

Student Council Agenda

For meeting dated 26.03.2026

Welcome, Introductions & Apologies for Absence

Your Student Leaders will welcome attendees to Council Café as well as introduce themselves and give apologies for absence.

Student Leader Manifesto Progress Reports

You can find your Manifesto Progress Reports for Student Voice Leaders & Liberation Officers in **Appendix A** of this document.

Trustee Board Report

You can find the Trustee Board report from the previous Trustee Board meeting in **Appendix A** of this document.

Scrutiny Panel Report

You can find the Scrutiny Panel report from the previous Scrutiny Panel meeting in **Appendix B** of this document.

Motions

All motions are available in document form in **Appendices (C-D)**

The following motions will be debated and voted on during this Student Council:

Motion to use WhatsApp as primary form of communication between DSU Opportunities and societies / student groups

Proposed by Ellie Strain

Motion to introduce Pre-Candidate Interviews to the Election nomination process

Proposed by Maddie Willey

General Discussion

Election candidate sanctions - would it be fair for DSU to share which students had received warnings/sanctions with voters, if yes - how do we ensure the candidate's own wellbeing is kept in mind?

Any Other Business

Any other business that falls outside of the previous topic points will be discussed here.

- Open Letter to DSU & DMU - Concerns from Home students
- Discussion surrounding whether the Voting Member status should be given to all students rather than just Student Leaders

Meeting Close & Actions Arising

At XX:XX, the meeting is closed.

Appendix A

Student Voice Leaders report

de montfort su

THE STUDENT VOICE LEADERS

Twig



Communities

Dilpreet



**Inclusion
& Wellbeing**

Precious



**Academic
Experience**

Aamira



**International
Experience**

Badhri



Employability

THE GOALS



Communities

- 1. Enhancing Student Group Inclusivity & Redefining Elections**
- 2. Strengthening Collaboration & Representation**
- 3. Fostering Open Communication & Awareness: You Said, We Did**

PROGRESS UPDATES



Communities

1. Share the Wear was very successful and has now been reviewed and ongoing training assessments for the incoming committee in May. Continue planning for Queer Prom scheduled for June.
2. Continuing work on the collaboration fund proposal and preparing the handover documentation.
3. Further integration of the "You Said, We Did" initiative into our communications strategy

OTHER UPDATES*



Communities

- SCM 2 provided positive feedback and officially confirmed that incoming committee members will now be voting members of the student council.
- Working to streamline communication processes with student groups to ensure timely and appropriate information delivery, avoiding overwhelming or excessive messaging.
- Assisted with SHAG Day preparations and activities.
- Chaired the Student Experience Action Group for LGBTQ+ students, coordinating efforts across university teams to identify and implement improvements to student life and support for members of the LGBTQ+ community.

THE GOALS

Dilpreet



Inclusion & Wellbeing

- 1. Easy Access to Mental Wellbeing Facilities**
- 2. More Campaigns Mean More Education: Brave Conversations**
- 3. You Say It, We Do It: Acting Upon Student Voices**

PROGRESS UPDATES

Dilpreet



Inclusion & Wellbeing

- A plan has been developed for **3 - 4 wellbeing-focused training sessions next year**, delivered by external organisations, open to all students and especially promoted to student group committees, course representatives, and faculty leads to help strengthen wellbeing support across the student community.
- The BRAVE Conversations podcast has now reached **5 recorded episodes**. These are currently in the editing stage and are expected to be released **mid-April on the DSU YouTube channel**, with highlights and short clips shared on **Instagram and TikTok**.
- The **logistical work for this year is now complete**. Towards the end of the academic year, updates will be shared with students highlighting key actions and progress made throughout the year

OTHER UPDATES*

Dilpreet



Inclusion & Wellbeing

- Led **Light The Night** event: 18th March
- SHAG Day event was well attended by students along with Valentines day theme of self-love, roses were given out at the entrance.
- Assisted with Share the Wear: Clothing swap event

THE GOALS

Precious



Academic Experience

- 1. Enhancing Feedback Integration**
- 2. Improved Academic Support**
- 3. Inclusive & Flexible Learning Opportunities: Flexible Futures**

PROGRESS UPDATES

Precious



Academic Experience

Improving Access to Academic Support

- Initiated a review into how students access academic support across faculties
- Identifying gaps in visibility and signposting of available support services
- Reviewing findings to inform recommendations to be shared with the University

Strengthening Student Engagement

- Delivered Feedback Loop outreach stalls across faculties to speak directly with students
- Created structured spaces for students to raise academic concerns and share experiences
- Ensuring feedback gathered from students informs ongoing improvements to academic support and the wider student experience

OTHER UPDATES*

Precious



Academic Experience

Student Policy Review

The University is currently reviewing key student policies, including:

- Student Registration and Status
- Fitness to Study / Fitness to Practise
- Student Contract and Charter

Student feedback is being gathered to ensure your views are included before decisions are made.

Attendance Update

As previously shared, the University has confirmed that students will be able to view their own attendance records. A follow-up enquiry has been made; however, no specific timeline has been confirmed. This will be raised again at the next Academic Board meeting in May to seek further clarity.

