

Student Council Meeting Minutes

Monday 3rd December at 6pm, Stafford Student Space.

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 (**RT** -Student Councillor), Helene Titus-Glover (**HTG** -Student Councillor), Lawrence Parkes (**LP** -Student Councillor), Rowan Ashe (**RA** -Student Councillor), Mica Chaplin (**MC** -Student Councillor), Adam Ledlie (**AL** – Student Councillor), Arun Chakravarthy Karnati (**AK** – Student Councillor) Marc Rogers (MR Forum Chair) Rocher Wilson (RW Health Rep- shared role) Sharon McCann (SM Health Rep- shared role) Sarah Pearse (SP Student Councillor) Shanice Nugent (Forum Chair)

In Attendance: Rebekah Kelly (**RK**- Trustee), Margaret Mulholland (**MM**- Membership Services Manager), Richard Bayes (**RB**- Vice-President), Rochelle Owusu-Antwi (ROW- Vice President)), Fiona Wood (**FW** – Student), Beth Moorley, (**BM**- Vice-President), Sam Richardson (**SR**-Trustee) Melissa McCann (MMc Student)

Apologies for Absence: Myrofora Ioannidou (**MI** – Student Councillor), Nikita Sinha (**NS** -Student Councillor), Allison Fox (**AF** – Student Councillor) Rachel Turney (**RT** – Student Councillor) Gary Richardson (President)- remote link up failed

Not Present: Waseem Ahmed Ansari (**WA**- Student Councillor) , Suman Nath (Student Councillor), Daniel Mahoney (Student Councillor)

Resignation Tendered: Samuel Tellwright (**ST** – Student Councillor)

Apologies accepted (both current and those received within 48 hours of the last meeting):
13 voted for/ 1 voted against
Resignation accepted by Council

| No. | Item, Discussion and Action | By Whom and By When |
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| 1 | <p>Standing Items</p> <p>Notification of Late Arrival – Mica Chaplin, Helene Titus-Glover, Shanice Nugent, Jenisha Patel</p> <p>Action Points- Ran through action points from last meeting, some still outstanding, see revised grid for details</p> <p>Minutes from Previous Meeting – 13 voted to accept. 3 abstained.</p> <p>Student Council Attendance – Recommendation that as WA has not attended council, and has provided no explanation for non-attendance that WA be deemed resigned. MM suggested we</p> | |

contact before doing so. Council voted to contact **WA**, before resigning his position as Student Councillor.

Vote: 14 For. 4 Against.

Conflicts of Interest – Discussed in the light of councillors running for office next year but agreed no one needed to abstain from voting

Officer Reports – RO, BM and RB all delivered a verbal summary of their Officer reports to Council.

Feedback From Forums – LGBT, Disabled Student, Liberation, Women, BME, Pre-qualifying Health Forums all in attendance. All delivered a summary of their last meetings, apart from BME & Pre Qualifying Health Council as they had not met since the last council meeting.

RA proposed that all Chairs of Forums submit summary reports to **MM** before next Student Council meeting. They are to submit 7 days before the date of the next meeting.

Query rose about summary of reports. Council voted for Officers and Forum Chairs to write reports and submit as papers to be distributed with the agenda. Council to address any questions arising to the relevant person at the meeting but unless there was an addition or amendment to the report no need for the author to speak.

Vote: 16 for. 1 against.

Policies Due to Lapse –

Free/Special Bus Service between the 2 Campuses – **LP** proposed to rewrite draft on transportation links and submit the draft for consideration at the next Council meeting.

Discussion ensued, **RA** proposed that Council vote on the policy lapsing and that it gets rewritten by **LP**.

Vote: 17 for.

Investment in Students' Practical Skills- Vote to lapse as it is now part of the University's Strategic plan.

Vote: 17 for.

Lack of Quality Research and Teaching- **RB** proposed that document is not relative to University's agenda at the moment so should lapse.

Vote: 4 Abstain. 13 for.

WMANUS Disaffiliation – Policy now needs to lapse as this no longer exists.

Vote: 3 Abstain. 14 for.

NUS Delegations- Policy is time restricted so should lapse
Vote: 17 for.

2 Items of business

2.1 Officer Titles

A recommendation was proposed regarding whether to have 4 or 5 Officers for 2013 elections.

A discussion was held. The decision was then made to vote to hold an emergency Council meeting before January, where the item could be discussed further.

Vote to continue discussion at another meeting before January Council meeting: 12 For. 4 Against. 1 abstains.

2.2 Promotion and recording of Student Council meetings

RA proposed the idea of Student Council meetings being recorded. Upon discussion it was decided that council would vote on video recording or audio recording.

Vote for Video recording: 11 against. 3 abstain.

Vote for Audio recording: 6 for. 8 against. 3 abstain.

LL suggested a counter proposal that a representative from Council should be video recorded providing a summary of the meeting.

Vote: 16 for. 3 abstain.

It was agreed that anyone who would like to nominate themselves for this role would contact **MM** and **RA**.

2.3 Location of meetings

It was agreed that the location of Council meetings is fine.

RB and **MM** are going to investigate whether mini bus transport is viable between campuses for those attending Council.

2.4 Votes at 16

This point is deferred until the next Council meeting, as **GR** is not present.
All agreed.

2.5 Demo 2012

It was agreed that this point would be put on the agenda for next meeting, as **GR** is not present.

TM, RK, CB agreed to write a letter to NUS about the walking route at Demo 2012, this will be send to **MM** and attached as a paper for the next meeting for consideration.

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Any Other Business

3.1 Action point regarding 'Sexist comments made by two performers at the recent Comedy Night held at the Ember Lounge' – HHB met with Women's Forum to write the letter that was agreed by Student Council. **BM** has read and approved the letter. Women's Forum is now writing their own letter to send as they don't feel the letter written with **HHB** covered everything. The counterargument was that this would directly undermine the democratic decision made at the previous council meeting.

Council voted to send the initial letter written by both Women's Forum and HHB: 11 for. 2 against. 4 abstain.

Action: BM will send the letter.

3.2 International Students' Forum

RA started a discussion regarding International students and after discussion it was proposed that Council agree an amendment to the by-laws which allowed the chair of International Students' Forum to have a voting position on council. RB suggested that the Chair be elected each semester rather than annually as many International Students are not studying here for the whole academic year.

Council vote: 15 for. 2 against.

Date, Time and Place of next meeting

The next Student Council meeting will be held on January 14th at 6pm in the student space in the Cadman Building (Pizza at 5.30)





