



## AGENDA

### Students' Union Executive Committee 3pm Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017 DG/119

1. Welcome and Introduction
2. Declarations of Interest
3. To receive any items for Any other Business
4. To receive the previous minutes (7<sup>th</sup> September 2017)
5. Any matters arising

#### **Section A: Items for Decision**

6. To receive motions for change
7. To note lapsed policies and implications (SU47 & SU45)
8. To set agenda for Senate
9. To set agenda for ASM
10. To set Elections Targets
11. To set date and time of next meeting proposed (26<sup>th</sup> February 2017)

#### **Section B: Items for Discussion**

12. Exec activity reports
13. Motion S59 (Officer Accountability)
14. SU suggestions
15. Zones format
16. University update (GC)
17. To agree any pre-posed questions for ASM
18. To agree format for proposed Xmas party for Academic Reps (4<sup>th</sup> December)

#### **Section C: Items to note**

19. Elections Timeline

#### **Section D: Any other business**



## **YSJSU Executive Committee**

### **7<sup>th</sup> September 3pm**

#### **Present:**

##### **Chair**

George Coombs- SU President (PRES),

##### **Students' Union Officers**

Steph Foxtan President Education (PE), Annie Severn President of Wellbeing & Diversity (PWD)

##### **Chairs of School**

Stella Woolnough (ADC), Sophie Howell (BUS), Georgina Lunn (EDU), Joe Lynch (HSC), Joe Lynch (HSC), Alex Terry (LAL), Holly Sloan (PMP), Ebony Collier (PSS),

##### **Students' Union staff**

Chris Bateman – Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Louise Aiken – Membership Engagement Manager (MEM)

##### **Apologies**

Zoe Buckton (HRP)

#### **Welcome & Introductions**

PRES welcomed all in attendance to the meeting and a verbal introduction to the format of Exec Committee

#### **1. Executive Committee Responsibilities**

PRES introduced CB to give a verbal report on the purpose, responsibilities and the duties of the committee as laid down in the byelaws (Byelaw 2)

#### **2. Appointments Committee**

CB gave verbal update on the current vacancies for Leader of Senate and Student Trustee, which would require two students to sit on the appointments committee, any Exec member who would like to be part of the process to contact PRES no later than 29<sup>th</sup> September. The date for the panel to meet is 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

#### **3. Senator Elections**

The committee noted the Election dates for Senators and agreed a target of 12 candidates and voting turnout of 12%.

#### 4. Date of the next meeting

A suggested date of Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm was proposed subject to availability when timetables are finalised. **Action: PM to confirm via doodle pole**

#### 5. Any other Business

JL noted the meningitis vaccine and asked this be publicised **Action: CB to ensure the information is on the comms schedule**

PWD – asked if any member would like to be part of the Plan, Safe, Home, Safe campaign to contact her.

#### Item 6. Lapsed Policies

**SU45: Slating the slate** Senate believes: That the exec team should be voted on based on their individual campaigns and manifestos That elected individuals should be held accountable for their own manifestos throughout the year That slates encourage hostility during campaigning That if only certain team members are elected from the slate it is detrimental to the working environment Senate resolves: That the exec team should work together once elected to benefit the student experience That running in slates should be banned at YSJSU Senate mandates: The President to add to byelaw 9 of the SU constitution banning slates during elections Motion passed: **November 2015 Policy lapse: November 2017** Proposed by Gabby Wilson, VP Education

**SU47: Vice Presidents to Officers** Senate believes: Across the HE sector, Sabbaticals are increasingly known as 'Officers' of their respective remits and not "Vice Presidents". - The experiences of the other sabbaticals is that students and University staff believe that there is a superior position to themselves (e.g. President of Education and President of Welfare and Diversity). - Calling Sabbaticals 'Officers' would remove any hierarchies of positions within the Students' Union. Senate resolves: All Sabbaticals should be viewed as equal in status by students and University staff members regardless of title. That the title 'Vice President' should be changed to '(remit) Officer'. Senate mandates: The President to work with the relevant staff to change the the Job descriptions of the 'VicePresident' sabbaticals. -To update the SU constitution and bye-laws accordingly. Motion passed: **November 2015 Policy lapse: November 2017** Proposed by Nathaniel Abakah-Phillips, SU President

#### Item 12. Motion S59 Officer Accountability

My idea for change: All Elected Executive officers should share their manifesto progress to the Student body more regularly and not just through Senate. Therefore enabling students to see and criticize their progress on all elements of their term in office. How should this change? The executive offers should present their progress

regularly and visibly through all viable communication channels (SU website, social media and Email). Whether in the form of a blog or vlog to ensure aware of their actions and progress. The frequency of these updates should be weekly for the Presidents and monthly for the Chairs of School. What should the SU do? Mandate the Executive team to produce a blog/vlog to ensure transparency of their manifestos to the student body in the frequency outlined above. Passed: May 2017  
Lapse: May 2019

### Item 18. Elections Timeline

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**– Official Notice of the Election

<b>Nominations</b>	<b>Voting</b>
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec 17	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 12 noon
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb 18	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb, 12 noon

Nominations will be available to all students via [ysjsu.com/vote](http://ysjsu.com/vote) and will close at 10:00 on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Voting will take place from 12:00 (noon) on the 20<sup>th</sup> and close at 12:00 (noon) on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February. The vote will take place via [ysjsu.com/vote](http://ysjsu.com/vote)