



Minutes of the fourth Executive Committee

5 February 2016, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm in Hel125, Cambridge and Tin dining room, Chelmsford

| Item No | | Action |
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| 35 | <p>Attendance</p> <p>35.1 Present</p> <p>Grace Anderson (GA) Academic Officer Selina Burdett (SB) FST Faculty Rep (Cambridge) Jessica Bush (JB) Sports Club Rep (Chelmsford) <i>from 11am-12:30pm</i> Hannah Chan (HC) LGBT+ Students' Rep (Chelmsford) Alice Goodheart (AG) Disabled Students' Rep (Chelmsford) Sarah Haider (SH) Experience Officer (Cambridgeshire)/Chair Precious Nwanze (PN) International Rep (Chelmsford) <i>from 12:30pm</i> Gregory Powell (GP) Societies Rep (Cambridge) Leigh Rooney (LR) Experience Officer (Essex)/Vice Chair Stewart Watson (SWa) Sports Club Rep (Cambridge)</p> <p><i>In attendance</i></p> <p>Linda Collett (LC) Office Coordinator (Chelmsford) Matthew Ensor (ME) Chief Executive Officer <i>from 11am-12:30pm</i> Daniel Login (DL) Democracy and Representation Manager/Secretary to the Executive Committee</p> <p>35.2 Apologies</p> <p>Shakil Ameerudden Communications Rep (Chelmsford) Ben Coombes ALSS Faculty Rep (Chelmsford) Lauren Fidler Environmental & Community Rep (Cambridge) Thea Maragkakis Environmental & Community Rep (Chelmsford) Victoria Martin Welfare Campaigns Rep (Cambridge) Sophie May Communications Officer Niles Pedersen Disabled Students' Rep (Cambridge) Nanci Tareco International Rep (Cambridge) Sammi Whitaker President</p> <p>35.3 Absent</p> <p>Farah Abualsuod Postgraduate Rep (Cambridge)</p> | |

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| | <p>Jonathan Adebisi FST Postgraduate Research Rep Samuel Akpoke FST Faculty Rep (Chelmsford) Carinna Aldworth FHSCE Faculty Rep (Chelmsford) Jessica Austin ALSS Postgraduate Research Rep Rabbi Deloso Postgraduate Rep (Chelmsford) Sekemi Eshofonie Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) Students' Rep (Cambridge)</p> <p>Oluwafemi George FMS Postgraduate Research Rep Nicola Gillin FHSCE Postgraduate Research Rep Shona Hoey ALSS Faculty Rep (Cambridge) Emma Houghton Welfare Campaigns Rep (Chelmsford) Charlotte Hurden Communications Rep (Cambridge) Enombu John LAIBS Faculty Rep (Chelmsford) Samer Mashlah LAIBS Postgraduate Research Rep Nathaniel Miles FMS Faculty Rep (Cambridge) Shrenik Munot Societies Rep (Chelmsford) Uche Nwosu Black & Minority Ethnic (BME) Students' Rep (Chelmsford)</p> <p>Selina Okeke FMS Faculty Rep (Chelmsford) Dominic Ominowo FST Postgraduate Research Rep Olivia Rees FHSCE Faculty Rep (Cambridge) Michelle Rogers Women's Rep (Chelmsford) Millie Smith Women's Rep (Cambridge) Grace Stanley LAIBS Faculty Rep (Cambridge) Rich Warner FMS Postgraduate Research Rep Shaun Yates ALSS Postgraduate Research Rep</p> <p>35.4 Declaration of Interest None</p> | |
| 36 | <p>Acceptance of Previous Minutes 36.1 Accuracy The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record. 36.2 Matters arising Covered in items below.</p> | |
| 37 | <p>Executive officer reports 37.1 Sammi Whitaker SH presented SW's report in her absence and noted that she had nearly completed her one page plan. 37.2 Sophie May SH presented SM's report in her absence. 37.3 Leigh Rooney LR reported that the experience feedback board was in place in Ashcroft and that it had been promoted for ideas for new societies during the Ruskin ReFresh on Tuesday. LR would now be working on getting these societies set up.</p> | |

