

Date: 12/05/2020

Time: 16:00-19:00 **Venue:** WebEx (online meeting)

Present:

- Harry Weaver (Chair)	(HW) Voting Card 008
- Lucy Morris (Deputy Chair)	(LM) Voting Card 009
- Prisco (Trans Students' Officer)	(P) Voting Card 012
- Ben Newsham (President)	(BN) Voting Card 001
- Nathan Boroda (Democracy Exec Chair)	(NB) Voting Card 024
- Bede Lunn and Tara Kosky (Women's Officers)	(BL/TK) Voting Card 013
- Luke Mepham (Societies Officer)	(LM) Voting Card 007
- Charlotte Lloyd (Sports Officer)	(CL) Voting Card 006
- Samuel Baldwin (Societies Exec Chair)	(SB) Voting Card 020
- Amin Lmoh (Welfare Exec Chair)	(AL) Voting Card 021
- Milly Last (Development & Democracy Officer)	(ML) Voting Card 004
- Tiana Holgate (Welfare & Campaigns Officer)	(TH) Voting Card 005
- Chloe Batten (Education Officer)	(CB) Voting Card 002
- Megan Clarke (Faculty of Arts Exec Chair)	(MC) Voting Card 018
- Araan Dass (Sports Exec Chair)	(AD) Voting Card 023
- Alice Churm (Postgraduate Officer)	(AC) Voting Card 003
- Nathan Parsons (Disabled Students' Officer)	(NP) Voting Card 014

Apologies/Not present:

Apologies:

- Talip Yaldaz (International EU Officer)
- Jay Popkin (Development Exec Chair)
- Peter Barlev (Faculty of Social Sciences)

Not present:

- Zishi Zhang (International Officer, Non-EU)
- Taj Ali (Ethnic Minorities Officer)
- Constance Gordon (LGBTUA+ Officer)
- Rebecca Brown (Environment and Ethics Officer)
- Scott Dwyer (Postgraduate Exec Chair)
- Alex Fugariu (Part Time & Mature Students' Officer)
- Valentin Mancas (Faculty of SEM Exec Chair)

1 Welcome and Apologies

Chair of Council Harry Weaver (HW) welcomed all council members to the 4th Student Council meeting, and explained the schedule and structure of today's meeting, which due to COVID-19 lock-down circumstances is being held online on WebEx, with voting held via Socrative. (Note: this is technically the 4th Council of this academic year rather than the 5th – as the previous one in March did not achieve quorum for the meeting to go ahead).

- Apologies were received from the following; Talip Yaldaz (International EU Officer), Jay Popkin (Development Exec Chair) and Peter Barlev (Faculty of Social Sciences)

2 Announcements

- None

3 Partnership Agreement

- CB (Education Officer) explained what the document is – an agreement between University and SU about how academic representation is conducted – and what this means
- All Council members had chance to look at document (circulated via email) prior to the meeting
- CB responded to questions on agreement and whether it would be impacted by Democracy Review

Partnership Agreement was then ratified by Student Council.

4 Minutes from last meeting

- Chair asks for any comments, none received.
- Unanimously approved minutes – which were from January 2020 Council.

5 Co-options

- Faculty Rep Co-options – HW informed Council members that Faculty Rep Co-options will be taking place online, and asked members to vote there - links to this election have been sent out via email. Voting open from now (during Council meeting) until 3pm on Friday 15th May.
 - o HW informed Council that candidates are as follows for Faculty of Science, Engineering and Medicine Undergraduate Faculty Reps:
 - *Alex Fletcher*
 - *Jasmine Brittan*
 - *Shikhar Singh*
- Chair and Deputy Chair of Council elections - HW informed Council members that Super Council voting for the next Chair and Deputy Chair of Council will be taking place online, and asked members to vote there - links to this election have been sent out via email. Voting open from now (during Council meeting) until 3pm on Friday 15th May, and if members want to ask any questions to the candidates, or have any issues voting – they should please contact democracy@warwicksu.com
- HW informed Council that the candidates are as follows for Chair and Deputy Chair of Council:
 - o Chair of Council:
 - *Lucy Morris*
 - *Luke Shortland*
 - *Prisco*
 - *Zishi Zhang*
 - o Deputy Chair of Council:
 - *Charlotte Earl*
 - *Grace Musgrave*
 - *William Lamb*
 - *Zishi Zhang*

