



Student Council

Date: 17/11/2022

Time: 12:30

Location: Meeting Room 1

1. Introductions, Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Present:

Welfare Officer	Natasha Layley (NL)
Development Officer	Temi Dosunmu (TD)
Democracy & Campaigns Officer	Dom Owen (DO)
Business and Law Faculty Rep	Kajetan Albin (KD)
HSS Deputy Faculty Rep	Jess MacKlin (JM)
HSS Faculty Rep	Anwar Jawula (AJa)
Tech Deputy Faculty Rep	Caitlin Senior (CS)
Tech Faculty Rep	Nana Adjei (NA)
Groups Exec Chair	Maizey Annear (MA)
SAH Deputy Faculty Rep	Marija Solic (MS)
SAH Faculty Rep	Kieran O'Brien (KO)

Guests:

University Representative	Jonathan Scowen (JS)
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Apologies:

Learning Experience Officer	Jade Underwood (JU)
Academic Representation Officer	Ayoola Johnson (AJ)
Sports Exec	

2. Introductions

Groups exec and Sports exec invited by request of Temidayo Dosunmu

3. Minutes and Actions from last meeting

[Minutes from the last meeting](#) - Approved

5. Updates from Elected officers

DO, JU and AJ not present, will send updates.

NL:

Working on rolling out bystander intervention training. Currently just for committee members, this will be offered to CRs and FRs too.

Sexual misconduct survey is complete and will be sent out.

Working on a pilot for free sanitary products.

In discussions around the closure of the University nursery.

Speaking to self defence - to provide additional sessions.

ECF policy.

Purple wednesday safety - providing purple presence outside tokyo joes.

Working with police, council and partners around night out safety.

Working on provision of EDI training for staff members, especially those students facing.

Updates approved

TD:

Food - working on trying to get this in place. Conversations with stakeholders such as UoP and external companies. Big win - cafe coco opening hours have been extended on a trial basis until christmas. Cafe Coco is currently more of a staff area rather than student area. For building, looking at hot and cold vending options. Drafting up surveys to see what students would want. Looking at areas in the union to review how to use space.

[CS] Does this include things like gluten free?

[TD] Yes this will be able to be specified in the survey. This survey will be going to all student leaders over the next week.

Union awards - going out to consultation with student leaders. Union audit resulted in whether this is something that students want. Starting consultation to find out if this is something students want and what they want it to look like. This will be coming out next week.

International students - Lots of students coming into the building with issues around accommodation, working with University on this.

Updates approved.

6. Updates to motions from HYS

HYS assigned to Ayoola Johnson from last meeting : [Free Creative Cloud Access for Design Students](#)

Updates to be discussed next week. Digital updates to be sent next week.

[MS] Can this be expanded to include Tech students as well?

[TD] Speak to AJ about this, unsure around what his current conversations include.

7. Campaigns and Policy Proposal

[AnJ] Can we have clarity around if the spiking campaign is still a thing?

[NL] Yes, this is being picked up under the night time safety. There is a petition around this on Have Your Say.

8. Discussion Forum

[NL] As officers we have been asked to come up with a stance on the world cup.

[AnJ] I disagree with this, and think we should go against it.

[TD] Qatar society has requested to view the matches here. How do we take this into consideration?

[CS] If we want to be against it due to human rights. Could we request that this is something they do privately?

[KO] My society is running a watch along for the england v wales match. We have said it's a personal choice of individual members.

[AnJ] We can have a negative stance but let people watch it. Don't agree with what is happening but allowed to let them watch it as a society

[KA] Lots of money and people engage in this because it's such a big event. By taking a stance can we spread the message and raise awareness to wider groups of people? We can't ban people from watching it but we can discourage it and not endorse it.

[MA] Groups stance - not an academic society or activity society so this might be their only activity for the year. We should take a stance of abstaining from. I don't think this should have an impact on what societies do.

[MS] Qatar is a separate country from here where the students are studying. Saying no because of something happening somewhere else that is beyond the students control isn't fair. Important to recognise what is happening but also recognise that this doesn't change everything. Boycotting the event does change things.

