

Minutes

Wednesday 13th October 2021

Time 3:00-5:00pm

Remotely- Teams

1. Attendance and Apologies

Members Present: Connie Fernandes (CF), Noah Yates (NY), Archan Raval (AR), Kulvant Singh (KS), Vidya Kurre (VK), Layla Mohammed (LM), Hannah Knoerk (HK)

Apologies: Georgina Wilson-Cousins (GW)

No Apologies: Tanvi Tondwalkar (TT), Daisy Partridge (DP)

Staff: Rebecca Davies (RD), Craig Lithgow (CL), George Blake (GB), Ciara Haynes (CH)

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – N/A first informal meeting

3. Matters Arising

4. Update from Executive Officers

- a. Full time officer's written reports – No reports yet
- b. Part-time Officer written reports - No reports yet

5. Campaigns Updates and Budget Applications

None

6. Update on Current Motions

- 1) RD explained that we should not have Circuit Laundry as a as a policy because it is poorly written and not achieving much. She argues that we will continue to push it and fight for it throughout meetings.
- 2) RD explains that training is always kept up to date e.g deaf awareness, bystander training, equality and diversity training, new training they adopt it. Continual learning.

7. Any Other Business (AOB)

- 1) Chairing future Executive Meetings
 - a. A discussion was had who should chair the meetings going forward.
 - b. KV asked if it is not the role of the SU president as he has seen it this way in the past.
 - c. CL and RD explain that the bye-laws have changed meaning that any sabbatical officer can put themselves forward for the role. This is because President tends to chair other main committees Student experience and welfare committee,

Cabinet and Trustee which means charring EC too would give the President a disproportionate power to steer direction. This way, gives opportunities for others to share skills.

- d. Decided that a poll would be circulated to all voting members after to decide on a chair between AR, KS and CF. NY has excluded himself from the vote.

2) Future dates/Timing of meeting

- a. NY asked for before 5pm. CL asked for earlier in the day. Other voices consented.
- b. GB suggests keeping time flexible and subject to change
- c. CF asked for it to be changed to Thursdays. RD reminded that SA's are on Thursdays.
- d. 3-5pm on Tuesdays was decided on.
- e. The choice between online or in person was given. RD said online, HK said a mixture due to work, AR and NY said in-person.

3) Priorities for Policies and Motion (P&M)

- a. LM believes we should prioritise P&M around safety such as the homophobia motion.
- b. RD priorities what is still affecting students.
- c. CF and RD suggests splitting P&M into two groups. The operational P&M's (getting padding on all lecture seats) and the more complicated ones or those which require more sustained effort. CH explains that some P&M fit in to both categories.
- d. GB proposes creating criteria which P&M can be assessed against. A shortlist of priorities will be sent out for officers to score.
 - i. Relevance, safety, strategic plan, constitution

4) CL states that when P&M comes from Student Assembly they must be made meaningful by the executive. Currently, many he argues, are poorly written, goals are weak and measuring success is made difficult. The executive committee should interpret it and set out clear targets. Uses Multi-Faith prayer rooms P&M as an example. He states it was originally about reigniting multi-faith organisation's on campus.

5) Banning Vape Companies. It was discussed by those who attended whether it was morally right and in line with P&M to promote the targeted selling of Vape to students on campus.

- a. KS says conflicting studies mean we can't be certain if its better or worse for health
- b. NY said its good to help stop smoking but vape is a gateway due to nicotine. Single use means they are bad foe the environment
- c. CF must take the the personal out of it, there is a consensus to not promote it.
- d. AR says people are selling it halls and KS says students should be able to buy it where ever they choose.
- e. Informal vote is held: No votes for vape on campus. 10 votes against. CL left the meeting prior to the informal vote.