6 Sabbatical Officer Reports

- Written reports received from Sabbatical Officers prior to meeting, and circulated with Agenda to all members
 - o See written reports in full below:

Ben Newsham (President, University of Warwick Students' Union)

Covid-19 response (SU)

- Leading on initial rapid decision making as operations were reduced to minimum and then moved off-site, focussing on maintaining core services for students stuck on campus and those staying away
- Leading the Student Voice workstream of business continuity, ensuring student representation was still being heard at the university and beyond. Also overseeing work to move democratic events such as Council and ASV online
- Coordinating the broader business continuity work sitting on the SU's gold and silver teams overseeing the organisation's overall approach to every area of work

Covid-19 response (University)

- Worked closely with the university in its initial rapid decision making including the decision to cancel all in person exams
- Ensuring adequate facilities and support for students on campus unable to leave
- Secured student representation on the Business Continuity Programme Board overseeing the University's planning
- Secured places for sabbs on most major University areas of work in business continuity
- Have begun working with the university on plans for the next academic year including plans for Welcome, how social distancing can be practiced, and protections for students and staff who are considered vulnerable to Covid-19

Continued work on the implementation of the Universities values and disciplinary reform, ensuring the work is considered key and therefore carries on during lockdown and providing views on 'Warwick's Future Story' and how the values fit into it. Also reviewing options for a new 24/7 reporting method for hate crime that would sit alongside Report and Support

- Final confirmation received on Islands Students' fees being permanently pegged to Home fees – leading to savings of up to £10,000 per year in fees for these students

- Working with Warwick Accommodation on the development of their 2030 strategy with particular focus on maintaining affordability and quality

- Challenged the University on lack of communication with students regarding data protection, with promise that more communication would be forthcoming

- Finalising work with the library for a significant refurbishment programme to make the space more accessible and increase the number of study spaces

- Have begun conversations with the University on future SU funding to develop a long term model that protects both SU independence and financial sustainability more than the current set up

- Working with Chloe and Alice on Education issues including development of safety net policies for Undergraduate and Postgraduate Taught students and ensuring sufficient SU representation in University decision making
- Working with Milly to get final proposals from the Democracy Review for the next Council
- Working with Tiana on accommodation issues – rent cancellation for students on campus, plans for accommodation in 2020/21, let lengths, communications with local MPs about students in private accommodation
- Working with Charlotte and Luke on plans for Welcome Week next year especially plans for fairs and SU events
- Working with Luke on plans for officer handover and training
- Attended (Virtual) NUS Conference

Chloe Batten (Education Officer, University of Warwick Students' Union)

- Successfully fought for more regular attendance for SU Officers at meetings of the Education Executive and its subgroups in order for us to be better aware of decision making and to centre the student voice in discussion
- Co-created the SU student survey and presented the findings to the University's Education Executive over a series of meetings, making sure students' priority concerns were addressed and holding the University to account in delivering on commitments
- Pushed for transparency from the University on their timeline for releasing information about new assessments and policies, as a minimum
- Part of the Teaching and Learning Newsletter Comms team – advising the University to provide more detailed communications to students where possible, continuously pushing for students concerns to be addressed in an appropriately timed manner
- Worked with the university on the final stages of developing the first-year progression and UG safety-net policies UGs
- successfully argued for the cut-off date to be the earliest option of end of Term 2, as opposed to the 'lockdown date' or the beginning of Term 3
- Ensuring departments uphold reasonable adjustment extensions on top of university-wide extensions – reporting and remedying cases where this isn't happening
- Challenged the University on their lack of PG safety net support similar to that provided to UGs
- Speaking directly with students about their specific concerns
- Working with local MPs to collaborate on responses to student concerns they receive
- Discussing with the University how to better support course reps during this time
- Planning how to support the NUS Safety Net Campaign
- Co-written and developed elements of Unit 1, 3 and 5 of the Warwick Online Learning Certificate produced for First Years
- Successfully argued for students writing dissertations to have additional support to mitigate against the inaccessibility of research materials with mitigating cover letters
- Pushed for clear commitment to allow deferrals and uncapped resits for students unable to complete assessments due to increased childcare commitments, no access to technology, illness and other reasons severely preventing study.

