**MEETING OF SGSU COUNCIL**

**14th March 2017**

**18.00 + LTA**

**APOLOGIES**

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| Athena Swan | Climbing Society |
| Mindfulness | Protest and Activism Forum |
| Hiking and Walking | Wu Shu Kwan |
| Genetics Society | CU |
| HoMed | GP Society |
| Sikh Society | DAPS Vision |
| IME | SPACE |

**PRESENT**

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| **FH** | Francesca Harris | General Secretary |
| **KT** | Kat Telford | Chair |
| **IB** | Ishaan Bhide | VP Finance and Student Activities |
| **CBr** | Corey Briffa | President |
| **AK** | Anna Kolodziejczyk | GOGs |
| **AM** | Aasim Murtaza | Ops in Surgery |
| **CMR** | Clara Mead-Robson | Paediatrics |
| **KJ** | Kate Jones | Pole Fit |
| **AHa** | Alan Hasanic | Friends of Childreach International |
| **AR** | Amelia Ram | Language Soceity |
| **OH** | Omar Hijazi | Photography Society |
| **WM** | Will Morrell | Boat Club |
| **AHu** | Azeem Hussain | AppSoft Soc |
| **SS** | Sunil Singh | Representation Officer |
| **MY** | Myma Yavson | Aids Orphan |
| **SM** | Salva Malik | Student Minds |
| **SB** | Sam Baldwin | Fencing |
| **SK** | Salih Kadri | Debating Society |
| **AlH** | Alina Humdani | LINKS |
| **RG** | Roop Gill | SGSU Radio |
| **BS** | Ben Sayer | SGSU Radio |
| **HJ** | Hannah Jones | TAD Soc |
| **DQ** | Dania | ISOC |
| **JN** | Jonathan Ngomuo | Men’s Football |
| **PM** | Phoebe Murday | Ladies Rugby |
| **SK** | Sithara Kanthie | Sri Lankan Society |
| **MG** | Moneet Gill | Street Doctors |
| **IG** | Isabelle Guest | Yoga |
| **TTO** | Tola Taye-Olagbeni | ACS |
| **SL** | Sarah Lasoya | iFemSoc |
| **IK** | Iyanat Khan | Book Club |
| **JCD** | Jean Claude Doukrou | Dance Society |
| **RB** | Rowan Barnett | PRIDE |
| **MC** | Maxx Chin | Teddy Bear Hospital |

**MINUTES** from the previous meeting were PASSED

**AGENDA POINTS**

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| Representation Officer Report | SSi gave a verbal summary of the written report. |
| Language Society constitutional changes | AHa – addition of organisational officers as in previous years’ handovers haven’t always been very effective. Sometimes a committee does a great job but then this work isn’t continued. This role is to try and facilitate good handovers. We have also just filled out the constitution a bit rather than the basic structure it was previously and we have worked to make people more accountable. This was discussed and passed at our EGM.  JC – how do you plan to get people more involved with awards and ensure that effective nominations are made?  SSi – this is something we will discuss at exec and I will bring answers back to you.  PASSED by simple majority. |
| App Soft Society constituonal changes | AHu – We would like to add 4 new roles: project manager, administrator, UI/UX lead and social secretary. These roles are vital for our running as we would like, and we have people who would like to fill these roles.  PASSED by simple majority. |
| Rag Room Clear Out | FH – tomorrow exec will be clearing out the rag room. The rules on the wall which have been there for at least two years states that anything elf to the floor or that is unmarked will be binned, so tomorrow anything that is not in its rightful place will be disposed of. Please attend the rag room tomorrow BEFORE 4PM if there is anything belonging to your society which you would like to keep and is in the wrong place you that you can return it to its rightful place. |
| Library Issues | CBr – There have bene loads of complaints about noise in the library as I’m sure you know. Please be mindful of this and stay silent, but also please don’t be scared to approach people and ask them to be quiet. We have been working very hard on measures to help I this and sort something out for students. We will be introducing a texting service where you can text the staff about any disruptive students who will then sort the issue out. Please don’t also be rude to the library staff, as there have been some cases of this. |
| Mental Wellness Week | CBr – Mental Wellness week is all week this week, hopefully you are all aware of this. We have been delivering free tea and coffee on text order, and there is a talk on Thursday called ‘The Worst Talk I’ll Ever Give’ which will be very interesting so please attend, and a Well-Fayre on Friday. The week is all about raising awareness of the importance of mental health so please do get involved. |
| Show Etiquette | IB – although show season is drawing to a close, please be aware that it is important that committee members in shows do not abuse their power within the show, as we have received some complaints recently about the way students have been treated. The SU has a zero tolerance to bullying so any complaints made will be taken seriously and investigated thoroughly.  Please also be aware that any external individuals that might be brought in by committees to help or be in shows, their behaviour is the responsibility of the committee and anything they do reflects back on you and on your society.  JW – do late hours constitute as inappropriate treatment of students?  IB – no, you are free to request people to stay as late as you have the facilities for, however it would be unacceptable to force people to stay, and to shout or threaten them if they are unable to. |
| Room Booking – April-July | All room booking clashes were resolved until 31st July 2017. |

