



Student Council Meeting Minutes
05/12/17

Item No		Action
1	<p>Attendance</p> <p>1.1 Present Jamie Smith (JS) – President Johanna Korhonen (JK) – VP (Arts, Law and Social Sciences) Laura Douds (LD)- VP (Science and Technology) Kirran Khan (KK) – VP (Business) Eliza Torres (ET) – VP (Health, Social Care, Education and Medical Science)</p> <p>A full list of attendees is attached.</p> <p>1.2 Apologies None.</p> <p>1.3 Absent None.</p>	
2	<p>Terms of Reference</p> <p>The terms of reference were taken as read. The meeting is an opportunity for students to submit and vote on policy. Officers are held to account on their objectives and current policies. Elected student representatives and committee members have voting rights. Their votes will be published and viewable to students. Voting opens online from 8pm after the meeting concludes and will be open for 24 hours. The website is as follows: www.angliastudent.com</p>	
3	<p>Minutes of the Last Meeting</p> <p>3.1 Accuracy The minutes were accepted as a true record of the previous meeting.</p> <p>3.2 Matters Arising None.</p>	
4	<p>Appointment of Student Trustees</p> <p>On Thursday 9th November the Union's constituted Appointments Committee held interviews for the vacant student trustee positions. The two candidates: Helena Schofield and Lusungu Muwowo attended a formal interview and an informal meeting with the executive officers.</p> <p>The committee recommends that Helena and Lusungu are appointed as student trustees in accordance with the Union's articles and bye laws.</p>	

5	<p>Appointment of Election Committee JS introduced the Elections committee. Four students are required to sit on the elections committee to assist with the election process and be involved with the democratic processes of the Union.</p> <p>Students are only eligible for this post if they are not planning to submit a manifesto for an executive officer position in March 2018.</p> <p>The following students volunteered for the role:</p> <p>Sarah Mccathie– Adult Nursing Rebecca Allen – Adult Nursing Mary Copsey – MA Human Resources Melissa Wright – Pharmaceutical Science</p> <p>A vote was called for each position and all four candidates were voted onto the elections committee.</p>	
6	<p>Appointment of Executive Committee Two candidates submitted manifestos for positions on the executive committee. Antonia Vetter for International Rep (Cambridge) and Roman Ivanov for International Rep (Chelmsford). JS introduced Antonia Vetter who gave a brief introduction. Roman Ivanov’s manifesto was taken as read</p> <p>Voting will be available online and opens at 8pm after the meeting concludes. Voting can be completed on our website: www.angliastudent.com</p>	
7	<p>Amendments to Bye Law 2 and 11 LD highlighted proposed changes to bye law two and eleven. If the changes are approved the term Trans* will be changed to Trans without the asterisks on all the Union’s policies and documents.</p> <p>Trans* is an outdated term that was created to define between binary and non-binary trans people which is separating. This was a policy that was passed at a previous council which requires a bye law change to be completed.</p> <p>Voting will be available online and opens at 8pm after the meeting concludes. Voting can be completed on our website: www.angliastudent.com</p>	
8	<p>Permanent items 8.1 Executive Officers Update</p> <p>President (JS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team: Let’s be Honest campaign • Student retention research • Teaching excellence • Graduation ceremony in July • Associate memberships for CoWA students • Degree apprenticeships vision visit with the Open University 	

- Local travel discount meeting with Daniel Zeichner (Cambridge MP)
- Students' Union space developments
- Met with Nicola Dandridge (CEO of Office for Students)
- Principles for Partnership launch

VP (Arts, Law and Social Sciences) (JK)

- Team: Let's be Honest campaign
- Increased food variety campaign
- Clearer communication
- Free printing
- International student outreach
- Vegan pledge
- Halal food and prayer room
- Active curriculum steering group

VP (Business) (KK)

- Team: Let's be Honest campaign
- Personal tutoring system
- Part time jobs fair – 2nd February 2018 in Cambridge and Chelmsford. Feedback was given that course specific organisations should be invited to attend this event.
- Bike safety. It was requested if this campaign could include prevention of bike theft.
- Free Education National Demo

VP (Health, Social Care, Education and Medical Science) (ET)

- Team: Let's be Honest campaign
- Monthly de-stress events
- Monthly drop ins
- Cultural GIAGS
- Family Days
- Peterborough Christmas Party on 14th December
- Placement mixer for placement students to encourage peer to peer support.

VP (Science and Technology) (LD)

- RAG week
- Promoting societies on social media
- Clubs and societies wins poster campaign
- Clubs and society forums
- LGBT History month events
- Promoting equality diversity and inclusion on campus
- Research on academic offenses and good academic practice.
- Sexual respect working group

For more details see the officers' individual reports saved with the minutes.

8.2 Priority Campaign Update: Let's be Honest

The aims of the Let's be Honest campaign are as follows: to educate the ARU community about mental health issues and services available to students; to support the ARU community and proactively address mental health issues through open and accessible support networks; to encourage action by ARU to provide excellent mental health services for all students.