- Advising and collaborating with the University and academics on tackling the Black attainment gap
- Meeting with the Library about their decolonise work and collaborations with the Decolonise Programme and work around Black History Month 2020
- Consulting with the Library on their information to students around fines, returns, boosting Academic Librarian support for students, accessing texts and their More eBooks campaign
- Planning/strategizing around Widening Participation and the University's Access and Participation Plan to ensure that qualitative data and the lived experiences of students are centred and that action plans developed are thorough
- Strategizing around the needs that students have for the University's Social Inclusion Committee and its taskforces, and the stronger collaboration needed from the University with Part Time Officers, in order to present recommendations to the committee
- Planning the next stages and tracking the recommendations that came out of the Warwick Speak Out Report (Larissa Kennedy and Warwick Anti-Racism Society 2018)
- Consulting on the Democracy Review particularly around academic representation structures
- Beginning the initial development of ideas for the Academic Representation Strategy
- Writing the Academic Information Webpage for students (to be published)
- Attending and contributing to University Governance meetings
- Attending and contributing to University Business Continuity meetings
- Attending and contributing to SU Governance and Business Continuity meeting

Milly Last (Development & Democracy Officer, University of Warwick Students' Union)

Though, like the rest of the team, I'm now working from home and a lot of my attention has been redirected to deal with some of the more immediate pressures that have incurred due to COVID-19, I've still been working on various projects, some of which I've outlined below:

- *Democracy Review* - following student consultation led by the democracy team, which has helped to outline the concerns of our members regarding the SU's democratic processes, I am now leading the "problem-solving" piece of the review to tackle the issues raised. This has been a complicated process, due to both the broad remit of the review and the new conditions our teams are working under, however, the review is now well on track to effectively deliver its desired outcomes and should be distributed to Council members in the last week of May.
- *SU Annual Allocation* - I am currently writing the SU's annual allocation paper, outlining the value of the SU to our members' experience of Warwick, to go to the University's Finance Plan Sub Committee later this term.
- *Partial refunds for bus pass owners* - working alongside the University's Director of Transport, I ensured partial refunds for Stagecoach and National Express bus pass owners were confirmed and distributed to students. The SU provided all of this information online, along with a template email request, in order to ease the process of refundment for students as much as possible during this difficult period.
- *Student safety in local nightclubs* - last term I met with the Mayor of Warwick, who vice-chairs the Warwick District Council Licensing and Regulatory panel, to discuss the safety (or lack thereof) of our students in local nightclubs, providing him with a copy of our 'Going Out, Staying Safe' survey that details some of the shocking experiences our members have had whilst out in the local area. Looking forwards, I hope to maintain a closer relationship with the Council, in order to ensure nightlife safety is being properly addressed from the top, rather than being left in the hands of negligent local club owners.
- *University's Ethical Investment Strategy* - ahead of the University's major finance meeting, last term Ben and I met with the University's Treasurer and Finance Director who talked us

through the process of moving to an ethical investment strategy and outlined, in very general terms, what the new portfolio would look like. Since then, I have been continually applying pressure on the University to release the finalised portfolio, so I am able to perform a proper assessment of the new investment strategy, and they have agreed to share this information in the coming weeks.

- *SU Commercial Outlets* - due to the current situation with COVID-19, and the government's decision to close all clubs, bars and restaurants, I have been working with our commercial department on the business continuity plans for our outlets ahead of the eventual return of our students to campus. Looking ahead, this will likely involve discussions with the University's commercial team, in order to ensure that, if a phased re-opening of outlets does occur, we are not replicating offers on campus.
- *Climate Emergency Task Force* - while many of the University's projects have been put on hold in light of recent circumstances, my work with the University's Climate Emergency Task Force has continued and I have been involved in various meetings specifically exploring the ways we can ensure that the return to "business as usual" on campus does not have major environmental implications.
- *Green Impact* - I have been working alongside the SU's Environment Committee to collate evidence ahead of the NUS Green Impact submission deadline on the 1st May.
- *Corona Community* - I have assisted in the set-up and coordination of the SU's 'Corona Community' group on Facebook, which has successfully helped to provide a much needed online community for our students during this period of isolation.
- *Helping local communities* - with the aim of helping local communities through these unprecedented times, as well as easing our students' ability to do so, I have pulled together a blog outlining all of the ways students can help their communities.
- *Union Awards* - despite no longer being able to host the awards in person, myself and the rest of the Union Awards team have been working to reconfigure the event to go ahead online and have recently finished shortlisting the nominees.