[CS] I think there is a need to discourage but keep it separate from society. Saying we don't agree but not banning may be like sitting on the fence.

[MA] Maybe we need to support the societies if the University are not allowing them the space to do this.

[NA] I do think it is dangerous to say to a society they can't watch it. I think it should be separate from the SU what a society does. We can have a separate stance to the society. We just give them the space to carry out their activities.

[AnJ] Can't blame students for what's happened within their own country.

[NL] What are they requesting and where do they want to watch it? Is it an event or sitting in a room on a screen?

[TD] Qatar society wants to use the Common room to show the game.

[NL] We need to work out our stance as a student union rather than what the student societies do. For example Reading have said they're not showing it due to it conflicting with the way they protect their students. We don't have a bar so it's different. We can say we don't agree but without stopping the society.

[NA] Why do we need to take a stance on it at all? As a student's union is it our job to comment on these things?

[NL] UoP have asked for it.

[TD] We are here to represent students which is why it's important.

[JM] Could there be a suggestion of going to other places that are showing the game? Showing it at the SU could conflict with other societies.

[TD] However, due to religious beliefs they can't always go to other locations. This is why they have asked to have it here.

[AnJ] We need to focus on the stance rather than the society situation

[CS] Could it be suggested to watch it somewhere that is less visible than the common room?

[MS] Would be good to check with Qatar society. Male committee and female committee. They run female events & male events. Interested in the common room as it is a more open area.

[MA] It wouldn't feel right to penalise a group because they're too on show, can't hide them. All groups have a right to use the space.

[MS] Whatever we decide there will always be someone who will be offended. As a society it would be bad to stop them as they have a right to show the screen.

[TD] Let's separate from the society issue and focus on the stance we are going to take.

[KA] We should have a negative stance as otherwise we are allowing people that are responsible to continue in the future. We should show that we care about what is happening outside of football, more as a worldwide matter. We should condemn what has happened and is happening.

[MA] No, but stance. We don't agree with what is happening but won't condemn students for watching it.

[NA] This could give the impression that we have mixed opinions.

[MA] From a personal perspective. We can't stop 30,000 students from watching the world cup.

[MS] Don't know if there is anything we can do here, especially around big issues like this. Yes it is about principle but you can't boycott something because it will still be shown around and they will still go and watch it. I think no, but.

[KA] I think we are talking about different things. We are not talking about doing anything. We are not going to do anything but show that we as a person or union don't agree with this. It's just to show the support for the people that are actually affected by this.

[NL] It's around saying no we don't agree with what's going on and what's happened but we're not banning anything. We're here to support students that are being marginalised.

[CS] Ignoring what we are telling people to do. Just our stance, no mention of what other people or societies are doing.

[NL] We disagree with what is going on and are here to support you. Does everyone agree?

(all members agree with stance)

TD - We will take this feedback and relay this back to leadership.

9. AOB

- **Report on 'bring back the bar' petitions**



Following many requests on HYS about bringing back the student union bar Maya Kirwin has been collecting some information. DO has discussed with Maya Kirwin.

An example of this petition can be found [here](#).

[MaK] Passed votes and should be brought to Student Council but has come through multiple times. One this year, one last month and one last year. Addressed in AMM last year. Bar is operated and owned by the University. Conversations are still ongoing with the University.

DO is working on rather than reopening the bar, there are other pop up opportunities to be brought into experiences rather than a full time. DO wants to create a statement on the website that explains what is happening and why. Do we want to take this as a HYS motion to the next student council meeting or leave it here.

[KA] Seeing as it has failed time and time again. From what we've heard they just can't make it work. Do we need to bring this back again if we have already discussed this? This is already a time of financial hardship, should the University even be spending money on this.

[AnJ] Not sure we need to vote on it again if DO is already working on it

[CS] Not much more we can do if we do pass it through Student Council as it is already being worked on

All members agreed that this does not need to be voted on again. DO will continue to work on this and provide a statement for the website around current progress.

10. Date of next meeting - 13/12/2022 3:00-4:30 pm