



Executive Council  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
CD002

## **Chair:**

Dan Grayson (ECC)

Thomas Bowes (DECC)

## **Council members:**

*For the purpose of the meeting, Councillors will be recognised in abbreviated form*

George Coombs – President of the Students' Union (PSU)

Olivia Bowers – President of Wellbeing & Diversity (PWD)

Jenny Marchant – Chair of Humanities, Religion & Philosophy (HRP)

Amy Deveney – Chair of Art, Design & Computer Science (ADC)

Hannah Scott – Chair of Education (EDU)

Skye Pickorer – Chair of York Business School (YBS)

Tene Dowling – BAME Officer (BAME)

Katie Goodacre – Postgraduate/Mature Officer (PG/M)

## **In attendance:**

Paul Murtough: Student Voice Coordinator

Donna Smith: Chief Executive Officer

## **Apologies:**

## **Welcome and Introductions:**

ECC invited members of the Council to introduce themselves, including title and preferred pronoun

## **Any Other Business:**

ECC asked for recommendations for A.O.B from members of the Council.

No items were taken

### **1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

ECC requested that members approve the minutes pending any final amends.

Amends to the location and title reference were made.

Minutes were approved by the council.



## 2. Matters Arising

ECC called for Council to review the matters arising from the previous meeting and requested POE to present the 'Principle of Feedback' to council.

POE stated that this has been deferred to a later meeting due to the introduction of a new Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Learning and Teaching and further work needing to be done.

## 3. Items for Decision

ECC declared that unless discussion was required for the motion there would be a simple vote to approve or reject the motions.

Approval – that delegates have confidence from council to vote for the motion in question  
Rejection – indicative that delegates should vote against the motion.

All votes are indicative and cannot pre-empt discussion which may take place on conference floor.

### PRIORITY ZONE:

Education on the edge

The amendment and motion were APPROVED.

### EDUCATION ZONE:

Motions 201 – 12 214-18, were approved by Council

Motion 213 was rejected without further discussion taking place.

### SOCIETY & CITIZENSHIP:

Motions 301 – 03, 305\* – 15 were approved by council.

Motion 304 was an advised abstention voted on by council, ultimately rejecting the motion.

\*Motion 305 was discussed that it was to show a clear national message and stand with the LGBTQ community.

### WELFARE ZONE:

Motion 501 (and amendments were passed)

\*Motion 502- 07 were approved by council.

\*Motion 505 was discussed as purely circumstantial; claims were unsubstantiated but there was a sense of agreement with the underlying premise.

Motion 508 – PSU wished to note that locally there was already a high level of support for students.

Motion 509, 512 – whilst not an immediate impact to York St John council felt that there would be detriment in voting for the motion – approved.

Motions 510, 11 were rejected without discussion

Motion 514 was discussed further with PG/M raising concerns over the targeted groups.

PSU/PWD noted that a change to the age restrictions will be put forward to conference.

Approved.

Motion 515 was rejected, noting that it is important to support the rights of trans students, but it is not the place for Students' Unions to fund transitional surgery. YBS noted it is important to lobby for students.



Motion 516 – 20 were approved by council.

AGM

Motion 601 was rejected under the ideology that democracy will not resolve financial issues.

Motion 602 was approved.

#### 4. Motions for change

EC05: Drug use

Returning to the deferred motion from the previous meeting councillors were presented with the opportunity to raise their questions with PWD.

PWD noted that she is currently working with members of the university to ensure sufficient action is taken to raise awareness of drug use; invitations have been extended to 'Changing Lives' who will be attending regularly to provide education for students.

BAME asked whether there had been action taken to prevent sales of drugs on campus/in accommodation.

PWD noted that suspensions had been given to students who had been discovered as having possession of drugs with intention to distribute. Unfortunately, this action only comes as a consequence of reporting incidents.

CEO advised that wording surrounding the testing of drugs will be done so in a way that expresses that the union/university does not condone the consumption of drugs on any of our sites.

Action: PWD to work with CEO to establish communications

Members of council asked what the 'drug testing' would imply.

PWD stated that these were kits which test the purity of the drug.

Vote for motion.

FOR:	8
AGAINST:	0
ABSTAIN:	1

Motion Passed