



Student Senate **Thursday 9th March, 4pm** **TW106**

Present

Chair

Aidan Laycock – Leader of Senate (LoS)

Students' Union Officers

Izzy Tooke – Vice President Education (VPE), Katie Irving – Vice President Welfare and Diversity (VPWD), Laurie Illingworth – SU President (PRES)

Chairs of School

George Coombs – Chair of School: Art, Design and Computer Science

Zone Representatives

Education Zone:

Dan Smith (DS)

Equality and Diversity Zone:

Jacob Smith (JS)

Sports and Societies Zone:

Joshua Brignall-Morley (JBM)

Fran Rhodes (FR)

Ellie Booth (EB)

Students' Union staff

Paul Murtough – Representation and Democracy Coordinator (RDC), Matt Allton – Marketing and Communications Coordinator (MA), Matt Walton – Sports and Activities Manager

Apologies

Laura Castle – Chair of School: Performance and Media Production, Lizzie Smith – Chair of School: Education, Caitlin Jackson – Chair of School: Psychological and Social Sciences, Joe Lynch – Chair of School: Health Sciences, Steph Foxtton – Chair of School: Language and Linguistics,

Absence without apology

Thomas Devlin – Chair of School: Humanities, Religion and Philosophy, Matthew English
– Chair of School: Business School

Welcome & Introductions

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

Items for Any Other Business

VPE presented two additional items:

1. You're Extraordinary Award
2. Previous motion update: Every second counts

For the purpose of this meeting the proposed order of business was amended to the below

Agenda Items

1. Minutes of the previous meeting
2. Honorary Life Membership process
3. NUS Delegate officer election
4. Ideas for change S58 – S60
5. Exec team reports

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the meeting (November 2016) were passed by the members

2. Honorary Life Membership process

LoS asked members on their thoughts for the proposed process.

FR felt that a cross-campus method for nominations would work so long as students are made to understand what Honorary Life is.

VPE suggested that in regards to the decision making (currently Senate) that a smaller panel be created.

JS felt it was a good idea to establish a panel

LoS asked who would be members of the panel

VPE suggested the officers and chairs of school

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FR felt there should be staff involvement – declarations of interest (DOI)

VPWD suggested that to combat the DOI that names of nominees be removed from the decision making process and they are reviewed by the presented examples of their merit.

DS raised the item that there could be difficulties removing the name as whilst students could be recognised for their positive actions, there could be several severe negatives which are not contemplated in this process.

JBM felt that students who vote should make an official DOI, this includes if senate continue to make the decision

FR felt that, not to discredit the officers, but students choose the nominees, students should vote

RDC asked what students would like to see, as a recipient of HLM

FA stated that previous recipients should be contacted in order to gauge this information

EB proposed continuous membership to Sports and Societies

PRES stated that this happens through alumni membership

LoS asked for a vote on the process and whether students agreed with this

LoS called for the vote



PASSED

LoS removed himself as chair. For the purpose of item 3 VPE took the role of Deputy Chair

3. NUS Delegate – Officer Election

LoS called for any proposals for officers to stand for the post of lead delegate

VPE put forward herself as an official candidate and gave a verbal proposition to the members.

LoS asked VPE to leave the room whilst the vote was called.



VPE was successful elected as the lead delegate

LoS removed himself as chair. For the purpose of item 3 VPE took the role of Deputy Chair

4. Ideas for change

S58: NUS Policy

VPE welcomed AL to discuss the proposal; AL spoke on behalf of the idea.

JS asked for clarification on whether this proposal was to ensure transparency of NUS or the university

AL clarified that this is to ensure the YSJSU remain transparent surrounding NUS campaigns

JS asked if this was for the Students' Union to demonstrate their stance on policies and campaigns

AL stated this was not the case

FOR: JBM stated that this idea is good and worth doing as there was no knowledge about the boycott of the NSS

AGAINST: PRES stated that officers are already focussed on internal matters, NUS are a transparent organisation

JS in response to this felt that it was entirely reasonable for students to at least be made aware

PRES proposed the idea of what would students rather see; information that is relevant to them or general overview

FOR: JBM stated that it is good to inform the students, if the Students' Union demonstrates what NUS do (other than a discount card) students are more inclined to listen

JS felt that in regards to publicising what NUS do, it is all or nothing

FR stated that the works of NUS cover a broad spectrum, campaigns/motions etc. should be brought to Senate as the representative body to decide on the relevance

JS felt that if senate decide there could be vital information forgotten/missed due to the limited number of meetings that are held.

RDC spoke about the website www.nusconnect.org.uk on which all NUS campaigns and discussed and resources are made available, not be confused with the discount 'NUS Extra site.

