



Student Council Minutes – 08.03.22

1 Welcome and apologies

Welcomed given by Charlotte Earl. She goes on to introduce the new Democracy assistants, who say a brief introduction about themselves.

Apologies:

Naomi Carter, Isabelle Atkins, Shingai Dzumbira, Oscar Renton, Peter Banfield, Steph Monti, Magiesha Maheswaran, Abi Baxter, Kirsten Narnar-Foley, and Eman Barreh – no attendance

Present:

- Charlotte Earl (Committee Chair) CE
- Oscar Renton (Deputy Chair) OR
- Peter Banfield (Sports Committee Chair) PB
- David Bush (Education Committee Chair) DB
- Steph Monti (Societies Committee Chair) SM
- Harry Jee (Democracy Committee Chair) HJ
- Jack Bateman (Development Committee Chair) JB
- Will Brewer (Sports Officer) WB
- Thomas Garth (Environment Committee Chair) TG
- Nathan Parsons (PG Officer) NP
- Magiesha Maheswaran (Co-Ethnic Minorities Officer) MM
- Jack Sperry (Environment & Ethics Officer) JS
- Abi Baxter (Trans Students' Officer) AB
- Jacob Jefferson (Democracy & Development Officer)
- Chih Hsiang-Lo (Societies Officer) CHL
- Noga Levy-Rapoport (Co-LGBTQUA+ Officer) NLR
- Kirsten Marner-Foley (Co-LGBTQUA+ Officer) KMF
- Charlton Sayer (Welfare & Campaigns Officer) CS
- Hugh Herring (Welfare Committee Chair) HH
- Rahul Porwal (International Students' Officer)
- Katarzyna Petru (International Students' Officer)
- James Hart (Postgraduate Committee Chair) JH

2 Announcements

CE informs the Council about the Spring Election nominations being opened and states that the deadline for these are the 08.02.22.

CONTENT WARNINGS

None

3 Minutes from Last Meeting

- CE received minutes from January meeting, comments were made by council members about the correct use of pronouns and points about the correct mention of role titles.

Vote was undertaken;

Approved unanimously and signed off.

4 Actions arising

- Updated on actions arising to be followed up in the next Council meeting.

JJ gives updates on the below:

- Warwick SU to host one hell of a party has been discussed and they have potentially found a way to do this.
- Warwick SU for a fair democracy and Warwick SU to take action against drink spiking were actions voted down by the board of trustees.
- Make circling great again will be followed up by a meeting on the following day
- Bring back 'Bus Stop' in Terrace Bar is under consideration for Term 3 by the commercial team.
- Trans inclusion in our Union is being worked on by the HR team
- Fair Parking for Students has been discussed with the University transport team and they went against the motion but will continue to review prices.
- ... discusses Temporary Suspension is still being ratified by the Board of Trustees
- Updated Complaints Systems for Elections
- No further motions were discussed

5 Student Council Reports (FTO/PTO & Chairs of Committees)

- Some missing reports
- WB discusses the Good Night Out campaign is still being worked on with extra work to get Kasbah on board.
- The Masculinities Project has received funding from the SU and received excellent feedback and the revenue will fund staff costs marketing and training resources. Funding for capital equipment has been approved and currently waiting on suppliers.
- WB created a proposal for Aldi to gain their sponsorship. 3 sections are included, a performance sport section to help expand the program of 14 performance sports further; a development program for none-performance sports and a leadership program around the Warwick active program.
- No further reports were discussed

Questions or comments for FTO's:

- SD mentions that her report on online learning should be listed as term 3 not term 1 and 2.
- No further questions

6 Motions to Student Council/All Student Vote

Motion	Status For/Against/Abstentions
6.1 - Move SU Committee Elections to the Summer Term	Passed Unanimously Approved 14/1/0
6.2 – Save the RLT: Halt Staff Evictions and Support Campus Welfare Support	Passed Unanimously Approved 15/0/0
Ratification of Trustees	Passed Unanimously Approved 15/0/0
Policy	Status For/Against/Abstentions
056 – Complete Hidden Course Cost	Renew Unanimously Approved 15/0/0
060 – Security Code of Conduct	Lapse Unanimously Approved 14/0/1
086 – Increase Funding for Mental Health Services	Renew Unanimously Approved 15/0/0
091 – Warwick SU for Reproductive Rights	Renew Unanimously Approved 14/0/1
112 – Warwick SU Supports Trans Students in Accessing Healthcare	Renew with Amendments Majority Approved 9/5/1
124 – Prepare for a No-Deal Brexit	Lapse Majority Approved 12/2/1
AOB 2	Failed Majority Rejected 3/9/3

- CE explained that there are 4 motions in total, 3 of them were standard and 1 emergency. She stated that the first three motions were bylaw and the emergency one was All Student Vote (ASV).
- CE states that the emergency motion, regarding parking issues, will be discussed last.
- CE stated that there would be a 2 minute opening with speeches for and against, and 1 minute for general comments in each of these motions.

Motion 6.1. – Move SU Committee Elections to the Summer Term

Proposer: Jacob Jefferson

Secunder: Will Brewer

JJ gives speech for the motion and states that it would be beneficial for committees to be in place for the start of the autumn term to allow time for advertisement, training and grants officers time to make decisions over the summer.