Luke Mepham (Societies Officer, University of Warwick Students' Union)

Normally the Easter break brings a large pause in society activity, however the circumstances we see ourselves in this year have resulted in us seeing a complete buck of this trend, with societies starting to shift to hosting events online and finding new ways of keeping their members engaged from afar. Much of my time for the past month has been taken up with interacting with societies and assisting them in organising and promoting their events online, whilst also continuing to assist with exec handovers, and other society activity. I believe this increased flexibility of societies to be incredibly positive, even post-pandemic, as we will hopefully see society events becoming more accessible for those not always able to be on campus – including distance learners, degree apprenticeship students, students with access requirements, and many others. This, along with other initiatives, such as beginning to look at alternatives to Facebook for the organisation of society activities, will help to really increase the accessibility of societies at Warwick.

Alongside this, I have focused on several things whilst working from home:

- *Corona Community Facebook Group*: Over the past month, you have likely seen the Facebook group set up by the team in order to stay connected with students, and attempt to keep them busy and staying positive whilst in a situation that could leave many students feeling isolated and distressed. I have been coordinating the content on the group and regularly liaising with a range of societies, encouraging and assisting them to run events on the group for the whole community, as well as arranging events such as the Quarantine Quiz. The group saw a lot of engagement from students and societies, especially over the vacation period, and I have received a great deal of positive feedback from members that it helped them to continue to feel like part of the Warwick community whilst they were

isolating. The amount of activity on the group has naturally decreased since the start of term, as a result of exams and studying taking over, however the group is still active and has a steady stream of content.

- *Associations:* I am bringing a motion to this Council meeting in order to mandate that the SU implements the Associations model. Whilst wheels are already in motion for its implementation, I felt it necessary to present this motion in order to ensure Associations are introduced into our governance structure, including in by-laws and regulations, so they will be properly supported for years to come. Over the next week, myself and the appropriate teams will be coming up with a plan to ensure the operational functioning of Associations. This will most likely require Association exec members to submit event planning packs to Student Activities in a similar manner to societies, whilst receiving proper support from other teams within the SU, such as the Campaigns & Community team. The Associations will each have an exec structure, as decided by the Association, ideally with a PTO acting as Co-President of the Association wherever this is appropriate. Naturally some existing societies may be replicated by an Association. Where this is the case, I plan to have discussions with those societies to determine if they would like to become an Association. The main benefit of this model is the removal of duplication of events and campaigns, and to make funding easier – this will enable campaigning and liberation societies to work more closely with their associated PTO, and the SU staff, to support their communities, access funding, and organise more cohesive campaigns and events. Please do let me know if you have any ideas or comments on the proposal of the model, as it will take some time to get exactly right, and any thoughts would be appreciated.
- *Multi-Year SocsFed:* This seems to be an idea that's been on many Officer manifestos over the years, and so I have started to look into the viability of the implementation of multi-year Societies Federation memberships. I have sent a survey to all current SocsFed members asking for their views on a multi-year membership and the feedback is overwhelmingly positive. From the survey data, it appears that the majority of students would be willing to purchase multi-year memberships in return for some form of discount, whilst many students stated that they would appreciate only having to purchase membership once, without having to go through the process of renewal. This week I will be meeting with our Finance team to run through some different models of a multi-year membership to try and understand more about the implications of each one. I will then take the different models as a proposal to the Board of Trustees before the end of my time in office.
- *Societies Fair:* After discussions with Warwick Sport, we have managed to secure two days for the Societies Fair to be run over during Welcome Week, as opposed to the one day allocated during last September's Welcome Week. We plan to move back to separating societies over two days, and this should help to reduce queue times, as well as provide a more enjoyable experience for students once in the Fair.
- *Exec Training:* We have completed producing online Exec Training for new society exec members, and this can now be accessed on the SU website. Once we are back on campus, we will organise some additional face-to-face training sessions to continue to support exec members.
- *External Speakers Policy:* Following student consultation undertaken by the staff lead on the External Speakers Policy project, an initial draft has been produced. This draft is currently undergoing an internal review to ensure it is fit-for-purpose operationally. Once this is completed, further student consultation will take place in order to obtain feedback on the draft.
- *Union Awards:* The first Union Awards event was due to take place on Friday Week 1 this term, however unfortunately it had to be cancelled due to the current situation. We will still be going ahead with awards through livestreams during the week commencing 1st June, with shortlists being announced the week prior to this. We will be announcing each category of awards on a separate day throughout the week. For the Societies Awards, I will soon be