**AOB**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Mental Wellness Week 13th-19th March

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 11th April 2017

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**REPRESENTATION OFFICER REPORT**

**Introduction**

Hello, this is Gabriela Barzyk and Sunil Singh and we are your Representation Officers.We’ve been Year 1 Biomedical Science Year Reps last year and hope to use our experiences to help you. As Representation Officers, we will attend Council, Senate and Executive meetings and share important information between the different teams. We will also look after Year Reps. We love to chat and keep you updated so you can contact us anytime.

**What have we done since the last meeting**

* Implemented Senate of the Month into February Senate and forwarded names of those who won to Comms Officers, to be included in the newsletter
* Senate Social took place
* Attended the Healthcare Revalidation Panel
* Have produced written reports about Year 1 and 2 BMS/MBBS Year Reps and finalised them with Corey and Tanisha.
* Meeting Year Reps to discuss the how they’re doing and solve any major issues they have. Offer opportunity to reflect on and ask questions about reports/ offer any help where needed.
* Emailed SPACE with a draft that we’ll send to students to inform them about breast feeding facilities- awaiting reply
* Contacted newly elected Year Reps and those who expressed interest in becoming Reps. Distributed information and added them to relevant Senate pages etc.
* Contacted James Watson/ P&F Forum on Prevent Scheme petition update and relayed information to relevant people
* Updated Senate Board again
* Communication with NUS Delegate Sarah Lasoye about upcoming events

**Summary from:**

**Exec 21th February**

* May Ball planning / Advertising: transport has been paid for (by VP Finance)
* Adjustments to the external speakers document
* Interviewed for a new Alumni Engagement Officer
* VP Ed & Welfare has been meeting with the Deputy Principal to improve interviews and work out how to set up lecture specific feedback
* Re-validation panels of multiple courses are coming up
* Sports Officers: please update scores and fixtures
* Rag quiz/ auction moved to sometime in March
* Replaced mike stands, smoke machine, new drum kit parts etc.
* Sexual violence concerns: SSC final year students to arrange plans regarding the issue
* Discussing the idea of a Debate for Top4 positions during Campaigns Week
* Student Inclusion Officers: out open to applications, any student can apply. Something potentially Exec would be interested in. 9.75/ hour… email has gone out you can apply
* NSS/TEF Referendum discussed further

**Exec** **7th March**

* Mental Wellness Week coming up!
* May Ball- continuing sending out sponsorship queries
* Continued to view furniture ideas/concepts for 2nd floor refurbishment
* Gill the new COO started. Got introduced to relevant people and sorted out relevant authorisations. VP Finance is handing over relevant procedures to her.
* St Patrick’s Disco on 17th- free entry if you dress up
* Allotment work/ rebuilding queries
* Year Reps met up with Rep Officers to discuss performance reports
* Discussion on developing new role of Democracy Officer

**Societies presented**

**Oncology Society:** passed

**Senate Summary**

* Pinopto- technical glitches, still in trial phase. Lecturers were not really aware of it. Overall feedback positive and more Reps are trying it out alongside voice recordings.
* Contradictory information on ERASMUS programme: Year Reps are clarifying the information in terms of how much contact students receive once abroad.
* Senate of the Month went to HCS Yr2 Year Reps- information in Newsletter also.
* Lack of communication between INTO centre and INTO students with regards to GMC review. Year Reps are arranging meetings to increase transparency.
* F Year planning of Grad Ball: tickets on sale
* Senate Social took place

**Things to be aware of:**

* Mental Wellness Week 13th-17th March
* **SGSU AWARDS! Nominations open 18th March to 1st April!** More information on SGSU website

**What we’ve coming up in the next month**

* Senate
* Planning next Steering Group
* Working on ideas raised in February Steering Group