



Minutes of the ninth Executive Committee

28 October 2016, 10:0 am – 1:00 pm in Hel125, Cambridge and Tin board room, Chelmsford

Item No		Action
82	<p>Attendance</p> <p>82.1 Present</p> <p>Grace Anderson (GA) Education Officer</p> <p>Laura Anderson (LA) Societies Rep (Chelmsford)</p> <p>Thomas Baillie (TB) Disabled Students' Rep (Cambridge)</p> <p>Nanci Cruz (NC) International Rep (Cambridge)</p> <p>Damien Francis (DF) Communications Rep (Chelmsford)</p> <p>Mohammed Gohrabian (MG) FST PGR Rep</p> <p>Giovanna Mead (GM) FHSCE Faculty Rep (Cambridge)</p> <p>James Morgans (JM) LGBT+ Students' Rep (Cambridge)</p> <p>Mavis Mpofo (MM) Postgraduate Rep (Chelmsford)</p> <p>Marzia Hoque Tania (MT) FST PGR Rep</p> <p>Jessica Polaski (JP) International Rep (Chelmsford)</p> <p>Leigh Rooney (LR) President</p> <p>Jamie Smith (JS) Activities Officer (Cambridgeshire)</p> <p>Maya Yordanova (MY) Communications Rep (Cambridge)</p> <p>Kathryn Younger (KY) Welfare Officer</p> <p><i>In attendance</i></p> <p>Megan Bennett (MB) Democracy and Campaigns Coordinator</p> <p>Georgia Elderkin (GE) Office Coordinator (Cambridge)</p> <p>Matthew Ensor (ME) Chief Executive Officer</p> <p>Daniel Login (DL) Democracy and Representation Manager</p> <p>82.2 Apologies</p> <p>Mohammad Anisuzzaman FMS PGR Rep</p> <p>Mahjabin Anwar ALSS Faculty Rep (Chelmsford)</p> <p>Cariad Burgess LAIBS Faculty Rep (Chelmsford)</p> <p>Natalie Coe Mature Students' Rep (Cambridge)</p> <p>Kathryn Dunnill FMS Faculty Rep (Cambridge)</p> <p>Alice Goodheart Disabled Students' Rep (Chelmsford)</p> <p>Nadia Graversen Welfare Campaigns Rep (Cambridge)</p> <p>Jessica Hunter Societies Rep (Cambridge)</p>	

	<p>Sharon Jones Carlos Martin Precious Nwanze Aaron Singh Jamie Vincent Stewart Watson Shaun Yates</p> <p>82.3 Absent Adetokunbo Adegroye Mohammad Ali Kerdisha Ali-Arab Ramchadra Bhusal Hannah Chan Shannon Doherty Emily Gibney Nicola Gillin Jane Green Jamie Harmes Qasim Ibrar Desiree-Alison Jumbe</p> <p>Thea Maragkakis Chukwuemeka Okoro Dhruvi Patel Ruth Starnes</p> <p>82.4 Declaration of Interest None</p>	<p>FHSCE PGR Rep LAIBS Faculty Rep (Cambridge) Activities Officer (Essex) Sports Club Rep (Chelmsford) Trans* Students' Rep (Cambridge) Sports Club Rep (Cambridge) ALSS PGR Rep</p> <p>ALSS PGR Rep LAIBS PGR Rep Women's Rep (Cambridge) LAIBS PGR Rep LGBT+ Students' Rep (Chelmsford) FMS PGR Rep FMS Faculty Rep (Chelmsford) FHSCE PGR Rep Women's Rep (Chelmsford) ALSS Faculty Rep (Cambridge) Postgraduate Rep (Cambridge) Black & Minority Ethnic (BME) Students' Rep (Chelmsford) Environmental & Community Rep (Chelmsford) FST Faculty Rep (Chelmsford) Environmental & Community Rep (Cambridge) FST Faculty Rep (Cambridge)</p>	
83	<p>Acceptance of Previous Minutes 83.1 Accuracy The previous minutes were accepted as a true record. 83.2 Matters arising None.</p>		
84	<p>Permanent items 84.1 Executive officer reports LR – Had been working on reviewing the Union's bye-laws in preparation for student council. LR has been involved in the following campaigns: representation in sport, officer awareness, let's be honest. LR attended a student governor conference, NUS Zone conferences and the Board of Governor's away day. LR has attended university meetings such as: SSIG, senate, student matters, USU, USG and SSCM. GA – Had been working on a campaign involving fairness of treatment to students who teach. Due to the government changes in the Education sector, GA has arranged for a coach in partnership with CUSU to take students to the National Demo. GA has been involved in reviewing new VLE software and an ARU Guarantor scheme.</p>		

KY – Had been working on researching buddy schemes, disabled access needs and updating the facilities in the medical centre. KY has arranged mentoring meetings with reps. The campaigns KY has been working on involved in are a safe taxi scheme, sexual testing online. KY graduated.

PN – Had been working on running GIAG's and events, Black History Month event was very successful. PN has also been involved with the NUS Black Students' Network. The first international society was set up in Chelmsford. PN graduated and received an Excellence in Leadership award.

JS – Had been working on clubs and societies training, drop ins and one-to-ones. There has been an increase in new society's start-ups (15 new societies since fresher's). GIAG's have been in high demand and most sold out. The Academy has been utilised more by societies. Moved in over 800 students, ran campus and city tours. JS has been working on the Keep Wednesday Afternoons Free campaign (KWAF). JS is now a breakfast presenter on CAMFM and has been involved in a TV interview.

Team – rep election, let's be honest campaign, fresher's fairs, meeting with Deans of relevant faculties, met with Cambridge MP, met with VC, Student Council, NUS Zones conferences.