contacting societies in order to invite them to send in any videos of performances or activities they have carried out throughout the year in order to highlight and celebrate these during the livestream.

- *SocsMark*: Quite a few societies have engaged with the new SocsMark society recognition scheme I implemented this year, and have sent in evidence of all the great work they've been doing over the past few terms. I am in the progress of reading through these submissions, and will be announcing which societies have achieved the SocsMark award criteria as soon as that process is complete.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Council members the best for Term 3, and hope that you and your loved ones stay safe and well over the coming weeks

Tiana Holgate (Welfare & Campaigns Officer, University of Warwick Students' Union)

Housing

- Collaborated with Zarah Sultana MP & Matt Western MP to write to landlords and Estate Agents across Coventry and Leamington Spa regarding the difficulties students are facing during COVID19 and urging them to make necessary changes to support students financially
- Wrote a template letter for students' to use when writing to their Landlords or Estate Agents wanting to negotiate contracts

Campaigns

- Working to ensure key campaigns remain available and engaging online e.g.: #EveryBody film screening
- Re-Launched Pressure Drop Campaign

Other

- Conducted research into cultural competency of current wellbeing support offered by the University. Focusing on the experiences of students identifying as LGBTUA+, BME, Women, Trans, International, Disabled and those whose first language is not English.
- Developing Welfare Exec Training for Societies & Sports Clubs to be delivered and available online
- Working with the University's Wellbeing Team and organization 'Change Grow Live' to write an Alcohol & Drugs Strategy

Charlotte Lloyd (Sports Officer, University of Warwick Students' Union)

- Been working on getting refunds for Sports Hub memberships – this is now secured for final year students and those planning on being on a year abroad next year. Students returning next year have had their membership suspended and it will re-start when facilities re-open.
- Ran club conference with a Sports Forum at the end – this was run live on Teams and we had 436 participants. Recordings of the session will be sent to clubs, including a transcript of the Q+A, and follow up 'exec-role specific' sessions (e.g. BUCS captains, club social media, club finances) have been released as powerpoints.
- Sent out handover packs, club satisfaction survey, sports award nominations and Sportmark forms – deadlines in May and June for clubs to return these.
- Have finished the first draft of facility allocations for the 2020/21 year – this has gone out to clubs for review and feedback.

- Have moved Exec Training online, which is going live to clubs to complete ahead of the new academic year.
- Currently producing an SLA to send to all clubs – what they can expect from the SU, from Warwick Sport and in turn what we expect from them. Additionally, a club culture survey will be sent out to all clubs.
- Devised a new KPI tracker, with Performance Sport, Club Development and Sports Exec which has been sent to clubs to set out their goals for the upcoming year.
- Reviewed Performance Sport applications alongside Warwick Sport and decisions are to be communicated to clubs soon.
- Working with Performance Sport to release a programme to all clubs for activity and exercise over summer, especially as pre-season is likely to look different this year.
- Contingency planning with BUCS around BUCS conference, as well as competitions and leagues for next year – the season is sure to look different.
- Started planning for Welcome Week and what a virtual Sports Fair might look like.
- About to start a deep-dive into Warwick Sport finances because they are going to be hugely impacted by Covid-19, and I want students to have as little disruption as possible. Similarly, we'll be looking at club finances and unspent grants this year.
- Working with the Welfare Officer to produce content for Club and Soc welfare training – specifically the sober socials session.
- Started work with the Trans Officer to devise an inclusive policy for trans athletes in mixed sports at Warwick whose clubs aren't under the governance of an NGB policy.

