

Student Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes of Student Council held on Monday 5th November 2012 at 6pm in the Cadman Student Space Stoke.

Present: Kimberley Kirkham (**KK** – Student Councillor), Lewis Lay (**LL**- Student Councillor), Jenisha Patel (**JP**- Student Councillor), Holly Hatton Baldwin (**HB**- Student Councillor), Thomas Meadowcroft (**TM**- Student Councillor) Caroline Butterwick (**CB**- Forum Chair) Jadesola Fakoya (**JF**- Forum Chair), Rachel Turney (**KT** -Student Councillor), Helene Titus-Glover (**HTG** -Student Councillor), Lawrence Parkes (**LP** -Student Councillor), Marc Rodgers (**MR** -Student Councillor), Nikita Sinha (**NS** -Student Councillor), Rowan Ashe (**RA** -Student Councillor), Mica Chaplin (**MC** -Student Councillor), Samuel Tellwright (**ST** -Student Councillor), Sarah Pearse (**SP** -Student Councillor)

In Attendance: Rebekah Kelly (**RK**- Trustee), Margaret Mulholland (**MM**- Membership Services Manager), Gary Richardson (**GR**- President and Chair), Peter Pickerill (**PP** - Student), Richard Bayes (**RB**- Vice-President), Rochelle Owusu-Antwi), Fiona Wood (**FW** – Student), Ithsham Pevrez (**IP**- Student Engagement Assistant & Secretary)

Apologies for Absence: Arun Chakravarthy Karnati (**ACK**- Student Councillor), Beth Moorley (**BM**- Vice President), Adam Ledlie (**AL** Student Councillor)

Not Present: Sam Richardson (**SR**- Trustee), Shamanth Reddy Devagari (**SRD** - Trustee), Muhammad Adnan Aslam (**MAA** - Trustee), Waseem Ahmed Ansari (**WAA** -Student Councillor), Suman Nath (**SN** -Student Councillor), Daniel Mahoney (**DM** -Student Councillor) Alex Garmston (**AG** – Student Councillor) Myrofora Ioannidou (**ML**- Student Councillor)

All apologies recorded above were accepted.

Apologies received with 48 hours of the meeting: Myrofora Ioannidou (**ML**- Student Councillor), Alex Garmston (**AG** – Student Councillor)

(Council to approve at start of next meeting so attendance register can reflect the apologies)

No.	Item, Discussion and Action	By Whom and By When
1	There were no objections for GR to chair today’s Student Council.	
	<u>Standing Items</u>	
	Notification of Late Arrival – None	

Notification of Early Departure – None

Minutes of the Previous Meeting – Amendments:

4.1. It is **BM**, NOT all Officers to help **HHB** to write the letter and liaise with Women's Forum.

16 Approve Minutes (including above amendment)

0 Reject Minutes

1 Abstain

Action Points from the Previous Meeting –

GR confirmed that the letter of censure was sent to Liam Burns (NUS President) but no response had been received.

HHB has written a draft letter to the comic and compere and will liaise with **BM** and Women's Forum to agree before sending.

Not all the Officers had included completion dates in their reports and were reminded to do so next time. It was also requested that they adopt a common format as this makes it easier for councillors to read.

Conflicts of Interest – **GR** is to stand for Chair for Student Council (**2.1**)

Notification of Any Other Business –

4.1. Smoking Shelter on Stafford Campus Student Accommodation and E-Cigarettes

4.2. Gender Neutral Toilets

4.3. The New Union Website

4.4. Memorial for Deceased Student

4.5. Entry Issues for Student Council Members for Union Events.

4.5. National Demo 2012

4.6. Disabled Student Forum – Demo

Reports –

Officer reports were sent out with the Council papers

Trustee Board: GR gave a verbal report

All reports were accepted.

AGM

As the AGM was not quorate it was reconvened at the start of council and GR presented the accounts for approval.

These were accepted with one abstention. There was a query regarding what had happened to the fifth officer salary. GR advised that for this year only it had been added to the Representation budget so that there was more money available for campaigns etc.

Council Members would like to **NOTE** that the Annual Students Forum/AGM was poorly publicised.

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Items of business

2.1 Election of Chair & Deputy Chair for Council

Nominations for Chair:

Kimberley Kirkham
Lewis Lay
Lawrence Parkes
Rowan Ashe
Gary Richardson

All candidates did a 2 minute presentation.

Votes:

Kimberley Kirkham: 0

Lewis Lay: 3

Lawrence Parkes: 1

Rowan Ashe: 7

Gary Richardson: 0

Abstain: 1

APPROVED CHAIR: **Rowan Ashe**

Note: **RA** took over from **GR**, from here onwards.

Nominations for Deputy Chair:

Lewis Lay
Holly Hatton Baldwin
Lawrence Parkes

All candidates did a 2 minute presentation.

Votes:

Lewis Lay: 0

Holly Hatton Baldwin: 8

Lawrence Parkes: 4

Abstain: 1

APPROVED DEPUTY CHAIR: **Holly Hatton Baldwin**

2.2. Election of Student Representative for Academic Board

Nominations for Student Representative for Academic Board:

Jenisha Patel
Helene Titus-Glover
Lawrence Parkes
Caroline Butterwick
Jadesola Fakoya

All candidates did a 2 minute presentation.

