



Executive Council  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> of November 2019  
CD001

## **Chair:**

Millie Whiteford (ECC)

Andreas Pavlou (DECC)

## **Council members:**

*For the purpose of the meeting, Councillors will be recognised in abbreviated form:*

- Tim Holmes – President of the Students' Union (PSU)
- Jenny Marchant – President of Educatio (PE)
- Tarry Bowen – BAME Students Officer (BAME)
- Kalen Reid – LGBTQ+ Students Officer (LGBTQ+)
- Catherine Rowan – International Students Officer (INT)
- Adam Dickson – Postgraduate and Mature Students Officer (PGM)
- Evie Clowes - Chair of York Business School (YBS)
- Katie Goodacre - Chair of Education (EDU)
- Holly Hinchley - Chair of Humanities, Religion & Philosophy (HRP)
- Raana Jefferson - Chair of Art and Design (AD)
- Ella Langston – Chair of Science and Technology (ST)
- Hannah Jefferies – Chair of Psychological and Social Sciences (PSS)
- Jamie Andrews – Chair of Performance and Media Production (PMP)
- Laura Grove – Chair of Language and Linguistics (LL)

Council was quorate.

## **In attendance:**

Zaki Kaf Al-Ghazal: Student Voice Coordinator

Paul Murtough: Student Opportunities Manager

Donna Smith: Chief Executive Officer

## **Apologies:**

Kirsten Jolley – President of Wellbeing and Diversity

James Allanson – Disability Officer

## **Welcome and Introductions:**

ECC invited members of the Council to introduce themselves, including title and preferred pronouns.

## **Any Other Business:**

ECC asked for recommendations for A.O.B from members of the Council.



No items were taken

1. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

EDU made note of the fact that the minutes of the February 2019 meeting noted she was not in attendance. This was requested to be changed.

Minutes were approved by the council.

2. **Matters Arising**

*EC01 - Protest the Pallet*

PE said that there was nothing to report here so nothing to go forward with. PE to try and follow up with estates.

*EC02 - More Milk, Less Money*

PSU said that Sodexo will be up for tender at the end of the academic year so this will be actioned.

*EC03 - Push the button, fix them first*

PSU said that the battery powered buttons in the buildings in Skell are not working but this will be raised with Estates (this would otherwise have been dealt with by PWD).

*EC04 - Silence in the library*

PE said that downstairs in the library there will be more silent spaces.

*EC05 Drug Use*

No update but PWD is aware of the situation.

*EC06 Equal Opportunities Policy*

BAME stated that a reporting system for attacks is in place now

*EC07 BAME Representation*

BAMA has said that this has been very difficult but is hopeful it will increase.

*EC08 Diversity in the Library*

PE stated that there was no update but this will be followed up.



*EC09 Broad Curricula*

PE stated that there was no update, but this will be followed up.

### **3. Motions for change**

EC10: Chaplaincy and Minor Religions

Proposal:

*That the Council mandate the President of Wellbeing and Diversity explores liaising with the Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care Team to host more events for students and staff of minor religious groups.*

PMP stated that this should be a priority for the University. PE suggested that it also may be worth involving BAME groups within this and consult them on the issue. PGM asked if there are advisers for minority faiths. This was answered by returning to the motion which stated that there were not.

Vote for Motion

For: 14

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passed

EC11: Timetabling

Proposal:

*That the Council mandate the President of Education to continue to explore timetabling issues, concerns, and possible solutions.*

PE stated that this a difficult task and is unsure of what can be done. YBS stated that the real world dictates that students are awake for 9:00 am in any case. OT stated that the School of Science and Technology has improved in its timetabling issues. EDU agreed with YBS particularly as her school would predominantly work in schools and need to be working for 9:00 am.