Alice Churm (Postgraduate Officer, University of Warwick Students' Union)

As a sabbatical officer team, we have all worked together, alongside the director team and the chief exec, on the SU's immediate response to COVID-19. This involves being in regular communication about key decisions that need to be made from both an operational standpoint, but also ensuring that we are still working for students and that student voice is still heard through the SU and the University.

- Chloe, Ben and I challenged the University on the lack of student involvement in their decision making during COVID-19 which resulted in myself and Chloe having membership at the weekly Education Executive meetings so we can properly represent the student voice in the Universities Education decision making.
- Working closely with Chloe, I have been supporting holding the University to account in their response to COVID-19 from an education perspective, which includes our involvement in high level discussions about key decisions around education matters.
- Successfully lobbied the University to create the PGT Impact Mitigation Policy, which offers PGT students' reassurances on their academic concerns. This includes that PGT students' final grade will be calculated off their best 120 credits. (Shout out here to all the students that emailed me and signed petitions about this. It really made all the difference in discussions with the University)
- I am continuing to lobby the University for better support for PGR students during this period, including lobbying for extensions for Warwick funded PhD students, and support for PhD students that have lost work. Although, I am yet to see success in this so far, I will continue to keep holding the university to account with this and fighting for PGR students' issues.
- I launched the Warwick SU COVID-19 Education student consultation, which allowed students to us know what issues they were facing with COVID-19 and how both the SU and the University could support them more. The results of this were presented to the Universities Education Executive, and we are still lobbying to get resolves for many of the issues that were raised.

- Chloe and I have worked together to create an academic student comms document which details all the information about education issues, what we are fighting for and what information we know.
- I sat on the University's interview panels for the recruitment of a PGT Academic Director to oversee PGT study within the central University. This is a really exciting step forward for how PGT is viewed at Warwick and it was great to be able to have student input into who was best suited for this role.
- I have been involved in the judging for WATE PGR which was a nice break in the midst of all the COVID-19 work and was really nice to celebrate and learn about PGRs delivering great teaching on campus.
- Supporting Luke in the creation of virtual content for students through the Warwick SU Corona Community Facebook group, which includes being involved in the quiz writing, creating our own content and continuing working on the Union Awards in their new virtual form.

Questions to Full-Time Officers:

HW asked anyone in Council had any questions to officers based on their reports or otherwise

- P asked a question to Officers about Warwick Love page, and any plans to tackle issues of content being posted there. Asked whether anything can or is being done about it.
- BN responded that while there is no current work the sabbatical officers are more than happy to listen to any recommendations
- CB also added that the officers would like change to happen and are thinking of what channels they could use to resolve this issue.
- BL stated that after penultimate time the page harassed them they contacted the police about it, and the police are now looking into it.
- BN and CB concluded by asking that if anyone has ideas of how to resolve this issue or wants to discuss it further then please do contact them about it.

7. Chair of Execs and Part-time Officer Reports (optional)

- Optional written reports from Part Time Officers sent in prior to meeting, and circulated with Agenda to all members
 - o See written reports in full below:

Nathan Parsons (Disabled Students' Officer, University of Warwick Students' Union)

Rebecca Brown (Environment and Ethics Officer, University of Warwick Students' Union)

Taj Ali (Ethnic Minorities Officer, University of Warwick Students' Union)

Talip Yaldaz (International Students' Officer, University of Warwick Students' Union)

Zishi Zhang (International Students' Officer, University of Warwick Students' Union)

Connie Gordon (LGBTUA+ Officer, University of Warwick Students' Union)

Alexandru Fugariu (Part-Time and Mature Students' Officer, University of Warwick Students' Union)

Prisco (Trans Students' Officer, University of Warwick Students' Union)