FR asked if this website could be accessed by everyone

VPE stated that it could

VPWD proposed Procedural Motion E – that the motion be re-written and suggested amending to state that information will be produced by 'the Students' Union' not solely officers

VPE asked for a vote on the Procedural Motion

Vote for PCM E:



CHANGE: PASSED

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Vote for change:



CHANGE: PASSED
Action: OFFICERS

S59: Officer Accountability

AL introduced the proposal

FOR: FA agreed that continuous promotion of activities would raise more awareness to the students

VPE clarified that Chairs of School do not stand for election based on manifesto points

AGAINST: CoS (ADC) felt that in particular, placing a timeframe of 'weekly', there isn't always something to be actioned/discussed each week – for Chairs of School it is particularly unrealistic

FOR: FR stated it does state 'ideally weekly' – it presents more opportunities for students to submit comments/ideas

AGAINST: VPWD stated that the job roles of the officers are not purely the manifesto points, there are a lot more duties that aren't captured.

JS asked if this could be a 'once a month' item

DS felt that students are already bombarded with information from the Students' Union

FA stated that the information could simply go on the website

VPWD proposed Procedural Motion D that a guest speaker be invited to the floor – VPWD requested that MA speak as the Marketing and Communications Coordinator

VPE asked for any arguments for/against this, none were proposed

VPE asked for the vote for PCM D

Vote for PCM D:



PCM: PASSED

MA was welcomed to the floor stating that the information proposed in the motion is already requested but not necessarily expected. Weekly blogs are programmed across the month and have a range of focusses from staff updates to events and then the officers. The number of readers vary from the lowest being 200 and the highest being between 15/1600. The current process is structured around the vision as the coordinator and a suggested timeline would help and the process can be altered to amend what Senate agree.

EB posed a question to CoS (ADC) and asked if there were scheduled meetings which they attend

CoS (ADC) stated that he organises the meetings but the process differs in each school dependant on their internal structures and relationship.

JS asked if it was possible to stagger the notices between CoS and Sabbatical and be able to cross-reference their activities.

VPE stated that a progress tracker for the Sabbaticals is currently live on the website and states at what percentage the completion of a task stands.

FR asked if these percentages were fact or selected by the officers

VPE stated they were selected by the officers but a statement to discuss why the percentage has been chosen will appear under each point.

JS suggested to amend the wording to 'monthly'

MA requested to speak and suggested that the steer could work between weekly/monthly – bi-weekly

FR asked if officers could produce a weekly blog and Chairs, monthly.

VPWD stated that social media is already flooded with information

JBM proposed PCM E – for the motion to be taken away and re-written

VPE asked for any argument for this

CoS (ADC) stated that there is too much president on the time frame and not on the information that students need to receive.

VPE asked for a vote on PCM E

Vote for PCM E



PCM: PASSED
Action: EXEC

The motion will be re-written and taken to the next Senate meeting

S60: Equality in publicising

AL introduced the proposed change

FOR: JS stated that this was important to do, ensuring that all multi-sensory publications are accessible to a wide audience

AGAINST: FR, only against on the principle of determining how the Students' Union would be accessible to everyone.

AL clarified that in regards to the website in particular, there are guidelines and levels of legislation which are requirements when information is put out and pages are developed. It will never be 100% but we will do our best

JS proposed that it may be worth staff and officers attending training on accessible information, this is now expected of academic staff.

VPE called for a vote on the change

Vote for change:



CHANGE: PASSED

Action: VPWD/PWD ELECT

VPE stepped down at Deputy Chair and LoS returned to the chair

5. Executive team reports

VPWD presented a verbal update of activities and no questions were posed

VPE presented a verbal update of activities and no questions were posed

PRES presented a verbal update of activities and no questions were posed

CoS (ADC) presented a verbal update of activities

LoS asked if there was any information for 'Create' for the Performance and Media Production students

It was suggested that AL speak to the Head of School.

LoS asked if it was possible to utilise the ADC blackboard notice system in other schools

VPE stated that the difficulty is that not all schools have a central building but more glass feedback boards are being placed around the institution soon.

6. Any other Business

VPE introduced a discussion surrounding the 'You're Extraordinary Award' which will be presented at the annual awards on the 12th May; asking for students to be a part of the panel – FR, SD, CoS (ADC), EB will form a panel with the Sabbaticals

VPE presented an update on the motion 'Every Second Counts' which was passed in January 2016; the motion states that candidates for officer roles in the election should be granted a week's extension for any deadline – in a meeting with the registrar it was felt that elections week does not fall at a crucial time in the calendar and therefore the motion would not be enforced currently.



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Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 11th May 2017, 4pm

Summary of actions

Agenda item	Action:	Assigned to:
Ideas for change	For the Students' Union enacts all changes put forward by the members <i>(Page 4-9)</i>	PRES, VPE, VPWD