



Student Senate
Tuesday 21st November, 4pm
DG124

Present

Chair

Vikki Uden – Leader of Senate (LoS)

Students' Union Officers

Steph Foxton – President of Education (PE), Annie Severn – President of Wellbeing and Diversity (PWD), 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, Joe Lynch – Chair of School: Health Sciences, Sophie Howell – Chair of School: York Business School, Holly Sloan – Chair of School: Performance and Media Production

Senators

Anna-Louise Leyden: Postgraduate Officer, Shannon Clay: LGBTQ+ Officer, Josh Taylor: Sports Officer

Apologies

Sarah Jackson: Societies Officer, Celeste Marques: International Officer, Tene Dowling: BAME Officer, Emma Sayce: Disabilities Officer, Zoe Buckton – Chair of School: Humanities, Religion and Philosophy, Ebony Collier – Chair of School: Psychological and Social Sciences

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

None were taken

Declaration of Interest

For the purpose of S49 PRES, PE and PWD presented their declarations as a conflict

Agenda Items

- 1. Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising**
- 2. Election of the Deputy Chair**
- 3. Ideas for change: S62-S65**
- 4. Exec team reports**
- 5. Honorary Life Membership vote**

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the meeting (May 2017) were passed by the members

The Presidents each updated on the matters arising from the 2016-17 academic year.

1.1 Matters Arising

S51 – Reduce the cost of the S&S dinner tickets

PRES updated on the change submitted in the previous year, emphasising that as the menus are a set price the tickets being reduced is not likely, but the expense from the students will ensure that additional benefits at the events are provided.

S52 – More braille on campus

PWD stated that work is being done to assess the priority areas of the campus in which braille would be required.

S53 – Resources, Resources, Resources

PE noted that there are a number of working groups currently in place to assess student requirements, including digital literacy which was an instigator of the original change.

S54 – SW5 Programme

PWD informed the members that whilst SW5 was stopped at the end of the last academic year, efforts are still in place under the new brand of 'WellU'

S55 – We need a new boat house

PRES informed the members that this is being addressed with the institution as it is an increasing health and safety risk.

S56 – Activities for all

PWD stated that all efforts are made to ensure our activities are inclusive across the year.

S57 – Sunday Night Live

PRES detailed that no formal plans have been established, potential work for semester two, to create the 'hype' and a big enough event which will draw traction.

S58 – NUS Policy

PRES informed the senate that as policies are published, should they be relevant to the members of YSJ then they will be publicised and acted upon accordingly.

S59 – Officer Accountability

It was updated by the Exec that on a weekly basis, Presidential officers are releasing vlogs/blogs regarding their activities and CoS are set to update members on a monthly basis with a blog.

S60 – Equality in publicising

PWD iterated that we ensure that all material is accessible for students, providing subtitled videos etc.

S61 – Disability concerns

Senate were informed that the request for a specific meeting for disabled students had become a core element of the new Student Experience Zone and work will be done with the Disabilities Officer to ensure that student voices are heard.

2. Election of the Deputy Chair

PE declared her intent to run for the post of Deputy Chair of the Senate.

LoS called for a vote of the members



PE was successfully elected as the Deputy Chair

3. Ideas for change

S62: Lecture room temperatures

PE came to the Senate as Deputy Chair whilst LoS stepped down having submitted the change.

Due to low temperatures in the Music Block, and various other locations on campus it was put to Senate that a change be implemented that ensures the university work accordingly to ensure working temperatures meet the minimum standard of 16 degrees.

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With no calls from a for or against, PE called for the vote from the members



Change passed

S63: Roving laptop chargers

LoS introduced the change which asks the Students' Union to provide 'roving chargers' similar to those used currently in the library.

PE submitted Procedural motion E – that the change be re-written.

PE submitted this because it was felt that this was an improvement to be made to the facility and not to education, therefore it was requested that the change be appointed to PRES.

LoS called for a vote on this PCM



Procedural Motion passed

LoS returned to the vote for the change, with the amendment



Change passed

S64: Sexual protection for all

LoS welcomed LGBTQ+ to speak on behalf of the change.

Having already highlighted this with PWD it was felt that more needs to be done in the SU for those who do not require condoms etc.

LAL asked for clarification on the vagueness of 'etc.'

LGBTQ+ stated that the extent of protection provided is down to PWD.

FOR: PE stated that the change provides a large scope for provisions

LoS called for anymore for or against arguments. None were presented, therefore LoS called for the vote.



Change passed

S65: Never miss out: Introduction of Lecture capture

LoS called for PE to present the change for lecture capture.

Before the change was introduced, PE stated that there is a working group currently in place which is reviewing the digital capabilities of the university. It is felt that lecturers would create backlash to this proposal, and would be resistant to the idea.

Members of the Senate asked for clarification on what 'Lecture Capture' is.

PE highlighted that it is a software which enables academics to record lectures and upload them online. There are other, and better ways of doing this, as already exemplified in the Primary Education course.

LGBTQ+ asked if this could be added to the 'resources, resources, resources' change from 2016.

PM stated that as that change is still in place, and not due to lapse, the scope of the change cannot be amended, but the current change proposal could be an implicit part of the change.

HSC left the meeting at this point.

SPO asked if Lecture capture was essentially a livestream of the session

PE stated that it was.

LoS called for any for or against debates.

FOR: PG-OFFICER stated that it would be helpful as not all courses have additional teaching beyond the provided session, and tutorials are scarce.

AGAINST: SPO-OFFICER felt that it would be a hindrance, and would encourage excuses for those who do not wish to attend the lecture.

With no more arguments presented, LoS called for the vote.



Change failed

4. Executive team reports

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

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

PE presented a verbal update of activities

CoS (ALL) presented verbal reports with no questions posed.

For a full breakdown of the reports visit www.ysjsu.com/blogs

5. Lapsed policies

LoS handed to PRES to discuss current lapsed policies

S45 - Slate the slate

Having already been discussed at the Executive Committee it was agreed the vote to lapse this policy should be placed in the responsibility of the Senate.

PRES called for exec to reiterate points raised in the meeting. You can find a record of these at www.ysjsu.com/minutes

LoS called for a vote on the lapse



Policy lapsed

PRES noted that S47 was lapsed at the Executive Committee.

6. Suggestions

PRES introduced the 'Suggestions' module which will be active on the SU website and will be a method by which students can submit ideas for change

7. Elections timeline

PM updated on the elections timeline for 2018.

Date of Next Meeting

March 2018

Summary of changes

Change reference	Page reference	Scope of change	Mandated to	Passed or failed
S62	3-4	Lecture rooms temperatures	PE	PASSED
S63	4	Roving laptop chargers	PRES	PASSED
S64	5-6	Sexual protection for all	PWD	PASSED
S65	6	Never miss out: Introduction of lecture capture	121	FAILED