

UNIVERSITY OF SALFORD STUDENTS' UNION

Minutes

Meeting title: Student Senate meeting 1

Location: Speechly suite, University House

Date: 24 February 2015

Time: 2pm

Present: Alex Davidson (chair), Fiza Ikram, Marina Hristova, Simona Draksaite, Mohamed Hourmatalla, Tom Goldstraw, Liam Marrett, Ramal Hassan, Alex Thorp, Todd Hewitt, Adedoyin Abegunde

In attendance: Rhiannon Cruse (Student Engagement Manager). Luke Newton (Clerk)

Apologies: Joe Kelly, Rebecca Hearne, Ayesha Breithaupt, Beth Byrom

Absent: Ali Wilson, Jasmine Pokuaa

1. The minutes of the meeting on the 25th November were approved.
2. Sabbatical Officer Reports:
Written reports were received from Fiza Ikram, Alex Thorp, Marina Hristova and Jasmine Pokuaa.
The Sabbatical Officers updated on their progress on policy passed at the last meeting of Senate.
Alex updated that exams were not able to take place in the sports hall in May due to building work nearby. However this should be rectified by September. Students can request a change to the exam timetable if they want.
3. NUS Updates
Marina presented a proposed motion to be submitted to NUS national conference.
The proposed motion was accepted unanimously.
After being accepted an amendment was suggested to the motion to make the language clearer. The precise rewording of this was to be sent round after the meeting
N.B- The altered wording was accepted outside of the meeting and submitted to NUS National Conference.
4. Forum updates:
No one had attended the Arts+ Media Forum.
No one attended the Health and Social care forum
The Business and Law forum discussed deadlines for receiving exam results.
The Science and Technology forum was yet to take place.

A discussion took place about how to best include students in decision making and how to make forums more engaging. It was suggested that a timetable of democratic dates for the whole year should be produced for the beginning of the academic year.

5. University Committees

Fiza updated that she was attending a meeting on the group “enabling the student journey” which was working to improve the systems students use during their time at University. She would also be attending a University away day to develop the Universities strategic Plan.

6. Policy decisions:

Unification of software programs in all university facilities

A discussion took place around how many licences could be purchased and that versions of software could be uploaded onto the image instead of purchasing large numbers of licences.

The policy Passed

7. Student submitted policy

It was discussed that a Senate member would contact the student who submitted the policy to discuss how activities run and what their ideas are. The idea of a second activity fair would be taken to the next round of forums.