



**Date:** Thursday, 15 October 2020  
**Time:** 15:00-16:00  
**Venue:** MS Teams

**Union Executive  
Minutes**

**Chair:** Carol Paige,  
Democracy, Operations and Community Officer

<b>Members:</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>AP</b>	<b>AB</b>
Aarushi Menon, Women's Officer	✓		
Ayman Benmati, Education Officer	✓		
Carol Paige, Democracy, Operations and Community Officer, Chair	✓		
Eliza Lawless, Sustainability Officer	✓		
Ilyas Benmouna, Activities Officer	✓		
Jemima Barnes, LGBTQ+ Officer			✓
Jim Onyemenam, Postgraduate Students' Officer	✓		
Sandy Ogundele, BME Students' Officer	✓		
Yasmeen Daoud, Welfare & International Officer	✓		
Zohar Mendzelevski-Steinberg/ Abi Smith, Disabled Students' Officer (Job Share)	✓		

<b>In Attendance:</b>
Aimee Connolly, Representation and Democracy Coordinator, minutes
Diana Hawk, Leadership Development Manager
Alex McKee, Head of Student Engagement and Communication
John Dubber, Chief Executive Officer

## 1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and noted that the meeting would be recorded. Members briefly introduced themselves.

There were no corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting and so they were unanimously APPROVED.

The Chair reported on the actions from the previous meeting noting that:

- **ACTION 1:** A Sabbatical Officer will be a member of the Provost's transition group so this issue will be able to be raised through this forum.
- **ACTION 2:** This meeting has taken place and was focused on how a good working relationship could take place going forward. This action is completed.
- **ACTION 3:** The Live in London panel will take place this semester and this action is completed.
- **ACTION 4:** No feedback was received and this action is completed.

## 2. Announcement – Update from the Sabbs

Each Sabbatical Officer gave an update on what they have been working on recently.

All Officers mentioned a lot of their work recently has focused on the Welcome period. Other areas of focus for the Sabbatical Officers currently are Black History Month, reopening of prayer and meditation spaces, academic adjustments, assessment modelling, Lecturecast, training and the The Period Project.

### **3. Announcement: Officer Priorities**

All Officers were welcome to share their key priorities for the year ahead.

The Officers' priorities are as follows:

*Democracy, Operations and Community Officer:*

- Ensure students have the best student experience possible no matter where they are studying
- Ensure students feel represented by the Students' Union
- Sustainability
- Being an ethical employer
- Working as a critical partner with UCL
- Ensuring students have safe, affordable, quality housing

*Women's Officer:*

- Improving communication
- Empowering students
- Enhancing the Women's Network

*Education Officer:*

- More accessible education
- Reducing financial barriers
- Decolonising education
- Giving students a role in decision making at UCL

*Disabled Students' Officer*

- Working on the aims from the DSN report
- Increasing engagement

*Black and Minority Ethnic Students Officer*

- Working on the Eugenics Inquiry
- Opportunities for BME students
- Political education
- Collective care and welfare

*Sustainability Officer*

- Communication of the sustainability strategy
- Encouraging participation with sustainability
- Increasing sustainable options in the Union outlets

*Activities Officer*

- Making clubs and societies for accessible for students with disabilities
- Shenley sports ground
- Support for clubs and societies in creating communities

*Welfare and International Officer*

- Creating a community for international students
- Support Club and Society Welfare Reps
- Ensure non-native English speakers have better access to language support services
- Student spaces

*Postgraduate Students Officer*

- Creation of child friendly study spaces
- PGTA support
- Increase postgraduate involvement in clubs and societies

**4. Announcement: People's Question Time**

The Chair noted that People's Question Time is taking place online on November 12<sup>th</sup> and that members are encouraged to ask questions to the London Assembly and Mayor of London about issues within their Officer remit and issues they care about more broadly.

**ACTION:** Officers to submit questions to People’s Question Time.

**5. Announcement: Elections**

The Democracy and Representation Coordinator reminded members that nominations for the Autumn election period close on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> at noon and encouraged members to run and to tell their peers why they should run.

**ACTION:** Members to spread awareness of Autumn elections amongst students.

**6. Announcement: Officer Portfolio Review**

The Democracy, Operations and Community Officer informed members that an Officer portfolio review is taking place this year with an external consultant. Current and recent Officers will be contacted to give their views on the current structure and their role.

**7. Matter for Discussion: Welfare and Community Zone**

The Welfare and International Officer introduced the discussion item and noted that Officers have felt that the Welfare & Community Zone is more focused on housing issues than other related topics, so a proposal has been put forward to reconsider the Zone’s membership in order to ensure our democratic structures represent the views of a wide array of students and the issues they face.

The Chair asked for any comments on the proposal and there were none. The item will be brought to the next Union Executive as an AGD.

**ACTION:** Welfare and International Officer to bring this item to Union Executive as an AGD.

**8. Any Other Business**

There was no AOB. The Chair thanked everyone for their time and wished them well until the next meeting.

<b>Minutes approved as a true and accurate record</b>	
Chair:	<b>Carol Paige</b> , Democracy Operations and Community Officer
Signature:	
Date:	