



Student Senate **Monday 23rd April, 4pm** **TW106**

Present

Chair

Steph Foxtton – President of Education | Deputy Chair (DLoS)

Students' Union Officers

George Coombs – SU President (PRES)

Chairs of School

Stella Woolnough – Chair of School: Art, Design and Computer Science, Georgina Lunn – Chair of School: Education, Alex Terry – Chair of School: Language and Linguistics, Zoe Buckton – Chair of School: Humanities, Religion and Philosophy, Holly Sloan – Chair of School: Performance and Media Production

Senators

Shannon Clay: LGBTQ+ Officer, Tene Dowling: BAME Officer, Emma Sayce: Disabilities Officer, Anna-Louise Leyden: Postgraduate Officer

Apologies

Sarah Jackson: Societies Officer, Celeste Marques: International Officer, Ebony Collier – Chair of School: Psychological and Social Sciences, Annie Severn – President of Wellbeing and Diversity (PWD), Joe Lynch – Chair of School: Health Sciences, Josh Taylor: Sports Officer, Abi Cranswick – Chair of School: Sport, Sophie Howell – Chair of School: York Business School

Welcome & Introductions

DLoS welcomed all in attendance to the meeting and presented all in attendance with the opportunity for introduction

Items for Any Other Business

None were taken

Declaration of Interest

None submitted

Agenda Items

- 1. Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising**
 - S66: Go green YSJSU
- 2. Ideas for change: S67, S68 & S69**
- 3. Honorary Life Membership**
- 4. Officer team reports**
- 5. Lapsed policies**
- 6. Any other business**
 - SU Awards

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the meeting (March 2018) were passed by the members

1.1 Matters Arising

S66: Go green YSJSU

PRES updated on the change passed at the last meeting, stating that over the course of the summer meetings will be held, and actions put in place to ensure that this is not just a short term activity but a consistent one.

2. Ideas for change

S67: Postgraduates: A fair freshers

DLoS requested PGOFFICER to introduce the motion after it had been brought back to the meeting.

PRES felt that to hold the events during Fresher's week would be too much and requested the possibility of hosting events the week after.

PGOFFICER felt that this was a good idea and the scope of the change allows for this.

LoS called for a vote on this



Motion passed

S68: Toilet neutrality

LGBTQ+ introduced the motion discussing the reasons for the proposed change.

LAL asked what sign is proposed to take forward

PRES stated that this would be a logistical decision after the meeting. It may be that the urinal needs to be emphasised.

ADC felt that the idea was good and grounded, particularly with recent rankings on the support for equality and diversity within YSJU.

PRES stated that there needs to be more visibility of the good work which is done with regard to E&D

LGBTQ+ felt that it was a definite point to stand for as it was prevalent in the elections in a number of candidate manifestos.

CEO suggested that all that needs to be considered is to manage expectations.

DLoS responded, stating that all that needs to be done is to change the signs/swap doors around.

DLoS called for a vote on this



Motion passed

S69: Not just cashback, have a cash machine

DLoS called for an explanation of the motion which was delivered by SVC in the absence of the student member and with no assigned member of the exec.

SVC stated that the change called for a cash machine to be placed in the SU due to the persistent failings of the current machine in Holgate and making processes simpler in the bar when purchasing.

BAME raised that the cash machine would still be inaccessible when the SU is closed, so where do students go then.

PRES agreed with the point and felt that it is worth putting this back to the university to discuss the current machine and potentially a change in location.

LGBTQ+ asked where it would go.

A number of the committee suggested the library which is accessible 24hrs a day aside from mandatory closure times (Christmas, Easter etc.)

DLoS called for a vote on the motion



Motion failed

3. Honorary Life Membership

DLos read the nominations and called for a vote of the members.

SVC stated a vote would occur in secret ballot and be counted the following day.

4. Officer reports

PRES delivered a verbal report in which he discussed:

- New branding of the university
- Sports and Societies dinners
- Governors away days

PE delivered a verbal report in which she discussed:

- Right Hear Right Now campaign
- Academic Board meeting (25th April)
- Education Zone (26th April)

ADC delivered a verbal report in which she discussed:

- Channels of communications with Academic Reps

LAL delivered a verbal report in which he discussed:

- Rep meetings – new curriculum and reps for next year
- Gateway house developments

EDU delivered a verbal report in which she discussed:

- Working with individuals

- Assisting in the development/promotion of the Study Abroad programmes

HRP delivered a verbal report in which she discussed:

- Handovers
- Dissertation feedback
- Accreditation
- Staff and student panels

PMP delivered a verbal report in which she discussed:

- Working with the remaining Dance (Single Honours) students
- Met with the developers of the new creative centre
- Continuing communications with students

5. Lapsed policies

S50 – Reduce the costs of the Sports and Societies Dinners

PRES noted that the main requirement was to create a straight to the point procedure which wasn't vague but provided scope.

EDU suggested creating an opt-in/community, permitting students to come along and raise money for the event without pinning it to a certain few.

DLoS posed a question as to why there isn't a budget set for the meal and students are being asked to raise money for their own meal which they are still then required to pay for. A bigger push should be for the union to raise money for charities, not dinners.

PRES stated that with regard to exec there is not a singular definitive person who takes responsibility. Instead this is agreed upon during the induction process – something needs to be in place to mandate the officers to carry this work forward. Potentially a re-write, self-mandated to take forward

SVC stated that Senate need to agree whether this policy remains and is re-written by PRES, or is lapsed.

DLoS called for a vote on the lapse



Policy holds

6. Any other business

A. BAME motion

BAME stated that work is continuing on the motion proposed in the last meeting and it will be brought to the Senate at a later point.

B. Annual Student Awards

SVC called for further promotion of the event from members of Senate.

E. Learner Analytics

PE discussed her involvement in the university led project and also iterated that there is currently no evidence to support the investment. A vital flaw is the inability to accurately track students on placement.

LGBTQ+ felt that this limitation could have a potential resolution by contacting the specific placement location.

PRES stated that it is at the request of the governors that this is in place in an attempt to develop a digital presence for retention.

F. Digital literacy (staff)

PE brought to the attention of the members, some research currently being developed into the minimum expectations of Moodle – a project which hasn't been reviewed since 2015. PE handed out the expectation outlines to the members.

It was iterated by all that and instigated by LAL that development and support should be a vital, essential item for Moodle.

BAME Officer also stated that feedback should be standardised within Moodle as it can be vague at times.

PE stated work will be done into this. It was agreed that PE would bring the feedback policy to the next meeting.

Action: PE to deliver university feedback policy

G. Mature/disabled students

BAME Officer brought a request to discuss the provisions of learning space for mature students with learning difficulties such as ADHD

PE suggested that this be put forward in the form of a motion/change for the next meeting.

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Date of Next Meeting
TBC

Summary of changes

Change reference	Page reference	Scope of change	Mandated to	Passed or failed
S67	4	Postgraduates: A fair freshers	PRES	PASSED
S68	4	Toilet neutrality	PWD/PRES	PASSED
Lapsed policy	6	Reduce the cost of the Sports and Societies Dinners	PRES	UPHELD