



Student Senate

Thursday 10th November, 3:30pm

DG124

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

Joe Lynch – Chair of School: Health Sciences, Caitlin Jackson – Chair of School: Psychological and Social Sciences, George Coombs – Chair of School: Art, Design and Computer Science, Fran Ansell – Chair of School: Sport

For the purpose of the meeting all Chairs of School will be referred to by CoS (SCHOOL)

Zone Representatives

Education Zone:

Joshua Williams (JW)

Ellie Plews (EP)

Equality and Diversity Zone:

Jacob Smith (JS)

Fran Rhodes (FR)

Shannon Davies (SD)

Sports and Societies Zone:

Joshua Brignall-Morley (JBM)

Alice Bolton (AB)

Anna-Louise Leyden (AL)

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Students' Union staff

Chris Bateman – Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Louise Aiken – Membership Engagement Manager (MEM), Paul Murtough – Representation and Democracy Coordinator (RDC)

Apologies

Matthew English – Chair of School: Business, Laura Castle – Chair of School: Performance and Media Production, Lizzie Smith – Chair of School: Education, Ellis Walsh – Entertainments Zone representative, Lucy Hobson – Education Zone representative, Niamh Boylan – Entertainments Zone representative

Absence without apology

Millie Saunders – Entertainment Zone representative, Thomas Devlin – Chair of School: Humanities, Religion and Philosophy, Anne Burrows – Wellbeing and Community Representative

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

Agenda Items

1. Election of Deputy Chair
2. Ideas for change S52 – S57
3. Executive Reports
4. Open discussion: Sabbatical roles and responsibilities

1. Election of Deputy Chair

LoS introduced the requirement for the Deputy Chair to be elected from a member of the Executive Committee.

VPE put forward her expressed interest in the role

LoS asked for the members to go to the vote.



VPE was successfully elected as Deputy Chair for Senate 2016/17

2. Ideas for change

S52: Bring Braille to campus

VPWD introduced the idea for change

CoS (PSS) asked if this was in regards to resources.

VPWD stated this was general implementation around campus and referred to FR for further clarification

FR stated that this would related to signage around campus; in particular, toilet doors, further to this, the necessary equipment and software for visually impaired students would be required.

CoS (Health Sciences) put forward Procedural Motion (PM): A to move directly to the vote, stating this is a necessity so no further needs to discuss.

LoS called for the vote of PM:A



PM: A - PASSED

LoS returned to the vote for the change



CHANGE: PASSED

Action: VPWD

S53: Resources, Resources, Resources

VPE introduced the idea for change as a result of the Education Zone

For: JW stated that there is no reason that the idea shouldn't be agreed to.

FR asked that if lecture slides (as a resource example) were placed online prior to lectures, what would prevent students from not attending

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VPE responded stating that it would be a requirement to use examples of best practice within the institution.

LoS returned to the vote for the change



S54: SW5 Programme

VPWD introduced the idea, expressing that this was also an idea provided at the Wellbeing and Community Zone to continue participation at YSJU.

For: CoS (Sport) - funding, if not renewed should be pushed for, SW5 has been heavily beneficial for students.

For: CoS (ADCS) stated that the programme has helped shape operation and inclusivity in Sport.

With no statements against, LoS called for the vote.



S55: We need a new boathouse

VPE introduced the change stating that the current boathouse is not fit for purpose.

For: AB stated that the university has placed a lot of support behind the development of Haxby Road, it is a shame that the same priority is not given to the boathouse.

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CHANGE: PASSED

Action: PRES

At 16:20 Chair of School: Health Sciences left the meeting

S56: Activities for all

VPWD stated that this change was to shape all events, such as 'fun runs' to a more inclusive event.

CoS (PSS) asked if this would only focus on current events, a wider spectrum or both

VPWD stated this would be both

Senate suggested the potential use of a poll to establish student opinion on what they would like to see.

LoS took the change to the vote



CHANGE: PASSED

Action: ALL

S57: Sunday Night Live

VPE introduced the change which requests that the welcome week event be established in our regular program.

For: CoS (Sport) stated the event was relaxed and provided a great atmosphere for students

For: AB stated the difference in event styles would encourage more students to attend.
CoS (PSS) asked how often this would be, Weekly?

VPE responded, termly or monthly (once or twice)

FR asked if there is potential to work with societies to assist in running?

VPE stated that there would be scope and also a great opportunity to fundraise etc.



CHANGE: PASSED

Action: PRES

3. Executive team reports

Each of the present officers delivered a verbal report on their activity since their relative start times in post.

PRES gave a verbal report

Point raised: Varsity

CoS (PSS) asked as to why the annual varsity is held against Sunderland?

PRES stated that this hasn't always been the case, but elements relate to size of the institution and therefore number of sports relative to ours etc. We do compete on local levels with YUSU in various areas.

VPE provided a verbal update

Point raised: Zones

LoS asked if there was potential to ensure that all pre-submitted questions for Zones are taken in to account.

VPE stated that in order for fair representation from the pre-submitted questions and the floor not all questions could be answered but will look into this.

Action: VPE to ensure all questions are taken into consideration at zones

VPWD presented a verbal report and no questions were submitted.

CoS (ADCS) provided a verbal report

Point raised: Newsletter

LoS asked if there was potential for the school newsletter to be distributed across all schools.

CoS responded, stating the currently the approach is for the school to internally produce the newsletter; other schools may wish to adapt or take their own approach.

CoS (PSS) provided a verbal report, no questions were asked

CoS (Sport) provided a verbal report, no questions were asked.

4. Open discussion

VPE introduced the discussion around the 'Sabbatical roles and responsibilities' which are currently being assessed as a result of Senate to change 'Vice Presidents' to 'Presidents' earlier this year.

EP felt it was a good idea to move forward and change the roles

CoS (PSS) felt the idea of 'Presidents' creates a higher status than 'VP'

VPE asked for feedback on the proposed change to 'Academic Affairs'
Members felt that this sounded 'efficient'

PRES asked for feedback on the role prior to leaving the meeting (16:40)

LoS asked if 'President of Governance' was a suitable approach?

CoS (PSS) felt that students are already accustomed to 'President of the Students' Union'

VPWD introduce the discussion to form the 'President of Wellbeing and Activities'

Members of the senate stated the following points:

The added workload seems to be a lot

Staff are in place to support Sports and Societies (LoS, JBM)

VPWD responded to these points stating it would only be in the same function as PRES, an officer gives a direction

Diversity needs to be explicit, concerns it will slip (FR, VPE) - VPWD responded that diversity is implicit within the work of the officers

Wellbeing encompasses a broad scope

Raise awareness and promotion of who is there for support (FR, JMB)

The role of someone to work with activities works well at other institutions

Students deserve to have someone in place that they can influence and deliver ideas to for actions, a representative for Sports and Societies at the institution (JS)

Expand the title, keep it clear and role explicit (JS, AB)

Potential of another officer role? - CoS (PSS)

CEO responded stating there are financial aspects to look at, it is more about ensuring the officers are not overloaded.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 9th March 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 2-5)</i>	PRES, VPE, VPWD
Exec team reports	To ensure, that where possible, all pre-submitted questions are taken into consideration and responses are generated <i>(Page 5)</i>	VPE