



**Union Executive
Minutes**

Date: Tuesday 23rd March 2021

Time: 18:00 – 20:00

Venue: Zoom

Chair: Carol Paige,
Democracy, Operations and Community Officer

Members:	P	AP	AB
Aarushi Menon, Women's Officer	✓		
Alex Skliros, Welfare & Community Zone Representative	✓		
Amal Idris, Trans 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	✓		
Laure Montangerand, Education Zone Representative	✓		
Sam Jones, Activities Zone Representative	✓		
Sandy Ogundele, BME Students' Officer		✓	
Yasmeen Daoud, Welfare & International Officer	✓		
Zohar Mendzelevski-Steinberg/ Abi Smith, Disabled Students' Officer (Job Share)			✓

In Attendance:
Aimee Connolly, Representation and Democracy Coordinator, minutes
Alex McKee, Head of Student Engagement and Communications
Diana Hawk, Representation and Democracy Manager
Simon To, Leadership Development and Change Manager
Student Observers

1.	Sabbatical Officer Reports
	The Chair welcomed everyone and each Sabbatical Officer gave an oral report on what they have done throughout the year since they took up their roles in July.
2.	Questions to Officers
	Questions were put to the Sabbatical Officers on tuition fee refunds, the Rent Guarantor Scheme, course descriptions and prerequisites, graduation ceremonies, the cost of COVID tests, support for Academic Reps and women's issues.
3.	Summary of Policies Adopted
	The Chair presented all policy proposals that had been ratified by Union Executive in 2020/21.
4.	Presentation of Amendments to the Bye Laws
	The Chair presented all amendments to the Bye Laws in 2020/21.

5.	Presentation of New Affiliations						
	The Chair noted that the only affiliation made in 2019/20 was to NUS.						
5.	Preliminary Matters						
	The minutes were unanimously approved by members. Actions were noted from the previous meeting.						
7.	Reports from Policy Zones						
	The Chairs of the Policy Zones gave an update on what was discussed at the most recent meetings.						
8.	Policy Proposal: Digital Accessibility						
	<p>The Welfare and International Officer introduced the policy. No comments were made on the proposal. The proposal went to a vote and was ratified.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="461 869 1227 994"> <tr> <td>For</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Against</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Abstain</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </table> <p>DECISION: The policy proposal was ratified. The lead Officer will be the Welfare and International Officer in 2020-21 and will be the Equity Officer and the Welfare and Community Officer from 2021-22.</p>	For	6	Against	0	Abstain	0
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9.	Policy Proposal: Improvement to the Muslim Student Experience						
	<p>The Welfare and International Officer introduced the policy. A query was raised by the Democracy, Operations and Community Officer about the permanent staff FOSIS training as that goes beyond this committee's remit. The policy went to a vote and was ratified</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="461 1402 1227 1527"> <tr> <td>For</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Against</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Abstain</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </table> <p>DECISION: The policy proposal was ratified. The lead Officer will be the Welfare and International Officer in 2020-21 the Welfare and Community Officer from 2021-22.</p>	For	6	Against	0	Abstain	0
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10.	Policy Proposal: Improvement in Gender Equality Through Naming of Societies						
	<p>The Arts Officer introduced the policy. There were no comments on the proposal. The policy went to a vote and was ratified.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="461 1854 1227 1980"> <tr> <td>For</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Against</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Abstain</td> <td>3</td> </tr> </table> <p>DECISION: The policy proposal was ratified. The lead Officer will be the Activities Officer.</p>	For	4	Against	0	Abstain	3
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11.	Matter for Discussion: Bids for Funding
	The Representation and Democracy Coordinator reminded members that the Fund is still open and applications will be considered on a rolling basis.
12.	Matter for Discussion: Spring Elections
	<p>The Chair asked members for comments on the Spring Elections. Positive feedback was received on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Candidate Fair • Support from staff <p>A query was raised about the email sent to all candidates about the way that they are contacting students in their campaigning. A query was also raised about the vetting process for manifestos. A discussion was had about the penalties for rule violations.</p>
13.	AOB
	There was no other business.

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