

## Union Council

Minutes from the meeting on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 13:00 held in W115

### Persons Present

#### Chairs

Amy Coughlan (Chair)  
Matthew Vaux (Deputy Chair)

#### Councillors

*Attendance list to follow*

#### Executive

Jonathan Wright (President)  
Sam Bennett (Vice President)  
Ben Buck (SOBLAE)  
Christina Wise (SOSTAH)  
Sophie Millard (SOASS)  
Zoe Porter Watson (SOAAH)

#### In Attendance

Lee Pugh (UCS Union General Manager)  
Matt King (Democracy & Representation Co-ordinator)  
Dr. Emma Bond (UCS Senior Lecturer)

#### Apologies

Kirsty Gaffigan (Nutrition and Human Health, Level 4)  
Cassie Bendall (Business Management, Level 6)  
Athina Britton (Wildlife Management and Conservation, Level 5)  
Matthew Boreham (Sport & Exercise Science, Level 5)  
Hannah Coleman (Interior Architecture and Design, Level 4)  
Jessica Kyson (Child Nursing, Level 4)  
Abi Harper (Sport & Exercise Science, Level 4)  
Rachel Selmes (Health & Wellbeing, Level 6)  
Emmet Todd (Radiotherapy, Level 5)

## **Section A: Welcome**

- 1) **Welcome and Announcements(AC)**  
Chair welcomed all, and explained that Sian Mortimer was attending live via Webinar.
- 2) **Minutes from the Previous Meeting (AC)**  
No objections or alterations were called for.
- 3) **Matters Arising**  
Council members were asked to complete the UCS Union contact form

## **Section B: Action – Student Trustee Appointment**

- 4) **Approval of JO and AB to Trustee Appointments Panel (LP)**  
LP explained the difficulties regarding the interview stage of the appointments process, and why LP and MK recruited additional members for the panel. LP asked for a vote to approve or reject the appointment of JO and AB retrospectively to the panel.  
*Council approved the appointment of JO and AB to the panel*
- 5) **The Role of Student Trustees and Recruitment process (LP)**  
LP explained in detail the role of the Student Trustee and the process of appointing a Student Trustee according to the UCS Union By-Laws. LP acknowledged the swift response from JO and AB in joining the panel, and thanked JC and RCP for their work as panel members throughout the process.
- 6) **Chair of Student Trustee Interview Panel feedback and recommendation (JC)**  
JC reported back the recommendations of the Trustee Appointments Panel on behalf of AB, Chair of the Panel. JC also explained the method that the panel used to score each candidate. The panel recommended two candidates whose identities remained anonymous and were known to the voting Council as Candidate A and Candidate B.
- 7) **Votes taken to approve the Student Trustee candidates recommended (LP)**  
A vote was taken via secret ballot.

## **Section C: Finishing**

- 8) **Any Other Business (AC)**
  - a) Chair asked all members to fill out a Union Council Contact Form.
  - b) Dr Emma Bond explained that she is carrying out a research project with lecturer Tim Goodchild to provide UCS information on how students perceive the use of technology in the classroom as part of the learning experience. Student forums are to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> March 2012. She invited Course Reps to take part or to invite their course-mates. JW expressed UCS Union's support of the project, and linked it to the motions Council passed in October 2011 regarding teaching styles.
  - c) SM reported that she attended a forum about students communicating with lecturers. An Instant Messaging system is being uploaded on to Wolsey, so students could get instant answers to question. SM added that drop-ins in the Waterfront are being continued and being advertised better and it was suggested that informal meetings between course reps and course tutors to be held in between the formal meetings.

9) **Student Trustee Appointment Results (LP)**

The results were as follows:

	<u>Vote</u>		<u>Vote</u>
<u>Candidate A</u>	24	<u>Candidate B</u>	25
<u>RON</u>	0	<u>RON</u>	0
<u>Spoilt</u>	4	<u>Spoilt</u>	3
<u>Total Vote</u>	28	<u>Total Vote</u>	28

*The successful candidates, and the newly appointed Student Trustees are Jodie Robertson and Nathan Kempster*

10) **Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 13:00 in W115