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| | <p>Global Week was now coming together with various societies and individuals offering to put on activities.</p> <p>She would be meeting with JH to put together a plan for “Don’t judge a book by its cover”. She had also met with Katie Potts who wanted to run a Uni-wide celebrating diversity campaign, and LR was hoping that her campaign would dovetail with the University one.</p> <p>She had also been working on arranging a committee members’ conference to be called Expo, which would take place on 26 April.</p> <p>37.4 Sarah Haider</p> <p>SH reported that she had been working on social space and would be meeting with the Head of Estates and Facilities to discuss off-campus venues. LR requested that she be advised of the date of this meeting.</p> <p>She also reported that Creative Minds project was set to go onto the website on 12 February and due to launch in March.</p> <p>She had been working on the Inclusivity Fund and requested any input or feedback.</p> <p>She had also been working on putting together the Distance Learner packs and on Global Week.</p> <p>37.5 Grace Anderson</p> <p>GA reported that she had been working on peer mentoring and on assembling materials for the study packs.</p> <p>She noted that nominations for MAD had now closed and that she was now looking for volunteers to assist with shortlisting.</p> <p>She had also be supporting students on NHS bursaries.</p> | |
| 38 | <p>Green Paper response</p> <p>GA introduced the paper and explained that input had been sought from students, staff and herself. There were also responses from NUS and others. GA went on to say that it was felt that the underpinning values of the paper were good but that the implementation was less so.</p> <p>Equality Impact Assessment – There was very little mention of mature or part time students and no reference to the impact that grant/DSA cuts would have on students.</p> <p>Teaching Excellence Framework – This was different for every student and the paper states that the government not students would measure the quality of teaching, which was worrying.</p> <p>Teaching Excellence – This was to be measured by the NSS which was only one group of students which was not representative. GA has suggested that the paper be scrapped and rewritten based on Learning Gain.</p> <p>Widening Participation – GA explained that Sharia loans made University more</p> | |

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| | <p>accessible for muslim students who were unable to take out loans that carried interest on them.</p> <p>SU Accountability – Students’ Union were accountable to students and to the government. The amount of funding received could potentially affect transparency.</p> <p>Office for Students – OFFA and HEFCE to merge with funding accountability from the government, not an independent body. Unclear if the QAA would continue and a query over whether students would be involved.</p> <p>It was agreed that the University should be transparent about the NSS scores. ME to email EP to ask her to support GP in establishing individual course scores.</p> | | | |
| 39 | <p>Inclusivity at Anglia Ruskin Students’ Union</p> <p>SH introduced the paper and explained that “inclusive” was one of the Union’s core values. She went on to say that this was not the final draft and that she would welcome any suggestions or feedback. The committee congratulated SH on the paper. It was confirmed that DP would monitor the email requests and noted that there was an internal Equality and Diversity committee.</p> | | | |
| 40 | Update on policy | | | |
| | <p>Policy number and description</p> | <p>Officer/Executive Member ownership</p> | <p>Update</p> | |
| | Policy 1 – Close Inactive Clubs and Societies Accounts | SH | This was now complete | |
| | Policy 2 – Introduction of Mature Students’ Rep | GA | Not passed at last council as meeting inquorate. To be taken to next meeting on 9/2/16. | |
| | Policy 3 – ATOS –MAXIMUS Off Campus | SWi, NP, AG, MR, LF | Not complete but in progress | |
| | Policy 4 – Trans participation in sport | GA/SW | Always work to do. SW keen to run a campaign | |
| | Policy 5 – Specific trans student rep | SH/LR | Complete and not resubmitted | |
| | Policy 6 – Zero Tolerance to Sexual Harassment | GA, LR, TM, SWa | In progress. GA, LR and TM had met and would be doing poster campaigns on consent. They were also talking to DL about putting sexual harassment in the bye laws | |
| | Policy 7 – What a ‘Bloody Joke’ | SWi, MR, MS | Complete and not resubmitted | |
| | Policy 8 – Support the living wage | SH, GA, SWi | This had been resubmitted and now included actions | |
| | Policy 9 – Changing the | SW, SH, LR | 1. This was not needed. | |

