

Student Council Minutes

From meeting dated 29.01.2026

Chaired by Muhammad Razza & Maddie Willey

Student Leaders in attendance

SVL - Academic Experience	Precious Ikechukwu	PI
SVL - International Experience	Aamira Waghmar	AW
SVL - Communities	Twig Smalley	TS
SVL - Employability	Badhri Durgapu	BD
SVL - Inclusion & Wellbeing	Dilpreet Kaur	DK

Apologies were received by:

- No apologies were received

Election of Student Voting Members

As the meeting did not meet quorum, Student Voting Members could not be voted in.

Minutes from the previous meeting

The previous minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

Manifesto Progress Reports: Student Voice Leaders

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Twig Smalley - Communities

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Aamira Waghmar - International Experience

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Updates from previous Scrutiny Panel

The following notable updates arose from the previous Scrutiny Panel:

Scrutiny Panel did not provide a written update to Student Council, but it should be noted that Scrutiny Panel voted unanimously that the Student Leaders are making sufficient progress toward their manifesto goals.

Motions

As the meeting did not reach quorum, no motions could be debated on during this Student Council. However, motions were still presented and discussed for voting in a future Student Council meeting.

Motion to task Twig to lobby DMUSport to improve sports clubs training & recognition

Proposed by Daniel Storrie

Key Highlights of Motion:

Aims to improve training cycles for sports clubs, as well as improving content to add training surrounding mental health and recognizing sports leadership on the HEAR report.

General Discussion

The theme for this general discussion is: **“DMU Graduation Costs”**

Council was asked to rank the following options in order of importance to them during a graduation ceremony, to aid DMU’s choices when planning future graduation ceremonies.

Attendees felt that guest speakers provide key inspiration during the ceremony.

Attendees indicated that printed brochures would only be good if they were something memorable to keep, otherwise digital copies would be preferable.

Council questions if guest speakers should be specific to faculty / courses, as sometimes it can feel quite general at events like Careers Fair. It’s important that speakers are relevant to courses graduating in that ceremony.

Some attendees think it might be good to have brochures digital, as losing paper is quite easy so it would be good to have something that’s always available rather than something physical you can lose.

Council felt a good compromise was digital brochures in first instance then give the option for printed ones at a cost.

Postgraduate students noted that brochures are on every single seat incl. DMU staff, most of which aren't taken. It could be an idea to only give physical brochures to students & family to save money.

Any Other Business

No other business was raised.

Meeting Close & Actions Arising

At 12:35, the meeting was closed.