  THB read a statement on behalf on SW outlining the accounts that were approved by the Trustee Board in the previous week. The SUSS scheme was highlighted to Council. Councillors were reassured of the reserves the SU has in place.  Updates on the work being done in the SU were provided, including the cellar cooling system and wellbeing garden. The statement outlines the progress of the bar and that it reached its yearly targets, with thanks to both student and external events. TOTUM made less than expected as there is less commission now.  **Vote to ratify Accounts:**  For: 12  Against: 0  Abstain: 0 |
| **8.** | **Ratification of Trustees:**  HL informed the group that 3 new trustees had been recruited. These were 1 external and 2 student trustees. HL explained there is a student trustee vacancy still open.  **Vote to ratify Trustees:**  For: 12  Against: 0  Abstain: 0  **Action 02: THB to send round Strategic Plan, FTO and PTO Manifesto’s and Officer’s Objectives to Student Council** |
| **9.** | **Approval of New Clubs and Societies:**  The Club and Society applications were circulated with all councillors so that they could make an informed decision. If Councillors had any questions about either application, they were told to email the VPSA.   * 1. **Nutrition Society**   Vote to approve Nutrition Society  For: 12  Against: 0  Abstain: 0   * 1. **Humoured Folk**   Vote to approve Humoured Folk Society  For: 12  Against: 0  Abstain: 0  Council asked that the Society review their aims and membership fee. They were conditionally approved until changes were made.   * 1. **Policing Society**   Vote to approve Policing Society  For: 12  Against: 0  Abstain: 0  Policing Society were conditionally approved as Council were still awaiting their constitution.   * 1. **Change Ringers**   Vote to approve Change Ringers  For: 12  Against: 0  Abstain: 0  Council conditionally approved the Change Ringers, dependent on changes to the name, membership fee and constitution upload.   * 1. **Harry Potter**   Vote to approve Harry Potter  For: 11  Against: 1  Abstain: 0  Council conditionally approved the society until they reviewed their membership fee and updated constitution. |
| **10.** | **Process for co-option for remaining vacancies on Student Council**  This item was discussed alongside item 6 |
| Reporting Items | |
| **11.** | **Update from Executive Committee**  HL updated the Council that Executive Committee had not yet met this academic year.  **Action 03: HL to email PTO’s a Doodle Poll for Executive Committee by the end of the week** |
| **12.** | **Update from Board of Trustees**  Update was given by HL when discussing item 8 |
| **13.** | **Update from AROG**  MP explained AROG to Council and informed Council they had not yet met. A meeting is set for late October which will be discussed at next Council. |
| **14.** | **Update from Education Council**  MP informed Council Education Council is also yet to meet but a meeting has been scheduled for October. It was discussed that there needs to be more clarification around Academic Society Chair’s being invited. There are also 3 School Rep vacancies which shall hopefully be filled prior to Education Council. |
| **15.** | **Officers’ reports – questions comments**  HL updated Council on Diwali, RAG Week, Children in Need and International Men’s Week. AM asked to get involved with International Men’s Week and HL will discuss this outside of the meeting.  **Action 04: HL to contact AM regarding International Men’s Week**  **Action 05: HL to publish Harry’s hotlist to go online**  MP updated Council on her objectives in line with her report.  MH updated Council on sport strategy and discussions were held around the university and union managing sport. DJ suggested PTO’s should be able to talk to Clubs and Socs. MH also addressed the divide between clubs and societies and that TeamWorc points could aid the collaboration. JG suggested that TeamWorc points could include working/engaging with PTO’s.  **Action 06: MH to invite PTO’s to TeamWorc Committee Meetings**  **Action 07: MH to ensure student representation in any changes made to sport strategy**  **Action 08: MH to email DJ and Karl to meet regarding on society events**  **Action 09: MH to consider involving PTO engagement with TeamWorc Points** |
| Information Items | |
| **16.** | **Peoples’ Vote**  MP updated Council on their work with FFS and the People’s Vote march happening on 19th October. |
| **17.** | **Governance Review Update**  MP and THB updated on the Governance Review. This mainly focused on the roles available and implementing networks as opposed to officer roles. This was so groups of students could be involved rather than individuals. An ideas forum would also be introduced where students can up/down vote ideas and the most popular will be considered by the Union. THB stated the draft by-laws will be completed by January. |
| **Any other Business** | |
| **10.** | **Any other business** |
|  | There was no other business and the meeting ended at 19:05 |

**Actions**

**Action 01: AB to share Academic Representation Code of Practice with councillors**

**Action 02: THB to send round Strategic Plan, FTO and PTO Manifesto’s and Officer’s Objectives to Student Council**

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