THE GOALS

Aamira



International Experience

- 1. Enhanced Communication: Voices Without Borders**
- 2. Cultural Integration: Cultural Fusion Fair**
- 3. Support Networks: International Buddy Scheme & Peer Groups**
- 4. Mental Health & Wellbeing: Culture & Care**

PROGRESS UPDATES

Aamira



International Experience

1. The 1st event took place in November, and the 2nd one is on 25th March in the atrium, don't forget to get your free tickets. The 3rd and final event is planned for April at DMU London for students on the London campus.
2. A full plan is already in place for the cultural integration event, and the focus is on continuing to work towards making it happen.
3. I've supported DMU International student support with their existing buddy scheme.
4. I'm planning a collaborative event with the Inclusion and Wellbeing SVL about how mental health is understood across different cultures, and I'm open to ideas to shape it further.

THE GOALS

Badhri



Employability

- 1. Expanding Career Opportunities**
- 2. Enhancing Skill Development**
- 3. Amplifying the Student Voice**

PROGRESS UPDATES

Badhri



Employability

Goal 1: As part of the Employability Project, an article is currently Being written to raise awareness among students about the importance of activating their alumni accounts and using MyGateway to access career opportunities. It is in the final stage of preparation and will be released soon. Further discussions will take place to plan the next steps and additional activities under this goal

Goal 2: Five employability workshops were successfully delivered in collaboration with the Careers Team. The sessions focused on supporting students in developing job search skills, application preparation, and interview readiness. The workshops were well received by students and generated positive feedback, marking a successful step in supporting student employability.

TRUSTEE UPDATE



None of the meeting happened between the previous Student Council & today.

Next Trustee Board meeting will be on 30th March 2026

Appendix B

From Scrutiny Panel Meeting dated 16.03.2026

Meeting Close & Actions Arising

At 17:17, the meeting was closed.

A vote was taken by Scrutiny Panel and determined the following:

The Students Leaders have made sufficient progress toward their manifesto goals. However, Scrutiny Panel offers the following feedback & recommendations to aid progress toward their goals.

Precious: She could work faster on her projects, rather than starting new ones. It could help to be a bit more experimental with how to achieve certain things, trying new approaches and new engagement methods.

Twig: Communicate stronger re: shortfalls that affect Sports Club & Socs, as well as ensuring communication is farther ahead. They could also explore avenues such as community organizing within Leicester e.g. Cultural Exchanges, Riverside Festival etc.

Dilpreet: Currently happy with progress made

Aamira: Better communication regarding events, campaigns and also working to ensure she spreads the load of representation well, considering the gaps currently in place.

Badhri: Expand outreach & events from just being in the Campus Centre and consider other spaces within the university to host workshops & networking, especially spaces tailor made for employment training, as well as making it accessible for all faculties as there could be an imbalance toward academically focused roles. Also considering the disjointment between TAC students being spread across university.

Appendix C

Submit a motion

Responder	Ellie Strain
ID / card number	██████████
Response date	17 Feb 2026 13:17
Response ID	19565

Intro and Type of Motion

In this section, we just need to know who you (and your Seconder if applicable) are, and what type of Motion you are submitting.

What is your name and P Number?	Ellie Strain, ██████████
What is the Seconder's Name and P Number?	Grace Kendall, ██████████
What category does your motion fall under?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal

Main Body

This makes up the main section of your motion - detailing why, when and how!

What is this motion about?	My motion is about having the student union to use whatsapp to communicate through student groups and sports to create clearer and faster communication. This is because the current communications through emails and learning zone can cause confusion- can sometimes get lost in spam on emails, this doesn't happen on whatsapp.
What is the purpose of this motion?	To have better communication and it encourages groups to follow a clearer process and have a better understanding. Stronger relationship between both parties.
What should be done to solve this?	We're asking DSU to introduce whatsapp communication between volunteers and co-ordinators (committee members). Automatically get put into whatsapp groups as the first option but it's still an option to communicate through email if people would rather do that.
How long should this motion last?	This could be held for a year and then review if it was successful.
Do you want support with this motion?	I have already spoken to a Rep/Student Leader about this motion., I would like support from the Student Voice Leader Team., I would like support from the Voice Team with writing or refining this motion.

Final Step & Confirmation

Final Step & Confirmation	I confirm the information included in this form is accurate., I'm happy to attend Student Council to present this motion., I give consent for the Student Voice Team to contact me regarding this motion.
---------------------------	---

Appendix D

Submit a motion

Responder	Maddie Willey
ID / card number	██████████
Response date	18 Mar 2026 13:42
Response ID	19577

Intro and Type of Motion

In this section, we just need to know who you (and your Seconder if applicable) are, and what type of Motion you are submitting.

What is your name and P Number?	██████████ Madison Willey
What is the Seconder's Name and P Number?	Twig Smalley
What category does your motion fall under?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bye-Law Change

Main Body

This makes up the main section of your motion - detailing why, when and how!

What is this motion about?	Introduce Bye-Law change to vet full-time candidates before they are approved to run in the election.
What is the purpose of this motion?	Vetting candidates will ensure that they are qualified for the role and have champion all students. This is a paid job and should be treated as such.
What should be done to solve this?	Interview candidates before the approval of candidates.
How long should this motion last?	Permanently
Do you want support with this motion?	I have already spoken to a Rep/Student Leader about this motion.

Final Step & Confirmation

Final Step & Confirmation	I confirm the information included in this form is accurate., I'm happy to attend Student Council to present this motion., I give consent for the Student Voice Team to contact me regarding this motion.
---------------------------	---