Votes:

Jenish Patel: 3

Helene Titus-Glover: 1

Lawrence Parkes: 1

Caroline Butterwick: 4

Jadesola Fakoya: 0

Abstain: 1

APPROVED: **Caroline Butterwick**

2.3. Election of Student Representative(s) for Student Experience Committee and Quality Committee (2 positions) – One Reserved For an International Student

Nominations for Student Experience (single position):

Kimberley Kirkham

Lewis Lay

Nikita Sinha

Mica Chaplin

All candidates did a 2 minute presentation.

Votes:

Kimberley Kirkham: 1

Lewis Lay: 5

Nikita Sinha: 0

Mica Chaplin: 4

Abstain: 1

APPROVED: **Lewis Lay**

RB will take the vacant International Student position to the next International Student Forum.

Nominations for Quality Committee:

Helene Titus-Glover

Lawrence Parkes

Mica Chaplin

Peter Pickerill

All candidates did a 2 minute presentation.

Votes:

Helene Titus-Glover: 2

Lawrence Parkes: 5

Mica Chaplin: 1

Peter Pickerill: 2

RB to elect an international student for SECQC at next forum

Abstain: 2

APPROVED: **Lawrence Parkes**

2.4. Proposal submitted by Paul Green

ROW presented the Volunteering Associate Membership Proposal. **MM (POI)** CRB required if the individual is participating in an activity with inVOLved and would have to be arranged and paid for by the individual.

RB commented that Union insurance covers associate members and Union can only authorise vehicles to be used in travel to a Union event.

GR recommended that the members of the club/societies should cover for the volunteering membership fee, as the individual is not participating in club/societies, only in volunteering capacity.

To approve the Volunteering Associate Membership proposal:

Votes For: 8

Votes Against: 4

Votes Abstain: 3

Volunteering Membership Proposal: **APPROVED (in its original format)**

MM to ensure systems amended to reflect this and communicate this to Paul Green

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Any Other Business

4.1. Smoking Shelter on Stafford Campus Student Accommodation and E-Cigarettes

LP stated the increase of Stafford students living in Halls of Residences, demanding a smoking shelter as there are no designated areas to smoke under cover. Also e-cigarettes are banned in Halls of Residences, yet the purpose of e-cigarettes is an alternative smoking option without the negative side effects.

LL notes the same issue is affecting Stoke Halls, and according to the residence manager, the university class the Halls as non-smoking areas. Students can use e-cigarettes at the wardens' discretion. **LL** will raise this at the Warden University Residence Forum.

All agreed the benefits of having smoking shelter, as long it abides by the Smoking policy (5 metre rule).

Mandate for Officers to take forward:

Votes For: 13

Votes Against: 1

Officers to raise at H&S Meeting and

Votes Abstain: 1

Mandate: **APPROVED**

4.2. Gender Neutral Toilets

MR and **FW** arguing the need for gender neutral toilets in LRV for LGBT students, as there currently no safe facility for them to use.

LL stated the unisex toilets are opened only during the day, when Verve is open. Also Ember has a combined disabled and gender neutral toilets.

RK noted that students were told the unisex facility in LRV was closed due to plumbing/cleaning issues. **RT** stated it is a plumbing and cleaning issue, as the facility was getting damaged after every Union night event (i.e. Gobble)

FW said LGBT students are still being abused verbally/physically in the toilet facilities, during Union night events. **GR** stated all forms of abuse should be reported to the Union.

AGREED: GR will arrange a meeting with MR and FW regarding abuse against LGBT students and to review the provision of gender neutral toilets.

4.3. The New Union Website

It was discussed as to why the new Union website was launched without proper checks for updated information and the problems with the page designs, as it is not user/accessibility friendly.

RB stated the website should have up-to-date information and work is been done to resolve any issues, including improving user/accessibility friendly. Feedback is needed and important to improve the website and council were encouraged to comment further.

4.4. Memorial for Deceased Student

RT stated the University had plans to erect some form of memorial in the student's name but nothing has happened and no information given to students. The family have now been in touch to find out what is happening.

It was agreed the Union could do some form of memorial near the time of the first anniversary of his death.

AGREED: GR and ROW will arrange a meeting with RT and Emma Bowden to take this further.

**Residences meetings
LL to raise at wardens meeting**

GR will arrange a meeting with MR and FW

GR and ROW will arrange a meeting with RT & Emma

	<p>4.5. Entry Issues for Student Council Members for Union Night Events.</p> <p>Student Council members details are not shown up on system as free entry, when they attend a Union night event (i.e. Gobble)</p> <p>AGREED: MM will ensure MSL System is updated</p> <p>4.5. National Demo 2012</p> <p>GR outlined the work being done around the National Demo 2012 on Wednesday 21st November 2012 and encouraged councillors to get involved.</p> <p>4.6. Disabled Student Forum – Demo</p> <p>CB updated council with regards to the demo against ATOS for which they had a good turnout.</p> <p>FW passed a message of congratulations from Hannah Paterson, NUS Disabled Students’ Officer to the members of Disabled Student Forum for their work on the demo.</p> <p>4.6. The Forum</p> <p>RA mentioned a new TV programme from Staffs TV (Stafford Campus) called The Forum. This s a political programme with contributions by Officers and Students. RA will email all further information.</p> <p>4.7 Agenda</p> <p>It was discussed and agreed that the agenda would be amended to include feedback from the Forum chairs in the reports section and lapsed policies would be included in standing business. The Chair also requested that updated attendance registers were made available at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Bowden</p> <p>MM to ensure councillors details are on the MSL System.</p> <p>RA will email all further information.</p> <p>MM to update agenda and ensure correct paperwork available</p>
<p>5</p>	<p><u>Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>6pm on Monday 3rd December in Students’ Union Student Space, Stafford.</p>	