- Policy: Improve access to and quality of mental health services.
I have been working on reviewing motion 112 – Warwick SU Supports Trans Students in Accessing Healthcare, which can be amended to provide further support for trans students.
- Policy: Continue work on Trans Inclusivity and Awareness.
I am in the process of creating a trans inclusion guide for sports. I've been consulting with Charlotte (Sports Officer) and Mixed Hockey among others.
- Policy: Pressure university to restructure the policy making system.
A third Trans Advisory Committee meeting is in the works to look at a potential policy draft. I am postponing the submission of a few new motions to the next council meeting since the last meeting was not held and I am waiting to know more about the democracy review.
- Policy: Create a liberation space on campus.
Plans to establish a location for a new liberation space are on hold until SUHQ is cleared to reopen.

Tara and Bede (Women's Officer, University of Warwick Students' Union)

Jay Popkin (Deputy Chair of Development Exec)

Nathan Boroda (Chair of Democracy Exec)

Araan Dass (Chair of Sports Exec)

Scott Dwyer (Chair of Postgraduate Experience Exec)

Samuel Baldwin (Chair of Societies Exec)

Amin Lmoh (Chair of Welfare Exec)

Nathan Parsons (Chair of Liberation and Diversity Exec)

Megan Clarke (Chair of Arts Faculty Exec)

Peter Barlev (Chair of Social Sciences Faculty Exec)

Valentin Mancas (Chair of Science, Engineering and Medicine Faculty Exec)

Questions to Part-Time Officers:

HW asked anyone in Council had any questions to officers based on their reports – None received

8 Motions

8.1 Reducing Unnecessary Paper Waste

*HW asks if there are any speakers in favour of the motion, ML as seconder speaks in favour
No speakers against the motion.*

The Chair (HW) has now moved to voting procedure – this is to vote for the motion to go to ASV or Council

Voting for Motion 8.1 to go to ASV;

For going to ASV – 17 unanimous vote for (008, 009, 012, 001, 024, 013, 007, 006, 020, 021, 004, 005, 002, 018, 023, 003, 014)

Against – none

Abstain – none

RESULT – Motion 8.1 goes to ASV

8.2 Associations

*HW asks if there are any speakers in favour of the motion, LM as proposer speaks in favour
Debate then opened up regarding the motion, and several questions raised, Chair allows members to speak, brief summary of debate below, a large part of which was focused on the use of the name “Associations” and also how this motion would work.*

BL asked question regarding how this will be implemented, and how students in relative societies will work with this change.

NP asked about adding in a resolve to specify other societies wouldn't have the word “associations” in their society name.

BN questioned whether we are forcibly renaming societies who have this in their name.

*Further questions taken from BL, NB and AC regarding associations name (*please note recording function for this meeting didn't record properly, so this section of minutes is just a general overview).*

HW reiterated that it was too late to suggest formal amendments, just for general debate now.

P suggested putting in a clause that a Project Plan should be drawn up if it's voted through.

LM responded to all queries, agreed with suggestion of voting on it for now but with the clause of having to present a more detailed Project Plan of how Associations would be implemented to inform and reassure Council. This Project plan is to be presented at the next Student Council (09/06/2020).

The Chair (HW) has now moved to voting procedure – this is to vote for the motion to go to ASV or Council

Voting for Motion 8.2 to go to ASV;

For going to ASV – 3 (024, 005, 009)

Against – 14 (008, 012, 001, 013, 007, 006, 020, 021, 004, 002, 018, 023, 003, 014)

Abstain – None

RESULT – Motion 8.2 goes to Council

The Chair (HW) has now moved to voting procedure in Council – this is to vote for or against passing the motion.

Voting for Motion 8.2 for/against;

*For * subject to LM providing a Project Plan next Council – 15 (008, 009, 012, 001, 024, 013, 007, 006, 020, 021, 004, 005, 002, 018, 023, 003, 014)*

Against – 1 (021)

Abstain – 1 (003)

RESULT – Motion 8.2 is PASSED

8.3 SU-Tube

HW asks if there are any speakers in favour of the motion, motion proposer (LS) speaks in favour. Debate then opened up regarding the motion, and several questions raised, Chair allows members to speak and proposer responds.

