



Student Council Minutes

For the meeting: Tuesday 15 March – 6:30-8pm

Present:

Jacques Le Chevallier	Chair of Student Council
Zher Tan	DSC
Alex Rees	DSC
Alice Teale	DSC
Tom Phipps	Union Affairs Officer
Laura Ho	Postgraduate Education Officer
Sarah Redrup	Student Living Officer
Max Austin	Undergraduate Education Officer
Ryan Bird	Staff

There were 27 voting members in attendance and 8 observers.

1. Introductions

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6.35pm and announced that the meeting was inquorate.

2. How Student Council works

Chair explained what student council is, who student council consists of and how the cards work. See presentation.

3. Officer introductions

- Tom Phipps, Union Affairs Officer
 - Outlined the recent elections success that included 5706 voters and over 36,000 votes. Tom thanked all those involved.
 - Updated on the democracy review

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- Highlighted the forthcoming mayoral campaign
- Laura Ho, Postgraduate Education Officer
 - PG Network now funding secure until Summer 2017
 - Continuing to build the representative strand on the network
 - Liberate the curriculum work is continuing including liberation training to be incorporated in course rep induction. There will also be a toolkit to go along with this training. Q. To further clarify what the liberate your curriculum work will involve. LH outlined the work.
 - Analysing results on PT students survey.
 - Working with the SU CEO on a project to increase BME staff in the SU.
- Jamie Cross, Equality Liberation and Access Officer. Not in attendance so Laura Ho provided an update.
 - Jamie is currently at the NUS LGBT+ Conference.
 - Work is continuing on widening participation including engaging in the annual access agreement.
 - Bristol SU working with UOB on Bristol Pride to ensure a greater presence.
 - Noted that the accreditation scheme had been paused so groups can be consulted.
- Sarah Redrup, Student Living Officer
 - Focusing on the Mind Your Head campaign - mixture of support and campaign activity.
 - Two new support groups launching, run by students who have been trained by the counselling service.
 - Setting up a network for Sexual Survivors and a Bereavement network.
- Max Austin, Undergraduate Education Officer
 - Focusing on assessment and feedback, in particularly work around the returning of exam scripts.
 - Extenuating circumstances research is well underway.
 - Richmond lecture this Thursday.
 - Q. When will the results of the research available? End of April.

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- Steph Harris, Sport & Student Development Officer
 - Not present, no report

4. Motions:

1. **AMM Motion 1:** 1- Re-affirming Commitment to Constructive and Safe Debate on Israel-Palestine
 - b. Amendment 1: to remove purpose 3. Passed
 - c. Motion: Passed

2. **AMM Motion 2:** Give the Students' Union the democratic mandate to back and call for a large-scale action such as a general strike from students.

Speaker not present so unable to discuss – moved to next student council.

3. **Student Council Motion 1:** Bristol SU policy must not target or incriminate any single nation, race, ethnicity, religion, sexuality or gender
 - a. Amendment 1: Passed
 - b. Amendment 2: No longer relevant
 - c. Amendment 3: Passed
 - d. Motion: Failed

5. Notices:

- Announcement about the demonstration 'Stand up to racism, Islamophobia, anti-Semitism and fascism' on Saturday 19th March in London. Tickets available on the Bristol SU website, under the event listing.
- Breast Cancer fundraising event taking place in the bar following Student Council, all welcome.

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The chair closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

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