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| | structure of loan payments | | 2 & 3. Complete |
| | Policy 10 – No Platform Policy | SWi, SM and GA | This was done as a Union via the guest speaker list which was constantly reviewed. Complete |
| | Policy 11 – Introducing Audio Recording for Lectures with Little or No Visual Aids | GA, SH, LF | There had been a pilot in Helmore which had been inconclusive as take up had been low. SSIG had agreed to look at implementing cross-University |
| | Policy 12 – Gender Neutral Toilets | SH, LR, HC | Resubmitted. SW and GA had written a document explaining why GNTs were important. The new sporting facility in Cambridge has GNTs but the new Science block does not currently as planning was obtained before the discussions started. |
| | Policy 13 – Where my Rent went? (Lower Accommodation costs) | SM, SH, PW, NT | SH had met with Residential Services who had supplied resources |
| | Policy 14 – Up your grants | SH, LR | In progress. This had been taken to the Board of Trustees who had said that this needed to be worked into the budget |
| 41 | <p>Lapsing policy</p> <p>DL explained that there had been an administrative error in the dates for the trans participation in sport policy: the original policy had been passed in November 2014 and so would have lapsed in November 2015. However, it had been resubmitted in April 2015 and so would now lapse in April 2016. Therefore the current policy was still active.</p> <p>SH confirmed that the policies to lapse were Specific trans student rep, Zero tolerance to sexual harassment, Changing the structure of loan payments, No Platform and Audio recording for lectures with little or no visual aids.</p> | | |
| 42 | <p>Policy</p> <p>Living wage – a paper needed to be written to outline the change since the last policy was passed. The living wage had risen from £7.20 when the policy was passed to £8.25 currently. The Union was currently paying £7.20 but was budgeting</p> | | |

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| | <p>to pay £8.25 by September 2016.</p> <p>Save our space – This was Cambridge based. SH explained the different sources of feedback and that the policy was on the back of lots of lobbying and feedback and concluded with a formal Union position.</p> <p>GNT –</p> <p>Allies Matter – LR introduced the policy which was discussed. It was noted that there were differing opinions and that this was normal within an officer team.</p> | |
| 43 | <p>Any Other Business</p> <p>43.1 National student volunteer week AMin explained about national student volunteer week and asked members to spread the word and to use #ARU1858hours to log their volunteering hours.</p> <p>43.2 SU Awards It was noted that the number of rep nominations for the SU Awards was currently low and reps were encouraged to nominate themselves or each other.</p> <p>43.3 Annual members' meeting It was noted that the AMM was to be held on Tuesday 9 February at 4.00 pm. 100 students were needed for quoracy so members were encouraged to attend.</p> <p>43.4 Elections It was noted that nominations for the executive election were currently open and would close on 24 February.</p> <p>43.5 Awayday Thanks were extended to all those who had attended the awayday.</p> <p>43.6 EO challenge It was noted that LR and SH would be taking part in the EO challenge for the next fortnight.</p> <p>43.7 Global week It was noted that Global week would take place during the week commencing 15 February.</p> | |
| 44 | <p>Campaign rep reports</p> <p>44.1 Alice Goodheart AG presented her report and noted that she had attended a DWG working group with SH. She was also working on a disabled students' guide.</p> <p>44.2 Hannah Chan HG presented her report and noted that she had been working on LGBT+ history month and was hoping to publish student staff coming out stories and would be holding various events throughout the year. She was to have a table promoting the LGBT+ society on 12 February and would be making posters for this. She went on to say that she had received a response regarding setting up a society – SH to send materials.</p> <p>44.3 Precious Nwanze PN presented her report and noted that she had been experiencing an accommodation issue between an RA and Residential Services. It was agreed that the issue would be taken forward to Residential Services. PN went on to say that she was also involved in Global Week.</p> <p>44.4 Greg Powell GP presented his report and noted that he had been talking to lots of January</p> | |

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| | <p>starters.</p> <p>44.5 Stuart Watson</p> <p>SW presented his report and noted that he had met with the presidents of sports clubs and taken issues forward to Active Anglia. He was currently gathering ideas for promoting sports. It was agreed to invite SW to the sports forum. SH to write a paper on the corporate image of sport at Anglia Ruskin. It was suggested that a social sports club be set up so that minority sports could receive SU support.</p> <p>44.6 Selina Burdett</p> <p>SB noted that she had assisted Lauren Fidler in setting up a gardening and a wildlife society.</p> | |
| | <p>Date and Time of next meeting: Tuesday 1 March – 1.00-4.00 – Tin301/Hel006</p> | |