



**YORK ST JOHN
STUDENTS' UNION**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ANNUAL STUDENTS' MEMBERS MEETING
Thursday 2 December 2021 at 16:00, FT/002**

Present:

Chair

Katy Harris (CSC) (Chair of Student Council)

Students' Union Officers/Staff

Jamie Andrews (PSU) (President of the Students' Union); Aimee Yeoman (PED) (President of Education); Chris Smith (PWD) (President of Wellbeing & Diversity); Donna Smith (CEO) (Chief Executive Officer); Paul Murtough (SOM) (Student Opportunities Manager); Carlene Pickles (Senior Bar and Food Coordinator); Lily Cordukes (Senior Marketing and Communications Coordinator); Ernine Darragh (Communications and Website Coordinator); Boawe Rankin-Carr (BRC) (Sports Coordinator); Grace Pheasey (Governance and Democracy Assistant) (Clerk)

Part-Time Officers

Akash Jain (PGO) (Postgraduate Officer); Matthew Rees (DO) (Disabilities Officer); Imogen Walker (WO) (Women's Officer); Isabella Larkum (STH) (Chair of Science, Technology and Health)

York St John Staff

Suzanne Dickinson (Employer Engagement and Student Opportunities Manager) (EESOM)

Members

29 in total (including Academic Reps)

1. Welcome and Introductions

CSC welcomed all in attendance to the meeting and presented the Students' Union Staff with the opportunity for introduction.

2. To receive apologies for absence

Charley Benson (Deputy Chair of Student Council)
Millie Whiteford (Chair of Education, Language and Psychology)
Stui Smith (Mature Officer)
Jemma Booth (Chair of Arts)
George Blaikie (Chair of York Business School)

Absent without Apologies

Abid Rahman (London Officer)
Josh Watts (LGBTQ+ Officer)
Kalen Reid (BAME Officer)
Vinoth Vinoth (International Students' Officer)
Sadiah Ali (Chair of Humanities)

3. To Receive items for discussion under Any Other Business

None were taken

4. Minutes of 28 May 2020 – ASMM/2122/01/01

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 May 2020 were approved.

5. Student Council: Previous Motions – ASMM/2122/01/02

The Meeting was not quorate and consequently, the item for decision, Student Council: Previous Motions, were not debated or voted on. The Chair recommended that items ASMM/2122/01/02 were added to the agenda of the next Student Council meeting.

6. Sabbatical Officers Activity Reports – ASMM/2122/01/03

The Sabbatical Officers gave verbal updates on items that were not covered in their written Activity Reports.

PSU presented an update on space allocation, informing members that the Creative Centre became operational from 26th November and that courses have been using the space for 3 weeks. It is hoped that the opening of the Creative Centre will relieve pressures on timetable room allocation for sports and societies. PSU alongside BRC attended the BUCS Yorkshire Regional Meeting to review and discuss sports fixtures from this year.

PED gave an update on the Academic Rep system, pilot Peer Mentoring scheme and the Students as Partners Approach. PED updated members on the planning and creation of an Advice Campaign to be launched in 2022, working alongside the Students' Union Advice Coordinator, Christopher Prior.

PWD updated members that the Student Safety Survey has launched for students to report safety concerns. This will be sent to the North Yorkshire Police who will use this to improve student safety across the city.

The Sabbatical Officers welcomed questions from the floor, no questions were taken. The Officers reminded attendees that any questions or comments can be sent to them via email or social media.

7. Facilities: Foss Sports Hall Developments – Verbal

SOM gave a verbal update on the Foss Sports Hall redevelopments, informing attendees that Foss Sports Hall is out of use at the end of term for redevelopment work to start in January. SOM noted that this is inclusive of the climbing wall in which the building will be out of bounds.

SOM noted that there will be five teams that will be displaced by this redevelopment but noted that teams will have training provisions at Haxby Road. SOM acknowledged the concern some teams may have but noted that this will not impact training times for the clubs who have been using Haxby Road prior to this. SOM updated attendees that discussions are taking place with external sport venues, notably York Stadium for competitions and sport fixtures.

SOM gave an update on Societies and the issues with room allocation. SOM noted that Saffron Rose (SR) is working alongside timetable to plan room allocations. SOM acknowledged that semester two bookings for societies will begin after the academic timetable is published, SOM noted that this should be confirmed by the end of December.

PSU noted that the university have agreed to cover costs for clubs due to the redevelopments of Foss Sports Hall. PSU noted this is a positive movement and acknowledged this initially may be an inconvenience for members, but the university are committed to ensuring that there is not cost detriment to clubs. PSU gave context to the redevelopment of Foss Sports Hall, noting that there will be an introduction to allied health care courses as the university expands the portfolio of subject courses.

8. Question of the Month – Verbal

SOM informed members that the Question of the Month is now live on the Students' Union central communications and website. SOM encouraged members to contribute to this.

9. Peer Mentoring – Verbal

AY covered this Item in the Sabbatical Officers Activity Report update.

10. YSJSU Annual Accounts – ASMM/2122/01/04

CEO presented the Accounts for 2020/21, providing an overview on the financial activities and balance sheet of the Students' Union. CEO acknowledged that the impact of COVID-19 reduced the Union's income but despite this, the Students' Union has a surplus of circa £19,766.

CEO welcomed any questions. BRC asked where sports memberships fit into this description, CEO noted this is included in Charitable Activities.

11. YSJSU Affiliations – ASMM/2122/01/05

CEO presented the list of Affiliations for 2020/21. CEO asked Students' Union staff if there were any Affiliations that need to be added or have since expired. BRC noted that boxing, squash and archery are no longer active sport clubs.

12. YSJSU Strategic Plan – ASMM/2122/01/06

CEO presented the Strategic Plan for 2020-24, delivering a verbal discussion on the Students' Union Priorities, Projects and Measures of Success.

CEO welcomed questions from the floor, no questions were presented.

Any Other Business

ESSOM delivered a verbal discussion to gather feedback from students to understand what employers and career opportunities students would like to engage with. Questions were posed by ESSOM using a Mentimeter.

The questions were as follows:

1. What year of study are you in?
2. What employers would you like to see on campus/virtually?
3. How would you like to interact with employers?
4. When thinking about what you might do after university, have you considered looking at Graduate Schemes?
5. What would stop you from attending an event on campus?
6. Where do you think you will look for work when you finish university?
7. How would you prefer to hear about events/employer workshops – email, socials, leaflets, via program
8. Have you used LaunchPad online?
9. Have you engaged with our Careers team?

ESSOM thanked attendees for their contributions.

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Meeting closed at 17:15

Date of next meeting: December 2022

Signed _____ (Chair) Date _____