

# Executive Committee (FVC and LEDIC) Minutes; $26^{th}$ September 15:00 – 17:00

1.1 Members	s, A = Absent	1.1 Attendance P = Present, Ap = Apologies, A = Absent				
1.1 Members						
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Shankar Sreenath	President	Ар				
Akshay Kumbalath	Vice President: Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences	P				
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Nithin-Raj Govindan- Krishnan	Vice President: Business & Law	Р				
Rohit Dhyani	Vice President: Health Education Medicine & Social Care	А				
Rahman Abdul-Salam	Vice President: Science and Engineering	Р				
Sharmeen Jawad	Vice President: Healthcare Practice	Р				
Srujith Raj Yatelly	B&L Faculty Rep (Cambridge)	А				
Louise Still	HEMS Faculty Rep (Chelmsford)	Р				
Graydon Thorpe	HEMS Faculty Rep (Chelmsford)	Р				
Natas Senakh	S&E Faculty Rep (Cambridge)	Р				
Jeffin Francis	S&E Faculty Rep (Chelmsford)	Р				
Emma Wong	Disabled Students Rep (Chelmsford)	А				
Murthy Peddinti	International Students Rep (Cambridge)	А				
Sophie Swallow	Mental Health Rep (Cambridge) (Stepped down)	А				
Swetha Amoolya Malladi	Women's Rep (Cambridge)	Р				
Madji Carvalho	AHSS Faculty Rep	Р				
1.2 Observers						
Fraser Luther-Yarwood	Democracy and Campaigns Coordinator	Р				
Jo Bunkle	Campaigns and Representation Coordinator	Р				

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# Action for FLY to meet with AK and SS to discuss the role of Deputy President

## 2.2. NSS Charity nominations

FLY explained to the committee about the NSS survey fundraising for charity and tasked the committee to pick a charity they felt should be nominated to be a beneficiary. The committee received a brief from CPSL Mind, and the committee approved of this charity being a nominee to be taken to the student summit

Action for all members to send FLY a recommendation for a charity to be considered to be an NSS beneficiary

# 2.3. BUCS Student Rep

The role remains unfilled so will go out again once the new reps are elected

# 2.4. Exec Update Reports

FLY went through the process of finding and completing the exec update reports for the committee which will now be an expectancy for each member to complete before each meeting

Action for all members to complete their exec update reports before the next committee

# 3. **3.** Faculty Rep Updates:

3.1. MC - introduced themselves and campaigns including LGBTQ+ rights/awareness of the community makeup and getting in touch with Arts students to see what they would like run at a campaign level

JF - new sessions to support students for self-registration to a committee that requires a BA or MA to be a chartered engineer

NS – notes outdated S&E equipment and the unused Ant Terrarium in SCI, notes a lot of students asking about acquiring

Action for NS to take SCI and equipment concerns to FPT

Action for NS and NR to meet and plan how to communicate to international students on UK drivers' licence applications

LS - introduced themselves and feedback they've received from students in HEMS. Noted that with courses starting in August go without reps for long periods even when issues are arising before Sept/Oct.

FLY examining whether this could be changed in the future and notes that there may be need for publicising Faculty Reps more as interim points of contact

LS wanting to encourage inter-course socials to encourage more mixing within HEMS courses. FLY floated idea of events similar to the Blue Light Party

# 4. 4. Campaign Rep Updates

4.1. SM – has been in touch with Wellbeing re: body positivity campaign but has not had any returned contact.

Want to run an awareness campaign regarding breast cancer and potentially screening Action AK and SM to contact Wellbeing

Action SM to contact charities; research mechanics of screening; talk with medical societies and others (dance society has done things historically)

SM – notes lack of publicity for the Exec (who; what; the website itself; etc.)

Action Exec Members to contact FLY & JB for website profiles and social media showcasing

# 5. Executive Officer Updates:

#### 5.1 President

SS absent; FLY updates in absence. SS has been in numerous conversation with ARU directors on Cost of Living and Accommodation (immediate action and future plans.) SS has been working on EDI, reviving the Pronoun Pin Badge Campaign over Freshers' and involving himself in the Union EDI Strategy Project

## 5.2 VP AHSS

AK mental health support access for new students; life after Covid, coordinating podcast with ARU Wellbeing. Been in talks with SM and MP on running a small well-being event, particulars to be decided – potential survey for what are the main sources of student mental health concerns. CoL accommodation issues; been working with wider Officer Team. Expanded skills for AHSS students; awaiting course reps for input. Physical knowledge of where the SU is on campus; has met with Andy Leafly and has been across campus with one of his team to show directions to the SU across campus

#### 5.3 VP B&L

NR working on finding guest speakers for B&L students and feedback on what kinds of speakers students want to hear from; will be making a Google form or equivalent. Pushing ARU Employability on comms on the existence of the department. Video will be going out on the SU YouTube on UK driving and license acquisition. In discussion with Amazon regarding industrial visits for B&L students. 92 event planned for raising SU profile

FLY recommends getting the driving video onto Canvas; discuss 92 events with new Comms Manager

## 5.4 VP S&E

RAS accommodation issues for students; been in discussion with ARU regarding temporary accommodation. Finding out what issues students are having generally with accommodation (rent cost; travel; etc.) Renters guide has been updated; looking for publishing and relaunch for Jan intake. Notes lack of knowledge of the SU amongst students; would like to create things such as informative videos about the SU. Want to run a social event for Halloween to bring students in and make the SU more visible.

JB updated Exec on general state of accommodation works in the SU

# 5.5 VP HEMS

RD absent; FLY updates in absence. Looking at employability for students and misconduct issues within HEMS; how to inform students about misconduct before they may accidentally commit an act. Setting up 1:1s with HoS with HEMS to understand prevalent issues. Social events incl. games tournaments; New Peterborough Team will be in touch with RD regarding tournaments

# 5.6 VP Healthcare Practice

SJ introduces themselves. Looking at how to support placement students re: travel; been discussing with courses on the timetabling of placements and what can be done to accommodate schedules (bursaries; etc.) Prayer room spaces are not suited for use; has been in touch with SU; University, and societies about what can be done. EDI work within the SU, particularly regarding race equality

# 6. **6.** AOB:

# Action for Exec to publicise rep elections to any and all students

Budget submitted for £50 spends to Exec out of Campaigns Budget, vote free - passed unanimously

JF floated SU being able to provide letters of confirmation for iCentre applications for railcards or inform them of the fact that they can do it online without a letter

Action JF and AK to discuss putting together info on British Public Transport rules

ITEM	ACTION	OWNER	UPDATE		
Actions Carried Over:					
New Actions: August 2022					
2.1	Action for FLY to meet with AK and SS to discuss the role of Deputy President	FLY			
2.2	Action for all members to send FLY a recommendation for a charity to be considered to be an NSS beneficiary	All			
2.4	Action for all members to complete their exec update reports before the next committee	All			
3.1	Action for NS to take SCI and equipment concerns to FPT	NS			
3.1	Action for NS and NR to meet and plan how to communicate to international students on UK drivers' licence applications	NS & NR			
4.1	Action AK and SM to contact Wellbeing	AK & SM			
4.1	Action SM to contact charities; research mechanics of screening; talk with medical societies and others (dance society has done things historically)	SM			
4.1	Action Exec Members to contact FLY & JB for website profiles and social media showcasing	All			
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