

Minutes: Student Council 22/5/24

Date / Time:	Wednesday 22 nd May 17:00-19:00pm
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Location	Atrium
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Chair:	Farzana Sonir	FS
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Attendees	Attendee Name	Role of Attendee
Amir Iqbal	Union Development officer	AI
Destiny Mazaiwana	Academic Officer	DM
Priya Karasala	Opportunities and Engagement Officer	PK
Komal Shahzadi	Equality and Diversity Officer	KS
Fluffy Adewola	Welfare Officer	AA
Nerissa Doran	Disabled Student's' Liberation Officer	ND
Judith Olurankinse	Postgraduate Liberation Officer	JO
Lauren riley-white	Scrutiny Panellist	LRW

Attendees	Role of Attendee
Nerissa Doran	Liberation officer
Sara-Zorana Samson	Student participant (Want to be a voting member)
Anisa kousar	Student participant (Want to be a voting member)
Yash mukesh	Student participant (Want to be a voting member)
Vanessa siby	Student participant (Observer - Don't want to be a voting member)
Angela Siby	Student participant (Observer - Don't want to be a voting member)
Stephanie Oliver-Obiekwe	Course rep
Lyn Landon	Liberation officer
Janelle Cheshire	Course rep
Charlie Boam	Course rep
Farzana sonir	Course rep
Lois	Student participant (Want to be a voting member)
Mateusz de Sousa	Course rep
Angel Dara Garvey-Hendrickson	Committee member
Caitlin Doleman	Course rep
Sophie Sheasby	Course rep

Kieran James Browning	Committee member
Paige Billings	Course rep
Krishan Gandhi	Course rep
Vishal Swaroop	Committee member
Keerthan Venkatesh	Student participant (Want to be a voting member)
Lauren-Rose Riley-White	Course rep
Mohit Chandrakant Shivnani	Course rep
Unnati Acharya	Student participant (Want to be a voting member)
Nishma	Student participant (Want to be a voting member)
Badhri Sai Purnima Raj Durgapu	Student participant (Want to be a voting member)
Jaswinder singh	Student participant (Want to be a voting member)
Nimmada Dileep Chandra	Student participant (Observer - Don't want to be a voting member)
Farouk Mahmoud	Student participant (Observer - Don't want to be a voting member)
Thimmaiah Srinivas	Student participant (Want to be a voting member)
Jasleen kaur nirmal singh kalyan	Student participant (Want to be a voting member)
Daniel Duke	Liberation officer

1. Introduction and Apologies for Absence

	Apologies were received from [...]
FS	Toni Fazaeli – Mature students Liberation officer Chimdi – International students Liberation officer Muhammad – BAME Liberation officer

2. Minutes from the Previous Meeting:

FS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toni motion to introduce liberation officer pay was Disregarded due to not meeting the quorum of 25 Voting members and postponed to this meeting. Scrutiny panel had trailed a new way of doing officer questions Received officer updates
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3. Matters arising from the minutes

FS	No matters were risen – previous meeting was confirmed
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4. Student Council Membership

DM	<p>4 new students were elected as voting members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jasleen Kaur • Prawjwal Thimmaiah Srinvias • Badhri Sai Purnima RAJ Durgapu • Keerthan Venkatesh
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5. Scrutiny Panel update :

LRW	<p>Overview of the previous scrutiny panel, including questions which were raised and Officer actions.</p> <p>The Panellist was impressed with the progress of all the officers who attended.</p> <p>Specifically, all the Executive Officers were actioned to create a systematic way of goating to increase visibility and engagement.</p> <p>Liberation officers were also actioned to do a handover about research and issues they have collected over the academic year for the next officer.</p>
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6. Executive officer Manifesto update

AI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on Graduation costs – A letter was written by the University, but there has been no further action since. A policy was created for student council to make sure this issue is raised after leaving his position. • Student events committee – In the progress of setting up the governance of structure of the committee ahead of next academic year. • Consultation workshop – Will be happening over the next few days, focusing on improving strategy • Preparing a hand over for the next Union Development Officer.
KS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Month – Campaigning, including having a stand in the atrium with sanitary products. • Meeting with Nicky Pierce regarding a policy about a safe space for Hindu students • Working on Black History Month which commences in October
PK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Room booking system- Moving access to one place so this is easier for students to find with the opportunities team • Committee chairs communications channel • Alternative room booking spaces • Leading on welcome festival for freshers • Implementing health and safety training for committee members.
AA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free Breakfast – This is to be brought to the joint exec committee meeting end of June with other execs • Continuing wellbeing Wednesday with the Advice team

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog therapy was very successful – Looking to do it again • SPA (Single Point of access) – Looking to improve 1-2-1 appointments and help signpost students to the right people who can help.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course rep – Assessment feedback policy. Met with Leanne De Main who is aware of the issue. • Block teaching and timetabling – No changes at the moment but it needs to be considered about specialist rooms and reasonable adjustments for staff members. • Library Project – More social and study space to be introduced in the next few or more years. • Adobe – ITMS Has an information section where you can find what computers on campus have the software you need. The University are looking to spread awareness of this.