JH argues against the motion and suggests issues can be fixed by encouraging committees under the existing system to meet over summer as the issue is that there is no handover. States the committee members who are staying on the following year to motivate discussion a few times over summer to have a provisional plan in place. Questions legitimacy as they will be representing half the university cohort.

DB raises questions on PG self-identification and that this becomes redundant when it comes to education committees as it becomes a complicated process.

WB comments that summer committee elections give support to officers unlike autumn elections. Issues with committees, WB states that there are still elections taking place in the autumn period so additional members are elected which strengthens and backs up the officers.

NP goes against motion. Argues the motion ignores the existence and nature of PGs. PGTs here for one-year which already disadvantages PGs and their representation. PGs who could be on those committees have less chance of being elected as they have already been elected over the summer.

JB states that if there are many PGs elected if there have been successful election processes or not then there is no worry to engage PGs and there will be a second election in the autumn term which includes new PGs who start in September. Therefore, does not see the problem with the motion and disagrees with NP.

Closing statement from WB comments on the efficiency of officer support, trainings and inductions in term one. They can be effective bodies.

DB argues it will not work for the education committee. Agrees with NP that it will not be effective and wants to bring this motion back up the next student council

WB raises question that if leaving education and PG committees out of the motion, can it be amended and passed. However, this cannot be made.

CE no more comments were made.

Vote was undertaken
Unanimous vote in favour of the motion
Motion – passes

Despite the vote in favour of the motion there will be further discussion on the PGs and education committees.

Motion 6.2 – Save the RLT: Halt Staff Evictions and Support Campus Welfare Support
Proposer: James Hart

Seconder: Stephen Chiu

JH gives speech in favour. Even by Warwick standards what they are doing is incompetent. He explains that there has been an effort by the Director of Wellbeing and Safeguarding to avoid scrutiny by both the wider university and the student union. Wellbeing came up with something that does not solve any problems but rather creates more. No consideration on the impact on disabled community and LGBTQUA+ community. He says this motion calls out the university to halt these changes immediately, for at least one year, and conduct a proper consultation with the RLT, all the stakeholders in the university itself.

No speeches against were given

JJ however says, that although he doesn't necessarily understand the minute details of the changes, however what is evident to him is that the university's consultation office with the student union is practically nothing, they only told one student officer about it, but then say it was confidential, so couldn't tell anyone else. His concern is to do with the fact that he is not sure whether what this motion demands is not possible to actually be implemented. Since interviews are happening in 2 weeks, he is sceptical as to whether the student union can implement this on time to stop it, although he does still think that this is an important motion to pass.

JH responds to him stating, that passing the motion will almost be a statement to the university and Executive Board, before the interviews take place, so it makes it easier to withdraw. The purpose of the time of this motion is to get it passed as quick as possible to hopefully get the university to calm down and come to a discussion before it is too late and complicated to do so.

CS comments on point 7 talks about a typing error. JJ asks for this to be circulated to all council members so it can be emailed to correct and appropriate people.

Vote undertaken
15 in favour
Motion – passes unanimously

7 Ratification of Trustees

CE explains that Trustees are individuals external from the Student Union usually with professional experience and are brought in as an external eye to provide external expertise.

WB, as the one that interviewed them explains that 4 people were interviewed, and they were interviewing someone that had commercial experience, on interviewing, Robert Pegg showed a wealth of commercial knowledge, and open mindedness on their ideas. Their energy felt like something that would be good on the board.

Question asked about what the trustee's ideas were on affordability and climate. WB explains that Pegg's ideas were innovative and creative rather than merely acting like a financial robot.

Vote conducted
15 votes in favour

0 abstentions
0 against
Trustee – approved unanimously

8 Ratification of Policies

8.1 Complete Hidden Course Cost

Vote carried out

15 in favour

0 against

0 abstentions

Policy renewed unanimously

8.2 Security Code of Conduct

HH explains their idea to lapse it as key dates and facts were out of date; plus this policy is not relevant as other policies take over it.

Vote carried out

14 in favour

0 against

1 abstentions

Policy is lapsed

8.3 Increase Funding for Mental Health Services

Some figures out of date, but there are no up to date figures able to be used, so sensible to keep it in place

Vote carried out

15 in favour

0 against

0 abstentions

Policy is renewed unanimously

8.4 Warwick SU for Reproductive Rights

Vote conducted

14 in favour

0 against

1 abstention

Policy is renewed

8.5 Warwick SU Supports Trans Students in Accessing Healthcare

Some figures out of date, but most of the policy remains relevant. Just amend result 3 and belief 6 as it will make the policy a lot more focused and achievable.

Some hesitancy in removing result 3 as some believe that it is not needed to be remove; it is a reasonable part of the policy.

Vote carried out

9 in favour

5 against

1 abstention

Policy is renewed with amendments stated

8.6 Prepare for a No Deal Brexit

No Deal Brexit has not happen and will not happen so recommendation to lapse policy.

Vote carried out

12 in favour

2 against

1 in favour

Policy lapsed

9 AOB

AOB.1

HH along with Welfare officer said they wanted to remove Harrison from the Welfare committee, as he did not attend any of the Committee meetings since he got elected, only briefly attended one but quickly withdrew, so removing him from the committee is for the best.

Vote carried out about whether to allow Harry to respond to these statements.

Unanimously passes so allowed to speak.

AOB.2

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Vote conducted

3 in favour

9 against

3 abstention

Recommendation does not pass; maintains his committee position

10 Date of next meeting: 10th May 2022