



UBU Student Council

Thursday 30 October 2013

Minutes of the Meeting

Present:

Alex Rees	<i>Chair of Student Council</i>
Tom Phipps	<i>Student Living Officer</i>
Alice Phillips	<i>Equality, Liberation & Access Officer</i>
Jo Woods	<i>Union Affairs Officer</i>
Alyx Murray-Jackman	<i>Sport & Student Development Officer</i>
Alex Bradbrook	<i>Academic Experience Officer</i>
Sorana Vieru	<i>Postgraduate Officer</i>

In attendance:

Ann O'Malley	<i>Student Fundraising and Projects Administrator</i>
Ryan Bird	<i>Student Engagement Manager</i>
Alicia Coupland	<i>Minutes</i>
Phoebe Smart	<i>Minutes</i>

Other staff:

Amy Walsh, Quinn Runkle, Noorulann Sahid, Victoria Thomas, Sophie Thomas, Hannah McGough, Jodi Gravener,

There were 101 voting members in attendance and 12 observers

1. Introductions

The Chair called the meeting to order at 18:39 and announced that the meeting was quorate.

2. How Student Council works

Student Council Chair Alex Rees and Union Affairs Officer Jo Woods explained what student council is, who student council consists of and how voting works.

Officer introductions

The full time officers took 30 seconds each to introduce themselves.



3. Ratify the minutes and motions of last Student Council 2.6.14

The chair called for a vote: the motions from last Student Council **PASSED**

There was an update from the chair of sports exec – Rich Elston

4. Discussion: Making decisions at UBU – break out discussion led by Jo Woods

Council broke off into groups to discuss how UBU makes decisions. Jo Woods will follow up these initial discussions with further consultation.

5. Motions 1 & 2:

1. Motion: Abolish Grade Distinctions at Graduation Ceremonies Proposed by: James Taylor

James Taylor was not present, Alex Bradbrook spoke for the motion.

No one spoke against the motion.

3 questions were asked and answered.

The chair called for a vote; the motion **PASSED**.

2. Motion: Supporting our staff over the USS pensions raid Proposed by: Sorana Vieru – Postgraduate Officer

Sorana Vieru spoke for the motion.

i. Nick Black spoke for the amendment.

Alex Bradbrook spoke against the amendment.

4 questions were asked and answered on the amendment.

The chair called a vote on the amendment; the amendment **FAILED**.

Nick black spoke against motion.

4 questions were asked and answered.

The chair called for a vote; the motion **PASSED**



Sorana Vieru later spoke a little more about the boycott, telling the members of council there were information sheets available.

6. Discussion: Students as Partners – by Sorana Vieru and Alex Bradbrook

Overview of students as partners strategy document
No questions

7. Motions 3 & 4:

3. Motion: Introduction of designated smoking areas to prevent antisocial smoking outside of university buildings

Proposed by: Shirin El Ghomari

Shirin El Ghomari was not present and no one else spoke for the motion.
Motion: DEFERRED – taken back to DSC

4. Motion: UBU's Commitment to Sustainability **Proposed by: Adela Simonova**

Adela Simonova spoke for the motion.
2 questions were asked and answered.
The chair called for a vote; the motion **PASSED**

8. Discussion: Lecture Capture – by Alex Bradbrook the Richmond Building

3 questions were asked and answered:

Q – Is this a slippery slope into the university saying they only need to do online lectures?

A – Answered that UBU would actively resist this happening. This is meant to help students not replace lectures.

Q – Are students still attending if lectures are recorded?

A – They are collecting this data in the early adopters programme and it so far hasn't affected numbers attending.

Q – Are lecture recorded live?

A – Yes, but not live streamed



8. Motions 5 & 6:

5. Motion: Supporting the Free Education Demo

Proposed by: Alice Phillips – Equality, Access & Liberation Officer

Alice Phillips spoke for the motion.

Patricia spoke against the motion.

5 questions were asked and answered.

The chair called for a vote; the motion **PASSED**

6. Motion: Condemn the reprehensible sexist, racist, and Islamophobic Attacks and threats on NUS Black Students officer Malia Bouattia and Offer her our support

Proposed by: Noha Abu El Magd

Noha Abu El Magd spoke for the motion.

No one spoke against the motion.

Zack Murrell-Dowson spoke for the amendment.

The chair called for a vote on the amendment, the amendment **PASSED**

1 question was asked and answered.

The chair called for a vote; the motion **PASSED**

10. Elections

a. Democratic Standards Committee

b. NUS delegates

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11. Any other business

None

The chair close the meeting at 20:22