



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, Shingai Dzumbira and Eman Barreh – no attendance
James Hart – late

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
Jonathan 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) JJ
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

CONTENT WARNINGS

Abuse, Transphobia

Motion	Status For/Against/Abstentions
Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting	Passed Approved
8.1 – Updated Complaints System for Elections	Passed Unanimously Approved
8.2 – Fairer Treatment of Disabled Students	Failed Unanimously Rejected
8.3 – Temporary Suspension	Passed Unanimously Approved 18/0/1
8.5 – Emergency Motion - Fairer Parking for Students	Passed Unanimously Approved 19/0/1
Policy	Status For/Against/Abstentions
122 – Reintroduction of Student Councillors onto Student Council	Lapse Majority Approved 15/0/5
131 – Warwick SU for a People’s Vote	Lapse Majority Approved 14/1/4
128 – Say Goodbye to STIs	Renew with Amendments Unanimously Approved
087 – No Smoking at the Library Entrance	Lapse Majority Approved 13/2/4
129 – University Lecture Capture	Lapse Due to existing policy override
126 – Earlier Exam Timetable	Renew with Amendments Unanimously Approved
121 – Changes to Faculty Rep System	Lapse Unanimously Approved
132 – Workers’ Rights at Warwick	Lapse Majority Approved 14/2/3
130 – Warwick for a Fair Wage	Lapse Majority Approved 15/0/4
125 – Abolish or Reduce the University Card Replacement Fee	Lapse Majority Approved 14/1/4

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.

3 Minutes from Last Meeting

CE received minutes from November meeting but no comments were made. They were approved and signed off.

4 Actions Arising

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

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.

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

Some missing reports

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 non-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 Adjudication Panel Recommendations

JJ explains the role of such panel; they will be used to make judgements on complaints that might arise during the Spring Elections and is made up of some staff members as well as DDO, and 2 other people. Aim is to have the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Student Council within this panel but there are 3 backups (the President, Sports Officer and Welfare & Campaigns Officer), in case they are involved in the elections themselves in any way.

JJ explains that there will be external supervision of decisions that might be made by such panel.

A vote was carried out to approve the recommendation – passed unanimously except for 1 abstention

7 Board of Trustee Report

CE gives opportunity for comments to arise based on the document that was distributed amongst council members.

NP said it was short and vague, they would prefer to see the report more detailed. CE said next time they would try to get a longer version.

8 Motions to Student Council/All Student Vote

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 8.1 – Updated Complaints System for Elections

Proposer: Jacob Jefferson

Secunder: Chih-Hsiang Lo

JJ states there was no formal way of complaints in bylaws so speaks in favour of this motion, as without a formalised complaint system it can be changed every year which doesn't help staff nor people interested in going for elections.

There were no against speeches

NP 11.10 - 11.13 had questions about the position of these points within the context.

JJ then addressed this by saying it was a formatting error

CE takes this straight to voting as no more comments were made.

Unanimous vote in favour of the motion.

Motion – passes

Motion 8.2 – Fairer Treatment of Disabled Students

Proposer: Thom Barnes-White

Secunder: James Law

No in favour speeches were given.

SK gives speech against motion and states that the approaches it takes are counterproductive, assuming a simplicity that doesn't realistically exist. Assumption that disabilities will fall under physical disabilities or neurodivergent disabilities and ignores the fact that some might fall under both or might not fit into any of those. As well as that, they/she state(s) that terminology isn't properly used, and says it groups many people into groups that they don't belong to.

MH agrees with the terminology point, and states that it doesn't accommodate for mental health

NP agrees with SK and states that there should be more communication with disability communities to find out what they really need.

SK stated that logistically doesn't work and there are any examples were this has work.

Unanimously voted against
Motion – does not pass.