BL, TK and NP – raised several concerns regarding anonymity issue if council was recorded live e.g. for liberation groups, or contentious issues like previous Hong Kong/China motion.

The Chair (HW) has now moved to voting procedure – this is to vote for the motion to go to ASV or Council

Voting for Motion 8.3 to go to ASV;

For going to ASV – 2 (023, 006)

Against – 15 (008, 009, 012, 001, 024, 013, 007, 020, 021, 004, 005, 002, 018, 003, 014)

Abstain – None

RESULT – Motion 8.3 goes to Council

The Chair (HW) has now moved to voting procedure in Council – this is to vote for or against passing the motion.

Voting for Motion 8.3 for/against;

For - None

Against – 14 (008, 009, 012, 024, 013, 007, 006, 020, 004, 005, 002, 018, 003, 014)

Abstain – 3 (021, 023, 001)

RESULT – Motion 8.3 FALLS

8.4 Green Thursdays

HW asks if there are any speakers in favour of the motion, motion proposer or seconder not present so no speech in favour.

Debate then opened up regarding the motion, and several questions raised, Chair allows members to speak. Concerns raised by members of Council over allergies (all vegan menu wouldn't cater to some allergies), also about commercial impact of this motion on outlets.

The Chair (HW) has now moved to voting procedure – this is to vote for the motion to go to ASV or Council

Voting for Motion 8.4 to go to ASV;

For going to ASV – 2 (008, 018)

Against – 15 (009, 012, 001, 024, 013, 007, 006, 020, 021, 004, 005, 002, 023, 003, 014)

Abstain – None

RESULT – Motion 8.4 goes to Council

The Chair (HW) has now moved to voting procedure in Council – this is to vote for or against passing the motion.

Voting for Motion 8.4 for/against;

For - None

Against – 17 unanimous vote against (008, 009, 012, 001, 024, 013, 007, 006, 020, 021, 004, 005, 002, 018, 023, 003, 014)

Abstain – None

RESULT – Motion 8.4 FALLS

8.5 Review into Sexual Violence Resource Accessibility

HW asks if there are any speakers in favour of the motion, motion seconder (BL) speaks in favour, reads out statement that the proposers wrote for this motion.

Debate then opened up regarding the motion, Chair allows members to speak and proposer responds.

The Chair (HW) has now moved to voting procedure – this is to vote for the motion to go to ASV or Council

Voting for Motion 8.5 to go to ASV;

For going to ASV – 6 (003, 024, 006, 007, 014, 020)

Against – 11 (008, 009, 012, 001, 013, 021, 004, 005, 002, 018, 023)

Abstain – None

RESULT – Motion 8.5 goes to Council

The Chair (HW) has now moved to voting procedure in Council – this is to vote for or against passing the motion.

Voting for Motion 8.5 for/against;

For – 17 unanimous vote for (008, 009, 012, 001, 024, 013, 007, 006, 020, 021, 004, 005, 002, 018, 023, 003, 014)

Against – None

Abstain – None

RESULT – Motion 8.5 PASSES

9 Policy Review

ML spoke favour of renewing amended policies, and give updates on plans to lapse several environmental policies in favour of her amendment of them into neater and more coherent policies. Update given to council on the following:

- Lapse Policy 005
- Lapse Policy 063
- Amend Policy 108 (removed resolves relating to Gove, as this information is out of date)
- Amend Policy 109 (now broken down into two motions; the latter of which will need a new policy number.)

The Chair (HW) has now moved to voting procedure in Council – this is to vote for or against renewing the amended policies as explained by ML

Voting for renewing amended environmental policies for/against;

For – 16 (008, 009, 012, 001, 024, 013, 007, 006, 020, 021, 004, 005, 002, 018, 003, 014)

Against – None

Abstain – 1 (023)

RESULT – POLICY RENEWED WITH AMENDMENTS

10 AOB

Question received about Democracy Review and why it was being deferred to next Council. ML responded summarising that the time-frame for writing up the proposed actions from feedback was short as it was, and was made even more so due to Covid-19 situation, so wanted to allow more time to take it all into consideration and make the project as good as possible before going to Council.

11 – Date of next council is the 09/06/2020, again online on WebEx

Council Ends.