



## Student Council Minutes

### For the meeting: 1 December 2015

#### **Present:**

Jacques Le Chevallier  
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Chair of Student Council  
Chair's aid – DSC

Sarah Redrup  
Tom Phipps  
Stephanie Harris  
Max Austin  
Laura Ho  
Jamie Cross

Student Living Officer  
Union Affairs Officer  
Sport & Student Development Officer  
Undergraduate Education Officer  
Postgraduate Education Officer  
Equality Access and Liberation Officer

Ann O'Malley  
Jemma Harford  
Alex Rees  
Alice Teale

Representation and Change Coordinator  
Minutes  
DSC – side table  
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There were 77 voting members in attendance and 6 observers

#### **1. Introductions**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 18:38 and announced that the meeting was quorate.

#### **2. Vice-Chancellor**

The new Vice-Chancellor Professor Hugh Brady spoke to the audience about his strategy consultation.

#### **3. How Student Council works**

The chair explained what student council is, who student council consists of and how the cards work.

#### **4. Motions:**

##### **Motion 6 - Transport for Langford**

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Speech for – Sarah Hobbs (see motion for content)  
Speech against – No speeches against the motion

Questions – clarification that joint honours students also have to travel between the campus locations.

**Vote - PASSED**

### **Motion 1 - Crossing at Woodland Road/Tyndalls Park Road Renewal**

Speech for – Paolo Lim (see motion for content)  
Speech against – No speeches against the motion

Questions – Charlie: What will be done differently this time to ensure a crossing happens?  
Answer: continue to lobby the relevant people.

**Vote - PASSED**

### **Motion 2 - Supporting Student Support Services**

Speech for – Ben Marshall (see motion for content)  
Speech against – No speeches against the motion

Questions – Tom: Where will the funding come from? Answer: Funding is already available however, how it is allocated is still up for discussion.

**Vote - PASSED**

### **Motion 3 - JCR Autonomy**

Speech for – Tom Phillips (see motion for content)  
Speech against – Sarah Redrup – Student Living Officer

Questions:

Question - Why shouldn't JCRs be affiliated to Bristol SU?  
Reply - JCRs want financial and structural autonomy but are happy attend Bristol SU training and development sessions where applicable.

Question - Can Bristol SU dictate what JCRs do?  
Reply - No Bristol SU would act in an advisory role

**Vote – FAILED**

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#### **Motion 4 - Funding for interuniversity competitions outside of BUCS**

Speech for – Jonny Monk (see motion for content)  
Speech against – No speeches against the motion

Questions – Why can't the group grant cover this? Answer: Group grant currently only covers one off activities  
Does the current cost of competitions prevent groups from participating? Yes

**Vote – PASSED**

#### **Motion 5 - Red Card to the Green Paper**

Speech for – Tom Phipps (see motion for content)  
Speech against – No speeches against the motion

Questions – Sam: is it fair that this only supports undergraduate students when postgraduates make up the majority of students at Bristol. Answer: This is about making a stand for future students not those currently in study

**Vote – PASSED**

#### **5. Officer updates:**

All the Full Time Officers updated on their current plans.

#### **6. Discussion topics:**

- Democracy Review - how should Bristol SU democracy work?

The democracy review discussion topic allowed students to get in to groups and feedback on flipchart paper on the current democracy structures.

- Safe space - what does the policy say and what do you think?

Feedback:

- Use people as examples to make it more relevant
- It is a very ambiguous policy, what is acceptable to one person may not be acceptable to another
- How far does the policy extend – social media, houses, the street
- It is helpful and useful but not everyone is aware of it

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- Speed of dealing with issues varies
- Need guidelines on how to feedback if feel threatened – anonymous feedback
- Difficult to enforce
- Hard to find on website
- Make it part of a code of conduct
- More training on the policy for group leaders

#### **7. Notices:**

- Student Leaders Conference is on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December
- Make A Change submissions are open until end of term

#### **8. Any other business**

The chair close the meeting at 20:32

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