Student Council Minutes

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# Tuesday 12th November 2019, 17:15-19:15 (PN G009) Agenda

**Attendance**

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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 |
| Welfare Officer | Amelia Price | AP |
| Women’s Officer | Alia Moorhouse | AM |
| BUCS Sports Clubs Rep | Sophie Davies | SD |
| General Interest Societies Rep | Danielle Jones | DJ |
| Non-BUCS Sports Clubs Rep | Luke Quinlan | LQ |
| Postgraduate Rep | Afoma Obidinnu | AO |

**Councillors present:**

**Also present:**

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| Chief Executive Officer | Sophie Williams | SW |
| Student Engagement Manager | Tim Hewes-Belton | THB |
| Student Voice Assistant (minute taking) | Abbie Banner | AB |

**Apologies Received:**

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| Sustainability Officer | Claudia Gutierrez | CG |
| Academic Societies Rep | Karl Stanfield | KS |
| School of Education Rep | Kelly Chamberlain | KC |

**Not present:**

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| Student Disability Officer | Nadine Baxter | NB |
| School of Psychology Rep | Janne Vollan Tollefsen | JVT |

**Minutes**

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| **1.** | **Welcome and introductions** |
|  | KW welcome everyone to the second Student Council of the 2019-20 academic year. |
| **2.** | **Apologies** |
|  | Apologies were received from Claudia Gutierrez, Kelly Chamberlain and Karl Stanfield. |
| **3.** | **Declarations of interest** |
|  | MH declared an interest in clubs and societies, so would be abstaining from voting on approval of clubs and societies. |
| **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: THB to share Academic Representation Code of Practice with councillors** | THB completed action via email. | | **Action 02: THB to send round Strategic Plan, FTO and PTO Manifesto’s and Officer’s Objectives to Student Council** | THB completed action via email. | | **Action 03: HL to email PTO’s a Doodle Poll for Executive Committee by the end of the week** | HL completed action via email. | | **Action 04: HL to contact AM regarding International Men’s Week** | HL contacted AM to discuss this. | | **Action 05: HL to publish Harry’s Hotlist to go online** | HL has requested design team to embed Harry’s Hotlist into the ‘What’s On’ section of the SU website. | | **06: MH to invite PTO’s to TeamWorc Committee Meetings** | MH sent invitations to PTOs. | | **Action 07: MH to ensure student representation in any changes made to sport strategy** | MH noted there have been no changes to Sports Strategy since previous Student Council. | | **Action 08: MH to email DJ and KS to meet regarding on society events** | MH has met with DJ and KS to discuss society events. | | **Action 09: MH to consider involving PTO engagement with TeamWorc Points** | MH has updated the TeamWorc Points system to include PTO engagement as an item. | |
| Approval Items | |
| **6.** | **Co-option of Councillors** |
|  | Candidate Luke Quinlan spoke to Council about why he want to be co-opted into Council.  **Vote to approve Luke Quinlan Application for Non-BUCS Sports Representative**  For: 10  Against: 0  Abstain: 0  Luke Quinlan was co-opted into Council as Non-BUCS Sports Representative. |
| **7.** | **Approval of new Clubs and Societies**   * **Bhangra Society** * **Finnish Society** * **The Shout** |
|  | The Club and Society applications were circulated with all councillors so that they could make an informed decision.   * 1. **Bhangra Society**   HL explained that the successful Diwali event led to the formation of this Society. SD questioned if registering as a Society they would need additional insurance, as not a sports club. THB explained that they would not as they are still covered, and the Society indicated in their application form they will not require a coach or instructor.  Vote to approve Bhangra Society  For: 10  Against: 0  Abstain: 1  **7.2 Finnish Society**  Vote to approve Finnish Society  For: 10  Against: 0  Abstain: 1  Council asked that the Finnish Society complete their constitution. They were conditionally approved providing that a completed constitution is circulated to Student Council.   * 1. **The Shout**   AM asked if it is connected to a course. MH explained it is not officially, but is being set up by journalism students. THB noted that if successful there was a possibility that it could become a Student Led Service and be the formal student media platform for the SU.  Vote to approve The Shout Society  For: 10  Against: 0  Abstain: 1  The Shout were conditionally approved as Council were still awaiting their constitution to be fully completed. |
| Reporting Items | |
| **8.** | **Update from Executive Committee** |
|  | HL informed Council that the Executive Committee has not met yet, due to availability of members. However the first meeting of the year is planned for Friday 6th December, 9:00-10:00am in TT006.  THB explained the purpose of Executive Committee for new members of Council. THB also noted that at this meeting the progression of networks will be discussed and explained the idea of implementing networks as part of the Governance Review. |
| **9.** | **Update from the Board of Trustees** |
|  | **9.1 Outline of Board**  SW firstly outlined the membership and purpose of the Trustee Board.  **9.2 Update**  SW then provided Councillors an update from the most recent meeting. This included the appointment of new Trustees; 1 External Trustee, 2 new Student Trustees and 1 returning Student Trustee, as well as updating members on the the strategic plan.  **9.3 Next meeting**  SW noted that the Trustee Board is meeting next on 26th November and that from this meeting there is likely to be more items to come to the next Student Council meeting. |
| **10.** | **Update from AROG** |
|  | **10.1** MP firstly explained the purpose and membership of AROG (Academic Representation Oversight Group) as a joint SU-University meeting.  **10.2** MP noted the first AROG meeting of 2019-20 academic year was on 23rd October, with University’s Academic Registrar attending.  **10.3** At this AROG, items discussed included increasing Rep visibility online, the Postgraduate Research representation system and the Staff Handbook for academic representation.  **10.4** The next AROG meeting will be on 2nd April 2020. |
| **11.** | **Update from Education Council** |
