

Minutes of the meeting  
**Student Senate**  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016  
NW005, 4pm-6pm

**Present:** Aidan Laycock (LOS), Nathaniel Abakah-Phillips (NAP), Lucinda Izzard (LI), Gabby Wilson (GW), Jayne Spence (JS), Izzy Tooke (IT), Grace Mason (GM), Nikki Foster (NF), George Coombs (GC), Vickky Firth (VF), Mel Perkins (MP), Katherine Armstrong (KA), Caitlin Smithson (CS), Danielle Ward (DW), Sophie Walker (SW), Vicky Weekes (VW), Caitlin McDougall (CM), Katie White (KW), Angus Williams (AW), Fran Rhodes (FR), Sven Kluever (SK), Nicola Camp (NC), Jack Clifton (JC)

**In attendance:** Paul Murtough (Minutes), Louise Aiken (Membership Engagement Manager, LA), Harrison Rimmer (Student Engagement Co-ordinator),

**Apologies:** Ellen Gambles (HLS representative), Nicole Freeman (HLS Faculty Chair), Faye Atherley (Student Champion), Rachael McGivern (Student Champion), Brogan Hume (Sports & Societies Committee)

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**Maximum number of voters: 22**

**1. Apologies**

As stated above

**2. Declaration of Interest**

None

**3. Membership**

As apologies were noted it was decided there was no need to review the membership.

**4. Senate Motions**

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**S49: Removal of a Programme Rep**

IT introduced the motion and explained the premise.

**For:** It was argued that if a representative is not performing in the role then there should be a right to remove.

**EEK! Card presented**

IT was asked to further explain the motion/policy

IT explained a number of the processes surrounding the motion

**No more speeches for/against.**

IT summated the motion.

**Vote for the motion**

**For Against Abstain:**  
15 0 0

**Motion passed**

**Motion S50: Vote for your own faculty**

AW introduced the motion and explained the premise.

**For:** NF stated that elections are currently a popularity contest, permitting students to only vote for their faculty would give greater focus on the candidates.

**Against:** GM stated that regardless of the faculty that chairs host, they can still represent the student body as a whole.

**For:** LI reiterated NF point that it would give greater focus, allow students to determine who is best for the role based on the manifesto.

**Against:** GC stated that in elections you choose who is best for the role, voting across faculty increases the sense of a joint community and instils faith that the right person has been chosen.

AW summated the motion.

**Vote for the motion:**

**For Against Abstain**  
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**Motion passed**

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**4 D. Policy lapse**

LOS explained the process for policy lapse and introduced the first motion.

**S10.2: Out in Sport**

LOS permitted senators a few minutes to review the motion.

LOS asked members whether they would prefer a discussion of the motion or move to the vote.

**Vote for policy lapse:**

**For Against Abstain**  
0 16 0

**Policy is held**

**S12: Promotional material**

**EEK! Card presented**

LI requested an explanation of the motion

IT explained the process which is defined in the motion

LI stated this wasn't done

NAP clarified that this process is already drawn into the contracts with affiliated nightclubs.

**Vote for policy lapse:**

**For Against Abstain**

0 16 0

**Policy is held**

**S13: Equality and Diversity**

**EEK! Card presented**

NAP asked for clarification of the motion – whether the scope was aimed at E&D committee or to develop a strategy

LOS stated this was for the strategy of which the committee would assist in developing.

**EEK! Card presented**

LT asked if LI was aware of this motion.

LI stated she hadn't been made aware of this.

KA stated that as chair of the committee she was aware of the strategy but not the policy.

NAP asked that if it is already a policy, what are we influencing by voting?

IT stated it should be kept for best practice and development

GC stated that regardless. The strategy is created.

AW agreed but stated that it does not stop people attempting to remove this in future.

LA interjected, stating that it will never be removed, it is a part of how the Students' Union operates.

LI therefore stated there is no reason to keep the policy in place.

**Vote for policy lapse**

**For Against Abstain**

4 6 6

**Policy lapsed**

**S14: Zero Tolerance**

It was stated that the process is already a part of the Students' Union

**Vote for policy lapse**

**For Against Abstain**

10 0 6

**Policy lapsed**

**U07: Arts education**

LOS asked if members wished to discuss or move to the vote

**Vote for policy lapse**

| For | Against | Abstain |
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| 1   | 10      | 5       |

**Policy lapsed**

**CW02: Against Austerity**

**Vote for policy lapse:**

| For | Against | Abstain |
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| 15  | 1       | 0       |

**Policy lapsed**

**CW03: Allotments**

**EEK! Card presented**

NAP asked if this was a policy to keep the allotments?

LOS stated that by voting to lapse it would not remove the allotments

LI stated the Students' Union would definitely be keeping the allotments

**Vote for policy lapse:**

| For | Against | Abstain |
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| 0   | 14      | 2       |

**Policy lapsed**

AW left the meeting

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**5. Previous Minutes**

Minutes of the previous meeting were passed by ascent

**6. Matters arising**

LOS called for the officers to report their activity

NAP gave a verbal report

No questions posed

LI gave a verbal report

No questioned posed

PM delivered GW updates

LT asked how to apply for the A Day In The Life

PM explained

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JS gave verbal report  
No questions posed

GM gave verbal report  
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IT gave verbal report  
IT was asked for location of PGCE events

**Action: IT**

LT gave a verbal report  
No questions posed.

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## **7. Any other business**

NAP asked for any feedback on question time campaign and asked what students would like to see.

IT stated that regardless some students will care, some won't.  
VC to advertise the open door policy to students.  
LI target specific topics and relatable members.

LI asked for feedback on campaigns.

Don't Drink and Drown was a specified point

LI stated she had received numerous complaints about the name and banner however it was a national campaign.

FR asked if the location of the balloon release could be changed in future and that there was limited knowledge from members about the meaning of the campaign.

LOS asked for feedback of senate

Senator elections:

LI stated that to keep the elections cross campus for reps is appropriate.

KW stated that students aren't aware what senate is

PM stated that this is a developing item for the students' union.

### **7.1 Student Awards**

PM highlighted the student award event which is taking place in March, tickets

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**Date of next meeting:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 12pm – DG124