

Student Council Minutes

From meeting dated 13.11.2025

Student Leaders in attendance

International Experience SVL	Aamira Waghmar	AW
Academic Experience SVL	Precious Ikechukwu	PI
Employability SVL	Badhri Durgapu	BD
Inclusion & Wellbeing SVL	Dilpreet Kaur	DK
Course Reps	16 Course Reps	
Society Committee	10 Society Committee Members	
Sports Committee	2 Sports Committee Members	
Students	9 Students	

Apologies were received by:

- Twig Smalley – Communities SVL
- Nitish – Global Majority Liberation Officer
- Tanya Leech – Women's Liberation Officer

Election of Student Voting Members

The following students were elected into the following positions:

Muhammad Razza as Student Council Chair

Madison Willey as Student Council Co-Chair

Peculiar Owagbayegun, Zayan Lorgat, Dan Storrie, Zain Imran, Abdullah Kasim & Freya Dhiman as Scrutiny Panelists

Manifesto Progress Reports: Student Voice Leaders

The updates for the following Student Voice Leaders can be found in Appendix A of the agenda.

Twig Smalley – Communities

Aamira delivered Twig's updates on behalf of Twig due to absence.

Dilpreet Kaur – Inclusion & Wellbeing

Precious Ikechukwu – Academic Experience

Aamira Waghmar – International Experience

Badhri Durgapu - Employability

Manifesto Progress Reports: Liberation Officers

The updates for the following Student Voice Leaders can be found in Appendix A of the agenda.

Nitish – Global Majority

Tanya Leech – Womens'

It was announced that Fran Ridsdale has stepped down from the **Disabled Students'** Liberation Officer role, and this role will go to a Co-Option Election at a future Student Council meeting.

Questions:

What is the main hurdle in achieving your goals?

AW: Lack of engagement from the students. We want to see you, what your problems are, etc. If you engage with us properly, we can help you!

PI: If you have any ways to reshape how we can communicate with you please share with us. We know you get a lot of emails and stuff but we want to know if there is better way.

No more questions due to lack of time.

Motions

The following motions were debated & voted on during Student Council:

Motion to elect Student Council Chair & Scrutiny Panelists during the Student Leadership Elections

Proposed by Twig Smalley

Key Highlights of Motion:

Makes the election of the above roles to move them to the Election cycle in Term 2. Purpose is to help continuous, smooth leadership across the year and allow them to assume responsibilities as soon as SC / SP starts. More students will engage with them

Discussion:

Student asks what the difference between the point of election is.

How can we keep the Scrutiny Panelists accountable to perform the role to the best of their abilities? *Response* – Bye-Law changes will increase accountability structures to Scrutiny Panelist to allow for easier removal if they do not engage with role.

Student asks for clarification on how to know about SLE as a First Year.

Response – Roles are promoted through DSU's website and social media. From an Election point of view, it would take place in previous spring. It would limit First Year students from running for the role due to timing.

Student asks if a select amount of roles should be available at Council, and the rest available through SLE.

Suggested amendment made to elect 3 Panelists during SLE and 3 during first Council of the year.

Vote:

13 voted in favour

4 voted against

8 abstentions

The motion has passed.

Motion to lobby DMU Sport to lower the distance in their Travel Policy

Proposed by Daniel Storrie

Key Highlights of Motion:

Illustrated the struggles face by students who need to carry equipment to and from fixtures of a large distance.

Discussion:

No key points on either side were raised in regards to this motion.

Vote:

23 voted in favour

0 voted against
2 abstention

The motion has passed.

Motion to allow Alumni & Guests to purchase society memberships

Proposed by Madison Willey

Key Highlights of Motion:

A lot of socials in certain societies are frequented by external guests / alumni, and feel there should be an official access route for these individuals.

Discussion:

Society Chairperson – Had a lot of issues with activity and starting it up again as the last of the previous committee had all graduated. This motion would aid succession between societies by allowing graduates to be involved for longer and help with handover processes.

Safeguarding concern raised, the risk to students with external guests present could increase.

Response – DSU has facilities to allow mitigation of safeguarding concerns.

Because DSU's funds are to benefit current students, should externals / alumni be asked to pay extra for their fee?

Response – They most likely would be asked to pay extra for their fees.

Vote:

23 voted in favour
0 voted against
2 abstention

The motion has passed.

Motion to lobby DMU Sport to create a sport inclusivity initiative

Proposed by Daniel Storrie

Key Highlights of Motion:

Not everyone is equal during sport. LGBTQ+ individuals struggle with gendered kit. For some, the fear of walking home in the dark via dangerous routes is real. Too many individuals feel sport is built against them. Key calls include gender neutral kit, ample lighting and signage on darker routes, initiatives to promote equal representation in sport and more.

Discussion:

No questions or comments were raised in regards to this motion.

Vote:

19 voted in favour
3 voted against
3 abstentions

The motion has passed.

Motion to create a Campaigning & Political Activity Student Policy

Proposed by Dilpreet Kaur

Key Highlights of Motion:

Policy sets out how DSU & its elected representatives can take part in campaigning and political activity. It gives us a framework so that when we campaign to students it's on things that matter to students and we are doing it legally, responsibly and in line with our charitable aims.

Discussion:

No comments or questions were raised in line with this motion.

Vote:

17 voted in favour
1 voted against
7 abstentions

The motion has passed.

Motion to approve unapproved Bye-Law changes

Proposed by Precious Ikechukwu

Key Highlights of Motion:

The motion is to approve changes made to the Bye-Laws via motions passed in previous Student Council including changes to Faculty Lead Reps, voting processes during SLE, and removal processes around Course Reps.

Discussion:

No comments or questions were raised in line with this motion.

Vote:

17 voted in favour
1 voted against.
7 abstentions

The motion has passed.

General Discussion

The theme for this general discussion is: **"How does the student experience differ for Home and International Students, and how can we bring them together?"**.

Student did a year abroad being an international student. We need to do more events & activities to get people together. Sometimes it can seem there are barriers or limits to who can attend based on if its targeted to home / international students. Something really open to encourage that collaboration.

Student agrees with the above. Food brings people together.

SVL for Intl. Experience promotes first manifesto goal and relevant event.

Any Other Business

Psychology Society is up and running again, and are aiming to increase membership.

Meeting Close & Actions Arising

At 13:10, the meeting was closed.