|  | **11.1** MP explained the purpose of Education Council and the membership is School Reps and Chairs of Academic Societies.  **11.2** MP noted the first meeting of 2019-20 academic year was on Thursday 24th October. This was a positive meeting overall which lots of students attending including, for the first time, chairs of some academic societies. Items discussed included academic-related policies passed through Student Council, Standardisation of Blackboard pages and the topics of the three Education Council working groups for 2019-20.  **11.3** The next Education Council meeting will be on 2nd December. |
| **12.** | **Officers’ reports – questions/comments** |
|  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Officer** | **Highlights** | **Comments** | | **HL** | The SU has had several successful events:   * Diwali event serving food to 225 people. * RAG week events   In process of setting up Drink-Aware nightlife crew. Upcoming meeting with IT to discuss SU App. HL encouraged all Councillors to come along to iSoc charity meal on 9th December.  HL updated on night bus – averaging 109 passengers each night, Wed, Fri and Sat.  **Action 01. HL to update Council on Drink-Aware Nightlife Crew.**  **Action 02. HL to update Council on SU App.**  **Action 03. HL to update council on Night Bus.** | AM noted issues with the Night Bus around drivers and timings. HL will update on this in the next Council meeting. | | **MP** | Supported the register to vote campaign for students and helped students to attend the People’s Vote march. | No comments | | **MH** | MH encouraged all to come along to events in Geek Week 25th-30th November, a collaboration event between several Academic and General Interest societies, including Marvel and DC, HorrorSoc, Tabletop, Gaming, and others.  MH updated that the implementation of TeamWorc points was going well | DJ asked for clarification on the points system which MH provided. | | **SK** | Had first meeting with mentor. Had a meeting with International Experience Office.  Talking to intl students to gauge their wants and needs.  WhatsApp group set up with a network of International students. Also looking at involving more Chinese students through using WeChat platform.  Planning a small “pilot” event for international students for 16th December, to increase social events for intl.  Also explaining SU events to intl students who may be interested but unsure, furthering promotion.  **Action 04.** **MH to look how we can encourage more societies to base more activities at City Campus.** | AO noted the cross-over between international and PG students, with PG based at City Campus.  AO requested if it could be held at City.  SK explained this was just a pilot of a larger event he is planning.  AO noted lack of Societies and clubs representation at City.  MH noted we could encourage more Socs to base activities on City.  SW noted to SK that Refreshers Week good opportunity to promote activities to intl students due to arrivals. | | **JG** | Supporting the LGBTQ Society, ensuring all members know JG is there for support. Offered to collaborate with PTOs, offered support to any and all. | No comments. | | **NB** | NB not present. | MP noted that herself and NB have been in discussion with University w. regards to Ally for Blackboard, a digital tool to improve inclusivity. | | **CG** | CG sent apologies. | No comments. | | **AP** | Meeting planned with mentor day after Council. Discussing with Chair of Student Minds Society planning a Suicide Prevention awareness event, raising funds for Papyrus – before end of Semester.  Been in discussions with HL about Wellbeing Space outside The Hangar in development.  **Action 05.** **THB to send exec summary of survey to AP.**  **Action 06. THB to invite AP to next Wellbeing Working Group.** | SW noted a survey was completed last year by the previous President, with 488 responses. The SU hold an Exec Summary of this highlighting interesting results that AP can access.  MP noted the internal SU Wellbeing Working Group. | | **AM** | No report provided. Verbal update:  Supporting Women’s Gym Pathway. Body Positivity campaign posters being produced.  Want to launch Women’s Network including MP.  **Action 07. MP to follow up on Women’s Network with Sarah Greer.**  Walk for Consent – not just for women, also for cultural, LGBTQ+ and related matters.  Quiz in The Hangar for 100 yrs since women can be MPs and Lawyers, and 101 yrs since votes for women.  International Women’s Day  Lego Suffragette – talking to people on Open Day about this. | MP noted hoping the launch of Women’s network to be a coffee morning open to University community inc. students, staff, graduates.  THB explained what the Lego Suffragette is and that it was arriving from Parliament the day after Council.  JG interested in getting involved in the International Women’s Day event, including Drag Queens, etc.  **Action 08. MH to invite JG to TeamWorc.** | |
| Information Items | |
| **13.** | **RAG Week** |
|  | HL gave an update of RAG week events, encouraged all to come along and donate to all the good causes being raised for, including Movember. |
| **14.** | **Mental Health Week** |
|  | HL outlined the plans for Men’s Mental Health Week 18th – 22nd Nov with the Quiz and Bingo, educating on Men’s Health and Dart’s Night on Friday evening in the Hangar. |
| Any other Business | |
| **15.** | **Any other business** |
|  | **15.1** HL encouraged all Councillors to come along to and volunteer with the Children in Need events happening in the week of Council, including the Massage-athon, Social Sports Day, £5 Car Wash and Friday Duo Karaoke in the Hangar.  **15.2** SD raised an issue with the BUCS app, where elements not working.  **Action 09. MH to take this to Regional BUCS meeting**  15.3 SD raised an issue with Akuma, sports kit providers, where some negative feedback has been provided. HL noted that Akuma is a new company, experiencing a few teething issues, but have provided great service, great offer of choice and customisability of kit, as well as being present on campus to try on items.  **Action 10. MH to contact Akuma to discuss feedback.**  **15.4** THB encouraged all councillors to submit motions for proposal or any information items that they would like to discuss at Student Council, explaining that we can add anything they want to the agenda for any meeting. |
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