Vote for Motion

For: 13

Against: 1

Abstain: 0

Motion passed

EC12: Wellbeing Provisions and Services

Proposal:

*(1) That the Council mandates the President of Wellbeing and Diversity work with the Wellbeing Team and the Students' Union to explore introducing a mental health buddy system.*

*(2) That the Council mandates the President of Wellbeing and Diversity to work with the Wellbeing Team to explore improving wellbeing staff and service visibility, including practical support.*

*(3) That the Council mandates the President of Wellbeing and Diversity work with the Wellbeing Team to explore the possibility of more drop-in sessions being made available.*

PMP stated that a buddy system opens up a can of worms and places pressure on students who are buddies. He stated that the issue of training with a scheme like this is vital to consider. LL stated that a system of this nature puts strain on students and there is a risk of midnight messages. AD stated that a buddy's mental health could rapidly decline. PE proposed an amendment to remove proposal (1) of the motion. This passed unanimously. The resulting motion put to vote was only of (2) and (3).

Vote for Motion

For: 14

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passed



## EC13: Costs of Study:

### Proposal:

*(1) That the Council mandates the President of Education to explore reducing the costs of studying, including printing, and explore increasing funding for courses with required materials to support students in purchasing those materials.*

*(2) That the Council mandates the President of Education to work with the ILS Team to explore the removal of library fines.*

LL stated the idea of library fines is that they offer an incentive to give a book back. PMP stated that the threat or incentive was vital to the library system. ST stated that the inter-library loan system was not good.

With regards to printing, EDU stated that it was a huge issue. Some students were spending around £10 a week. AD stated that printing is critical in her school and had to be resolved. EDU promised to explore this further. The university had apparently stated last academic year that no work should require printing.

### Vote for Motion

For: 3

Against: 11

Abstain: 0

Motion failed but the substance of the motion led to EC17: Hidden Course Costs (which was discussed at this point and EC14 was returned to).

## EC17: Hidden Course Costs

### Proposal:

*The Student Union should be mandated to lobby the university against hidden course costs and ensure we do not pay for costs we are never told about.*

LL stated that this was a positive campaign to run. All agreed.

### Vote for Motion

For: 14

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passed



## EC14: Weekend Wellbeing

### Proposal:

*That the Council mandates the President of Wellbeing and Diversity to work with the Students' Union explore the introduction of wellbeing-related activities at weekends.*

HRP stated it would be very beneficial for lots of students. It would help counteract loneliness students may face.

### Vote for Motion

For: 14

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passed

## EC15: Residents Security

### Proposal:

*That the Council mandates the President of Wellbeing and Diversity to work with the Students' Union and Accommodation Team to explore safety measures for accommodation sites.*

ST stated that safety is a huge issue on campus. EC stated that this is extremely important.

### Vote for Motion

For: 14

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passed

## EC16: Food and Catering Outlets

### Proposal:

*(1) That the Council mandates the President of Wellbeing and Diversity to work with the Estates Team to introduce more gluten- and allergen-free meal options, and increased healthier meal options.*

*(2) That the Council mandates the President of Wellbeing and Diversity to work with the Estates Team to introduce cultural food celebration days.*



- (3) *That the Council mandates the President of Wellbeing and Diversity to work with the Estates Team to explore the ability for students to pay for catering via their Aspire cards.*  
(4) *That the Council mandates the President of Wellbeing and Diversity to work with the Estates Team to explore alternate timings for meals.*

PMP stated that food options are getting worse. PGM proposed the redrafting of (1) to include halal and kosher options. The proposed addition read “Council mandates PWD to work with the Estates Team to introduce more gluten- and allergen-free meal options and halal and kosher options without increasing price for said options. This was agreed by all. The motion was voted on with the agreed amendment.

Vote for Motion

For: 14

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Lapsed Policies (votes for or against lapsing)

Disability Advisers:

Vote against lapsing

For: 0

Against: 14

Abstain: 0

Motion does not lapse

Room temperatures:

Vote against lapsing

For: 2

Against: 11

Abstain: 0

Motion does not lapse

Roving laptop chargers:

Vote against lapsing

For: 10

Against: 3



Abstain: 0

Motion lapses

Sexual Protection for all

Vote against lapsing

For: 2

Against: 10

Abstain: 0

Motion does not lapse

Any Other Business

PM explained the new changes proposed for Student Executive Council. All agreed.

PM outlined the date for the YSJSU AGM, Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December.

PM explained the No Platform Policy and its relation to the Human Rights Act 1998.

There was unanimous agreement of its need.