

# Welfare and Inclusion Council Minutes

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> of October, 4-5pm, on Microsoft Teams

	Agenda Item
1.	<b>Welcome and introductions</b>
2.	<b>Apologies</b>
3.	<b>Matters arising</b>
	No matters arising
	Updating items
4.	<b>What is Welfare and Inclusion council?</b>
	KCR explained what we discuss in council including issues on welfare, inclusion, and sustainability. Explanation of what a policy is.
5.	<b>President Update</b>
	Cost of living work that is being done. The Students Union are giving out foodbank vouchers to students who require them. AL is working on a Community Cupboard which is situated in the double automatic doors by the costa in SU – This works by students and staff donating food and students are able to take food as when needed, free of charge. Gender Neutral toilets explained. A policy that passed the previous year and the SU are lobbying the University to change sigs on the doors to include gender neutral toilets throughout the university promoting inclusivity and making students feel more comfortable. Wellbeing Wednesdays explained. An initiative to promote health and wellbeing and raise awareness on health and wellbeing. Different events will be held on Wednesdays throughout the semester which will be wellbeing themed.
6.	<b>Network Update</b>

	Networks told that in this section they will be expected to update the council about what they have been doing since the last council meeting.
7.	<b>Policy update</b>
	Council updated students on the policies that were taken from welfare and Inclusion council and approved at Student Council. These include Accessible Student Housing and Accommodation for International Students.
	Questions from student asked about updates from accommodation for international students MEM updated on work of help and advice service and HE sector work.
	As a network, explained to refer any students to help and advice.
8.	<b>SU EDI Update</b>
	Students made aware of that the EDI Group has been set up <b>Action 01:</b> send EDI committee report update (ASB & KCR)
9.	<b>GISU and Sustainability Committee</b>
	KCR updated on GISU initiative and work plan. what you want as students. Can add it to agenda. Sustainability affects everyone. Accreditation explained. Action Plan is being put in place; we will show council what SU is working once that's done <b>Action 02:</b> Bring Action plan to next Welfare and Inclusion Council.
	Approval Items
10.	<b>Terms of reference</b>
	Item approved. For: 5. Against: 0. Abstain:1
	Discussion Item
11.	<b>Cultural Calendar</b>

	<p>Calendar shared with the council. Discussions about interesting events were raised by members. Members asked to have reports/paper sent.</p> <p><b>Action 03:</b> To send EDI cultural events calendar</p> <p><b>Action 04:</b> Committees to contact ASB if they wish to run an event or add to the cultural calendar</p>
12.	<b>Cost of living</b>
	<p>KCR introduced cost of living work SU are doing.</p> <p>Discussions around timetabling issues affecting the amount of travel which impacts cost of fuel and bus fares. Discussions around postgraduate alumni discount having a strict criterion therefore, excluding some students. Students encouraged to take issues to open panel meeting on 11/10/22</p>
13.	<b>REN name change</b>
	<p>No objections</p> <p><b>Action 05:</b> AL to take to Student Council</p>
14.	<b>Format of future meetings</b>
	<p>Vote taken for in person versus online council meetings. Online preferred.</p>
<b>Any Other Business</b>	
15.	<b>AOB</b>
	<p>KCR explained process of obtaining foodbank vouchers more thoroughly.</p> <p>ASB encouraged students to use this time in the council to go towards volunteering.</p> <p>AL Promoted BHM intersectionality workshop and decolonising the curriculum workshop.</p>

### Actions:

**Action 01:** Send EDI cultural events calendar to members (ASB)

**Action 02:** Bring GISU Action plan to next Welfare and Inclusion Council (ASB & KCR)

**Action 03:** Send EDI committee report update (ASB & KCR)

**Action 04:** Committees to contact ASB if they wish to run an event or add to the cultural calendar

**Action 05:** AL to take to take REN name change to Student Council