Motion 8.3 – Temporary Suspension

Proposer: Will Brewer
Secunder: Peter Banfield

WB gives a speech in favour of the motion. States that it would give people time when reporting whilst meaning that there would be no detriment to their welfare. Suspensions need to be done quickly which this motion would achieve, allowing the parties to be kept separate from clubs and societies events. The current method isn't quick enough.

No against speeches were given.

JJ agreed that motion would solve issues throughout the year. The only worry is that in smaller clubs the power might be abused. However he states that it is unlikely for this to be the case.

WB addresses the concern stating that it an investigation could be carried out if this is abuse. Since they need to inform the sports society, they have the power to remove this rapidly. Maximum negative impact to person being suspended is missing 1 training. He goes to stating that he could add an amendment so that voting rights of that person weren't suspended as well so that this wouldn't affect them during time of election.

NP welcomes this motion as a valuable one, and they don't believe it will be abused.

PB makes a closing statement stating that this motion allows all clubs to utilize this, so that in a terrible situation it has the tools necessary to act accordingly.

18 in favour
0 against
1 abstentions
Amendment – passes

Below motions discussion has been redacted



Motion 8.5 – Emergency Motion (Fair Parking for Students)

Proposer: Jack Bateman

Seconder: Jack Sperry

JB as parking changes have been introduced now, the motion couldn't wait till the next session. Incorrectly reads number plates up to 7% of the time, so motion asks to review the effectiveness of the technology. As well as that, he states that the cost of parking is high and the same as other members of the public. It also aims to secure more parking permits for club members that might have to rely on that parking.

No speeches against.

WB parking permits should be more widely distributed to students. Also states that it will be hard to do as university says that these charges comes because of the environment. Sports hub is unlikely to review students as ordinary members to give them these permits.

NP explains that they don't disagree with the emergency nature of this motion, as the feeling of safety that trans people have when using toilets around the SU should have been considered as a more pressing matter.

CE responds to this by stating that there was a lot of conversations because of the complex issues within this motion.

WB states that it would be interested to find out where the fines given for parking go to.

No closing speeches were delivered

19 in favour
0 against
1 abstentions
Amendment – passes

9 Ratification of Policies

9.1 Reintroduction of Student Councillors onto Student Council (122)

JJ? States that it is irrelevant to changes that were later made to the student council so recommendation is to lapse.

Vote carried out to decide whether to lapse

15 in favour

0 against

5 abstentions

Recommendation is adopted so the policy lapses

9.2 Warwick SU for a people's vote (131)

HJ states that the policy should lapse

Vote carried out

14 in favour

1 against

4 abstention

Policy lapses

9.3 Say your Goodbyes to STIs (128)

Welfare committee decided that it was out of date so there needs to be a removal of notes 3, resolve 4 and belief 6 as there are certain references that no longer take place. Recommendation is renewal of motion with amendments.

Vote carried out

Unanimously passes, so decision to renew it with amendments upheld

9.4 No Smoking at the Library Entrance (087)

Welfare committee suggest it was irrelevant and outdated so the recommendation is for it to be lapsed.

Vote carried out

13 in favour

4 abstention

2 against

Policy lapse

- 9.5 University Lecture Capture (129)**
Policy lapse due to existing policy overriding it.
- 9.6 Earlier Exam Timetable (126)**
Vote carried out
Unanimously in favour
Policy renewed with amendments
- 9.7 Changes to Faculty Rep System (121)**
Vote carried out
Unanimously in favour
- 9.8 Workers Right at Warwick (132)**
Vote carried out
14 in favour
3 abstentions
2 against
- 9.9 Warwick for a Fair Wage (130)**
Vote carried out
15 in favour
4 abstentions
0 against
- 9.10 Abolish or reduce the University card replacement fee (125)**
Vote carried out
14 in favour
4 abstentions
1 against
- 9.11 Remembering and Commemorating Kevin Gately (123)**
Vote carried out
Unanimously in favour

10 AOB

11 Date of next meeting: 8th March 2022