84.2 Budget

KY updated the committee on current spending from the campaigns budget. This includes: National Demo, Let's be Honest and Black History Month. LR explained the £5000 budget included officer and campaign rep priority campaigns. There was a discussion on how the budget should be fairly distributed.

It was suggested that if funds above £40 was needed it should be approved by the committee.

James Morgans (JM) noted more budget will be needed for travel costs. LR to confirm if campaigns reps can fundraise for their campaigns.

Damien Francis (DF) suggested splitting the campaigns budget into categories, for example: travel & refreshments. LR noted this was a similar process to club & society accounts, LR to explore further.

The committee agreed a threshold of £40 for expenditure which could be agreed by Chair's action. Any expenditure above £40 would need to go to the committee for approval. The committee to meet, discuss and report at the next meeting.

84.3 Campaign Rep Reports

James Morgans – would like to run a sexual health campaign (let's talk about sex). This campaign would include support from charities focusing on sexual health for the LGBT community. The campaign would include: chlamydia screening on site, workshops on sexual health advice and consent. KY to support on this campaign, GA suggested JM look into female contraception. JM raised concerns on the terminology of Deleted Scene's events (Day of the Dead & Techno Slags). LR to raise with Tom Manville (Venues & Entertainments Manager)

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	<p>Thomas Bailey (TB) – is focusing on an ARU disability audit with the Disabled Students' Society and Alice Goodheart (Disabled Students' rep Chelmsford). TB is working to establish wheelchair basketball sessions. GA to send TB audit information from Goldsmiths. JM offered to support this campaign.</p> <p>Maya Yordanova (MY) – has been to Bulgaria to speak to potential students. MY would like to be involved in improving module evaluation and a creation of an SU channel. MY asked whether the Union could officer more funding to course based societies. JS responded that the Union is unable to offer preferential treatment, especially as course based societies have access to the course leader fund.</p> <p>Dhruvi Patel (DP) – JS updated for DP. DP has organised a stall on the 4th November for the National Grid to raise awareness on carbon monoxide. The stall will be giving out free alarms and information about carbon monoxide poisoning. DP will be running a student impact campaign around homelessness.</p> <p>Stewart Watson (SW) – MB updated for SW. SW is working on a campaign to create a women's only hour at the gym.</p> <p>84.4 Faculty Rep Reports None.</p> <p>84.5 PGR Rep Reports Mohammed Gohrabian – is working with Marzia to gain 24 hour access to facilities in Marconi & PMI for research students in Chelmsford. It was noted that these facilities are accessible in Cambridge. This has been raised in RDSC's but no feedback has been received. LR to take forward.</p> <p>84.6 Policies Update Up your Grants policy – lapses 23rd November. To be renewed at student council in November. JS & LR to take forward.</p> <p>Where my Rent Went policy – lapses 23rd November. This links with GA's work on researching accommodation and the guarantor scheme. Materials from last year can be recirculated. There was a brief discussion on the quality and prices of accommodation. The committee agreed that this policy is still relevant and should be renewed at the November student council.</p> <p>Gender Neutral Toilets policy – KY has met with the university to discuss including gender neutral facilities in future building plans. There will be gender neutral toilets included in the building of the medical centre in Chelmsford. It was recommended that this policy is renewed at student council. KY to investigate if gender neutral toilets will be included in the new FST building.</p> <p>Save our Space policy – there are plans to create more student space and improve the SU facilities. The Cambridge office will be moving to the ground floor of Peter Taylor, this includes an extension that will allow for more student space. Planning permission is currently being requested for this. The SU office in Helmore will be converted into more space for Costa to utilise. In Chelmsford the ground floor of the Tindal building will be converted into a student space.</p> <p>We Want the Living Wage policy – all student staff in the SU are now paid the living wage. PN to update on this policy at the next meeting.</p> <p>More Policy – No update. GA to research further.</p>	<p>GA</p> <p>LR</p> <p>JS/LR</p> <p>KY</p> <p>GA</p>
85	<p>Items for Discussion 85.1 Let's Be Honest Campaign</p>	

	<p>The campaign was launched on 17th October at a Be A Friend event which was very successful in Cambridge and Chelmsford. At the launch events the students raised money for the charity, Mind. The website is now live: www.angliastudent.com/letsbehonest the 30 days of self-care social media campaign has been successful. The mental health survey has had over a thousand responses, this means that the statistics are considered accurate. The results of the survey will determine the focus of the campaign in semester two.</p> <p>The committee discussed mandatory mental health training for personal tutors and staff. GA invited the committee to get involved in the campaign.</p> <p>85.2 National Demo: United for Education</p> <p>GA outlined the changes the government are making with the Higher Education Bill and the Teaching Excellence Framework. The new framework directly links the quality of teaching to the price of education, from the next academic year Anglia Ruskin will be able to raise fees year on year for new students. On the 19th November a global march will be taking place to protest these changes. In partnership with CUSU we are providing coaches. Tickets are available to buy on our website and from the office to attend this march. Tickets are £5. There will be a banner making session on the 16th November.</p> <p>85.3 Student Council</p> <p>Not discussed, a further meeting will be arranged.</p>	
86	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>86.1 Accountability</p> <p>LR presented the accountability agreement to the committee. LR suggested that reps use the agreement as they are accountable in their roles.</p> <p>LR to talk to the communications team about campaign rep Facebook pages.</p> <p>LR to put accountability agreement on website.</p> <p>Executive committee to provide priority campaign for LR to include in dream team manifesto.</p>	<p>LR LR ALL</p>
	<p>Date and Time of next meeting: 1pm-4pm, Wednesday 30 November 2016</p>	