



YSJSU ANNUAL STUDENT MEETING **Thursday 6th December, 5pm** **DG017**

Present:

Chair

Dan Grayson (SECC), Thomas Bowes (DECC)

Students' Union Officers/staff

George Coombs - SU President (PRES), Steph Foxtton – President of Education (PE), Olivia Bowers– President of Wellbeing and Diversity (PWD), Chris Bateman - Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Paul Murtough – Student Voice Coordinator (PM), Louise Aiken - Student Voice Manager, (LA), Matt Walton – Student Opportunities Manager (MW), Charlie Carr – Academic Support

Part-time Officers

Amy Deveney – Chair of School: Art, Design and Computer Science, Skye Pickorer – Chair of School: York Business School (YBS), Hannah Scott – Chair of School: Education, Abi Cranswick – Chair of School: Sport, Evan Mortimer – LGBTQ+ Officer (LGBTQ+), Tene Dowling – BAME Officer (BAME), Emma Sayce – Disabilities Officer (DIS), Katie Goodacre – Postgraduate/Mature Officer (PGM)

Members

63 in total

Apologies

Raphie Piquiot - Chair of School: Psychological and Social Sciences (PSS), Anna Gunby – Chair of School: Performance and Media Production (PMP), Millan Tankaria – Chair of School: Health Sciences

Absence without apology

Laura Grove – Chair of School: Languages and Linguistics, Jenny Marchant – Chair of School: Humanities, Religion and Philosophy

Welcome & Introductions

SECC welcomed all in attendance to the meeting and presented the Executive Committee with the opportunity for introduction.

Items for Any Other Business

None were taken

Agenda Items

1. Minutes and Matters Arising – December 2017
2. YSJSU Affiliations
3. YSJSU Financial Accounts 2017-18
4. YSJSU Impact Report 2017-18
5. Exec team reports
6. Appointment of the Student and External Trustees
7. Executive Council changes 2017-18
8. University updates
9. YSJSU Strategic Plan
10. 2019

1. Minutes and Matters Arising – December 2016/17

SECC called for approval of the minutes from the previous meeting, noting that only the Presidents were in attendance at the previous meeting he called for them to approve the minutes. They are approved.

SECC then called for PSU and PE to update on the matters arising from the 2017 meeting.

PSU updated on the publication of the Strategic Plan noting that all documentation is now readily available on the website.

www.ysjsu.com/about_us/documents

PE updated on the current progress with the composition room for music students. This has been passed to the estates team.

PE also updated on the AMS advice for staff which is now held by the Student Admin unit.

2. YSJSU Affiliations

SECC presented the list of affiliations to the members with the cost of such totalling £17,793. No questions were presented.

3. YSJSU Financial Accounts 2016-17

SECC handed over to the CEO to deliver the overview of financial accounts. CEO presented the accounts and asked for any questions.

One member asked if the SU will progress the current 'cash free' be across the SU services (Bar etc.) At present there are no plans to go cashless in the bar.

4. YSJSU Impact report 2016-17

SECC directed members to the Impact Report for 2017-18 which is featured on the website.

5. Exec team reports

PRES

A verbal report was presented summarising the work of the PRES since commencing post in July 2018.

No questions were taken.

PE

A verbal report was presented summarising the work of the PE since commencing post in July 2018.

No questions were taken.

PWD

A verbal report was presented summarising the work of the PWD since commencing post in July 2018.

No questions were taken.

CoS (ADC)

ADC presented a verbal update in line with that presented to SECC

CoS (Business)

YBS presented a verbal update in line with that presented to SECC

CoS (EDU)

EDU presented a verbal update in line with that presented to SECC

CoS (LAL)

In the absence of LAL PE presented an update

CoS (Health)

In the absence of HSC PE presented an update

CoS (HRP)

In the absence of HRP PE presented an update

CoS (PMP)

Due to absence of PMP PE presented the report.

CoS (PSS)

In the absence of PSS PE presented an update

LIBERATION OFFICERS

SECC informed the members to note the reports for the LGBTQ+, POSTGRAUDTAE/MATURE, DISABLED Officers

SECC noted no report had been received for BAME Officer

7. Student Council changes 2017-18

SECC provided an overview of changes and amendments made in council between April - November

One member queried the logistics of the silent hour in the Library from EC04, stating they could not see a benefit in it.

PE stated that there are several avenues being reviewed for actioning this motion.

One member asked whether amendments to motions could be made

PE requested that the student speak directly to her so that the necessary action

could

be taken.

A member also asked what the stance was on students who may feel uncomfortable using gender neutral toilets

PRES explained that the 9 toilets in the SU would become 6 neutral, 1 male, 1 female, 1 urinal.

8. Scrutiny Panel updates

SECC informed members of the upcoming inaugural meeting of the panel which will take place on Tuesday 11th December.

9. University Updates

PWD updated on the new university branding which aims to be live in January. Consultation with students has taken place and the notes have been acknowledged. The Executive Council will be in regular consultation.

PE presented an update on the London Campus which has recently opened. Currently there are 5 students and permanent staff situated in the location. 'Future Lab' is the current programme being introduced to enhance students' employability prospects.

PE also introduced the new STEM school which is to be introduced formally next year.

PWD left the meeting

PRES updated members on the introduction of the Creative Arts Centre which will be built on the site of the current Lord Mayor's Walk accommodation.

The intention is to build an exterior plaza/pond site in the heart of campus.

One member asked what is being done to ensure that students are accommodated for with the loss of LMW

PRES informed members that PWD is currently working with the university on projects surrounding this issue.

PE also stated that a new 10 room suite is being developed behind the university.

Due to timing SECC asked that there be no more questions and if there are any they can be asked directly to the team after the meeting.

10. NUS Update

SECC asked PRES to update members on the current financial situation of NUS. PRES updated that 'Strategic Conversation' has taken place and NUS are currently reviewing their processes. This has included questions surrounding what their purpose is – is it to represent students or Unions? The decision has been that they support unions who represent students at each institution.

As a part of this review NUS may also be reconsidering the position of their elected officials.

LGBTQ+ stated that this would potentially impact the minority groups first and should anyone have an issue with such they should speak to him in order to raise this with NUS.

One member asked would the union be sustainable if NUS collapsed.

PRES assured the members that there is no significant damage potential from this.

It was also asked if there were contingencies in place if this were to happen.

PRES stated that no contingency plans had been developed by the membership of NUS due to the likelihood of a successful outcome from their review.

PE also noted that several unions were already unaffiliated from NUS and have thrived, therefore their models may be adapted for our own if it was to happen

11. YSJSU Strategic Plan

CEO informed the members of the update for the Strategic Plan, no questions were presented.

12. 2019 Election update

The members were presented with the update of the elections for 2019

13. Any Other Business

The chair of African Caribbean Society presented a speech regarding recent Issues of inequality at York St John providing insight into the experiences of the BAME student community

PE thanked the member on behalf of all present for speaking up.

The meeting closed at 18.35pm