The Let's be Honest report will be officially launched on Wednesday 6th December at Peter Taylor House at 5:30pm.

A promotional campaign will follow the launch of the report including statistics and recommendations. This will be displayed on all campuses. The promotional campaign will include a video to ensure that the report is accessible and visible to all.

Mental health first aid training has been rolled out to committee members, student reps, Union staff and executive officers. There is a £5 deposit, applications are open now and close on 18th December 2017.

<https://www.angliastudent.com/mhfa/>

Monthly de-stress events have been very successful and De-stress Fest will launch in semester two. You're irreplaceable campaign will be integrated into these events through a bracelet campaign.

The Chelmsford Nursing society and Peterborough students requested support with distress events and student engagement.

A query was raised by nursing students regarding placement hours and accessing the mental health first aid training. JS to investigate whether students can access this course whilst on placement. Quiet arena to distress after exams for students.

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8.3 Executive Committee Minutes

The minutes were taken as read and noted.

8.4 Executive Committee Update

Kyia Thompson (Women's Rep) – KT is working on a campaign to raise awareness of sexual violence towards women and is planning a campaign for International Women's Day on 8th March 2018. This includes an academic panel called 'The Talk' to discuss consent and sexual violence. The Siren's Cheerleading society would like to be involved with this campaign.

Stewart Watson (FST Faculty Rep (Cambridge)) – SW ran a Movember campaign which raised £1300 through five fundraising teams, including: AMT society, volleyball, pole society, student staff and other sports clubs. SW has also worked on team based learning module changes within FST and is planning a campaign for the exam period in January.

Leigh Rooney (FSHCE Faculty Rep (Chelmsford))) – LR ran a FSHCE Faculty forum and received extensive feedback from students regarding

	<p>mental health, bullying and harassment. This included reports of discrimination whilst on placement. An anonymous survey will be created to gather feedback on this issue. This will be circulated to all campuses.</p> <p>Ben Morris – (FMS Faculty Rep (Chelmsford)) – BM has been working with the FMS Faculty Dean on improvements to paramedic course issues. BM is planning a scenario day from a patient perspective to show the facilities and demonstrations from the students.</p>	
9	<p>9.1 Update on Policy The policies previously passed at council were reviewed and updates given. Please see the papers attached to the minutes for further details.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Against Cuts to Education • Against NHS Cuts – feedback was given that students have been lobbying to include paramedics within the new bursary scheme in the NHS. • Gender Neutral Toilets • Increased equality for Vegan students • KWAF • Liberating the curriculum • Save our Space – Peter Taylor House has now been opened and Tindal is currently being renovated. • TEF – KK and LD visited the House of Parliament to talk about TEF and university fees. Please visit our website for more information: • https://www.angliastudent.com/news/article/union/A-visit-to-Parliament/ • Trans not Trans* • Up your Grants <p>9.2 Lapsed Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Against NHS Cuts • Increased Equality for Vegan Students • KWAF • Up your Grants <p>9.3 New Policy Seven policies were introduced to the meeting to be considered by the members. Please see the policy briefs attached to the minutes for more information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Against NHS Cuts • Equal Access – queries were raised regarding the funding for this policy. There was concerns that this policy could have a financial impact on other university services. • Increased Equality for Vegan Students. • KWAF • Up your Grants • We love the Living Wage – there was some clarification on the value of the living wage foundation. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wheels in Motion – a discussion took place regarding expanding this policy to include train fares and the Chelmsford park and ride. <p>The voting for these policies will be completed on our website from 8pm after the meeting finishes. Voting will be open for 24 hours.</p> <p>9.4 Ideas Ideas were noted and briefly updated on.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SU Bar • Books Plus Funds • Graduation Ceremonies • Stop Charging for Hot water • Halal Food and Prayer Room • Free Parking • Jacket Potatoes available in canteen all day • Make Cheerleading an AA Sport • Allowing Food in the Library • Washing the lab coats • Money, money, money! <p>For more information please visit the ideas page on our website. https://www.angliastudent.com/represent/ideas/</p>	
10	<p>Any Other Business 10.1 NSS Charities ARU will donate £2 to charity per each National Student Survey completed by ARU students. There will be one charity per campus. The following charities have been shortlisted to be chosen by students by voting on our website.</p> <p>Cambridge CPSL Mind Jimmy’s Cambridge Cam Sight</p> <p>Chelmsford SECE Mind Sanctus Essex Sight</p> <p>Peterborough Peterborough Soup Kitchen Peterborough and District Samaritans</p> <p>The voting for these charities will be completed on our website from 8pm after the meeting finishes. Voting will be open for 24 hours.</p>	
11	<p>Date and Time of the Next Meeting Tuesday 6th February 2018, time TBC.</p>	