

UNIVERSITY OF SALFORD STUDENTS' UNION

Minutes

Meeting title: Student Senate meeting 3

Location: Boardroom 1, Students' Union

Date: 5th May 2015

Time: 2pm

Present: Fiza Ikram, Marina Hristova, Joe Kelly, Mohamed Hourmatalla (chair), Tom Goldstraw, Ramal Hassan, Alex Thorp, Jasmine Pokuaa, Ayesha Breithaupt

In attendance: Luke Newton (Clerk), Samsam Ibrahim

Apologies: Beth Byrom, Simona Drakesaite, Alex Davidson

Absent: Liam Marrett, Todd Hewitt, Adedoyin Abegunde, Ali Wilson

1. Alex Davidson sent his apologies, Mohamed Hourmatalla was elected as chair for this meeting.
2. The minutes of the meeting on the 24th February were approved.
3. Sabbatical Officer Reports:
Written reports were received from Fiza Ikram and Marina Hristova

The Sabbatical Officers updated on their progress on policy passed at the last meeting of Senate.

Alex updated that the gender neutral toilets policy was in progress and should be in place by summer. Improvements were also being made to general security in University house.

Fiza had been strengthening relationships with the Santandar bank. She was also working on adding a jobs section to the Union website and a bus tracker app. It was noted that the relationship with the bus provider could be improved. Issues with the ill treatment of disabled students on the campus bus were raised, Fiza would follow this issue with Estates.

Marina had secured new social space in the Newton building and new lockers in University House. It was requested that some of these lockers be reserved for disabled students.

4. Trustee board report

The last Trustee board was not quorate so there was nothing to report. The next meeting will take place in June.

5. University committees

It was noted that the University had appointed Helen Marshall as the new Vice Chancellor. She was welcomed to her role.

6. NUS Updates

The policy submitted to the National Conference was not discussed due to time constraints. It was referred to the National Executive Committee of NUS.

The delegates present at the meeting were asked how they voted on the motion for NUS to elect a full time trans* officer. Fiza Ikram and Marina Hristova declined to answer the question.

7. Policy decisions:

Earlier publication of exam timetables

Marina stated that she was working with the University on a policy. It was noted that in the future Ramadan would clash with the exam period and a more efficient timetable that worked for students could help minimise disruption on students.

The policy Passed

8. Student submitted policy

A student had submitted a request to add a split ballot option to USSU elections. There was discussion that this wasn't a needed option and students should be able to decide on a candidate from the many available. The policy was not passed