7. Liberation officer update

ND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with Simon – to make it more accessibility • Looking to Promote the Accessibility map during freshers • Working on the handover and helping with Libs' (24/25 Disabled students Liberation officer) presentation • Destress refresh movie night – successful with nearly 50 attendees.
JO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Money talks event – was very successful DMU finance attended with stall and worked as a drop in. Talk from the Alumni team giving advice 1-2-1 • Wants a continued workshop about managing money • Postgraduate society -changing to a community

8. Trustee Board Update

AI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No trustee board – next is in June • Will be covering end of the year and wrapping up and approving budgets for next year
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9. NUS Delegate update

AI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference – There was a report released regarding Anti-Semitism happening at the conference • Reported an uncomfortable environment - Islamophobia language was used against some of the attendees by other attendees • They believe they do not have confidence in NUS organisation • However, it was good for the Delegates to network and meet other students
ND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People's mic was being cut off when the topic was about Gaza

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They can socialise with other universities outside of NUS – It was questioned whether NUS is needed • 30K is spent on NUS – which doesn't seem worth it • Wants a vote of no confidence
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10. Open Forum

Student attendee	Wants to start a sustainability campaign – To create the feeling of self-belonging in DSU. This would entail planting seeds on campus based on the different personality types - taking inspiration from the houses in Harry Potter.
AI (REPLY)	A sustainability policy is in place, this sounds like a great idea and open to hearing more about it.
Committee member	Freshers – Does freshers consider January intakes? Is there something in place for them when they start?
DM (REPLY)	We can take this to commercial team and consider raising this and passing on to the 24/25 exec team.
Student voting member	Leftover food in the canteen – How is food being sold or dumped is there is waste?
AI (REPLY 1)	Will be looking to get more information on this.
PK (REPLY2)	Chartwells provides food for the SU, so believes responsibility lies with them. But will get more information on this
Student attendee	Are there other vegan food options that can certify that their food is suitable for vegetarians?
PK (REPLY)	Desi do vegetarian food.
Angel Committee member	<p>DSU Celebrates – the distribution of tickets could have been better. It was reported that the website was not working for some students and there was not enough to fit the capacity of nominees plus +1's. Those who were nominated should of automatically have a ticket and a +1.</p> <p>It was raised that standing tickets were not accessibility friendly. Especially for students who hadn't got a ticket and needed one but couldn't get a standing ticket due to reasonable adjustments.</p>
Student attendee	Wants the exec support of a stress free and alcohol-free campus. Wants to take the necessary step to help campus improve its overall vibe.
	<p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AI - Reach out to student to look at a new sustainability campaign • EXEC -Gather more information about food waste at DSU. • EXEC – Raise concern for January intake with freshers plans to commercial team

11. Motions

	<p>Motion 1 - Motion for Liberation officers to be paid - new policy to pay liberation officers for the work they do in their role - NOT PASSED</p> <p>Motion 1 Alternative- To give Liberation officers an honorarium which would be decided by scrutiny panel - PASSED</p> <p>Motion 2 - Graduation cost policy – Introducing a new policy to reduce the cost of graduation fees. – PASSED</p> <p>Motion 3 - Election's timeline – New policy to have a shorter campaigning and voting period during the leadership elections - PASSED</p>
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12. A.O.B./ Other Items for Discussion

Mohit – Course rep	Elections – To ensure experienced candidates to go for exec roles, interviews should be part of the process
ND (REPLY1)	This may Limit people who may not have the experience but still want to participate
AA (REPLY 2)	This doesn't allow equal opportunity for all students.
Angel – Committee member	Filling core roles for societies in elections – Why leave the other roles to the next academic – Potentially thinking of bringing forward a motion on this.
Demon media	A lot of activities are happening in the atrium. Students don't know what events are happening and when. Feels like marketing is not happening in advance which means they are only finding out on the day for example the drone football. Signage and posters need to be around campus and visible.
DM	Marketing team are posting beforehand and have been posting stories and creating awareness.

FS	Closed the meeting.
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