

WSU Executive Committee Minutes

Friday 17th September at 9am on Microsoft Teams

Agenda:

| | Agenda Item | Owner | Timing |
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| 1. | Welcome and introductions | MP | 09:00 |
| 2. | Apologies | MP | 09:01 |
| 3. | Declarations of interest | MP | 09:02 |
| 4. | Minutes of previous meeting | MP | 09:03 |
| 5. | Matters arising | MP | 09:07 |
| Approval Items | | | |
| 6. | Approval of Principles for Society and Sports Club approvals. | THB | 09:12 |
| 7. | Updates to Bye Laws | THB | 09:22 |
| Reporting Items | | | |
| 8. | Active Policy and Ideas Updates | Officers | 09:32 |
| 9. | Campaign Updates | Officers | 09:40 |
| Information Items | | | |
| 10. | Network Implementation Update | THB | 09:45 |
| Any Other Business | | | |
| 11. | AOB | MP | 09:55 |
| 12. | Date of Next Meeting Friday 16th October 2020 | | |

Attendance

Attending:

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| Megan Price | President | MP |
| Harry South | Vice President Education | HS |
| Tish Manning | Vice President Student Activities | TM |

Also in attendance:

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| Sophie Williams | Chief Executive | SW |
| Tim Hewes Belton | Student Engagement Manager | THB |
| Robert Cox | Finance and Commercial Manager | RC |
| Abbie Banner | Student Voice Assistant (minuting secretary) | AB |

Minutes

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| 1. | Welcome and introductions |
| | MP welcomed all to the September Exec meeting. |
| 2. | Apologies |

| | No apologies were received. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 3. | Declarations of interest | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | There were no declarations of interest. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4. | Minutes of previous meeting | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Vote to approve the minutes of the minutes of the Exec Committee meeting held on 25.08.2020: For: 3 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 6. | Approval of Principles for Society and Sports Club approvals. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | <p>THB gave an overview of the requested changes made to the draft document of the principles. SW requested a change to the wording, to "without <i>reasonable</i> support from staff". RC questioned who deems what is 'unreasonable', it was clarified this would be the responsibility of Exec.</p> <p>Vote to approve the proposed draft of Principles for Society and Sports Club Approvals, including the above amendment: For: 3 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 The Principles for Society and Sports Club Approvals were approved.</p> |
| 7. | <p>Updates to Bye Laws</p> |
| | <p>THB outlined the updates made to the Bye Laws, as laid out in the document circulated with Exec prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Vote to approve the proposed draft of Principles for Society and Sports Club Approvals, including the above amendment: For: 3 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 The updates to the Bye Laws were approved.</p> <p>The updated Bye Laws will go to the next Trustee Board meeting for final approval. There was a brief discussion around renaming the BAME Students' Network, with potential options of Race and Culture Network or the Race and Diversity Network.</p> |
| <p>Reporting Items</p> | |
| 8. | <p>Active Policy and Ideas Updates</p> |
| | <p><i>8.1 25% club discount for placement students policy</i> TM updated that the "25% club discount for placement students" policy had been actioned and implemented, with discounted memberships already purchased a membership with the discount and the system worked effectively.</p> <p><i>8.2 Climate Emergency policy</i> MP updated that the Climate Emergency policy – Sustainability Committee meeting will go ahead soon.</p> <p><i>8.3 Fit to Study Policy</i> Action 03: HS to meet with Ross Renton with Kate to discuss implementing a Fit to Study policy.</p> <p><i>8.4 Ideas Forum</i> THB updated there are 3 ideas live on the Ideas Forum. These ideas are around recycling on campus, sunflower lanyards and the black lives matter movement. MP updated that the SU and the University are working together on Black History Month in October, including renaming one of the University owned accommodation, to the Mary Seacole building, after the Jamaican-born nurse and heroine of the Crimean war. There was a brief discussion around promoting the Ideas Forum. Action 04: Officers to post on social media to promote the ideas forum.</p> |

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| 9. | Campaign Updates |
| | <p>MP updated Exec that planning is underway for Black History Month in October. HS noted he has been involved as an author of a paper going to the next LTSEC meeting on academic integrity and this involves essay mills.</p> <p>MP noted that the University have considered making the car park machines cashless, but Estates department has said the initial outlay is too much to implement right now. The officers will be taking part in Sober October.</p> |
| Information Items | |
| 10. | Network Implementation Update |
| | <p>MP updated that the Networks had a successful Launch Day event on 16th September. The membership numbers for networks are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BAME – 20 • Women's – 13 • Commuters – 12 • Disabled – 4 • International – 2 • LGBTQ+ - 41 • Mature – 20 • Postgraduate – 1 • Sustainability – 10 • Widening Participation - 2 <p>MP noted Juwairiyah is having meetings with each of the Network committees separately, and all committee members are undertaking training through online modules.</p> |
| Any Other Business | |
| 11. | AOB |
| | There was no other business. |
| 12. | Date of Next Meeting: Friday 16 th October 2020 |