**MEETING OF SGSU EXECUTIVE**

**Tuesday 24th January 2017**

**5.30pm – H2.6**

**ATTENDEES**

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| **FH** | Francesca Harris | General Secretary |
| **TA** | Tanisha Amin | VP Education + Welfare |
| **CBr** | Corey Briffa | President |
| **KT** | Kat Telford | Chair |
| **CBl** | Cerys Bladen | Heritage Officer |
| **AB** | Anya Brown | Heritage Officer |
| **JC** | Joe Clark | Communications Officer |
| **RV** | Ruth Varney | Communications Officer |
| **SH** | Sarah Hill | Communications Officer |
| **AS** | Ash Sithirapathy | Societies Officer |
| **LuC** | Lucy Chapman | Campaigns Officer |
| **SG** | Steven Gilbert | Trustee |
| **AD** | Alex Denley | Technical Officer |
| **MG** | Michelle Ginsberg | Technical Officer |
| **EO** | Ethan Osborn | Technical Officer |
| **BO** | Bukola Ogunjinmi | International Officer |
| **CL** | Chantal Liu | International Officer |
| **NMer** | Na’im Merchant | Student Trustee |
| **AP** | Avin Philip | Equality + Diversity Officer |
| **KS** | Khadija Stone | Equality + Diversity Officer |
| **VS** | Vafie Sheriff | Community Projects Officer |
| **MD** | Mustafa Dashti | Community Projects Officer |
| **GB** | Gabriela Barzyk | Representation Officer |
| **WM** | Will Morrell | Sports Officer |
| **OR** | Ollie Ryan | Sports Officer |
| **BA** | Bethany Agnew | Campaigns Officer |
| **CBa** | Cameron Barclay | Environment + Ethics Officer |

**APOLOGIES**

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| **IB** | Ishaan Bhide | VP Finance + Student Activities |
| **YK** | Yuna Kishimoto | Events Officer |
| **CA** | Chandru Amaranathan | Events Officer |
| **RT** | Ruben Thumbadoo | Student Trustee |
| **SJ** | Shalu James | Events Officer |
| **SA** | Saeed Azizi | Student Trustee |
| **JT** | Jeremy Teo | Events Officer |
| **NA** | Naireen Asim | Charities Officer |
| **VP** | Vikram Patel | Charities Officer |
| **ET** | Eesha Tripathi | Charities Officer |
| **SS** | Sunil Singh | Representation Officer |

**ABSENT FROM MEETING**

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| **AC** | Anshaal Chawdhery | Charities Officer |
| **LoC** | Lorna Chapman | Socieites Officer |
| **NMel** | Naomi Melamed | Societies Officer |
| **JM** | Jess Mcnaughton | Societies Officer |
| **LJ** | Lucy Jones | Sports Officer |

**MINUTES**

Minutes from the previous meeting were AGREED.

**ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING**

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| President | Meet with Technical Officers | COMPLETE |
| Tech | Ethan to train Alex and Michelle | ONGOING |
| Comms | Meet with Corey about newsletter | COMPLETE |
| E+D | Meet with Tanisha about defining the role | COMPLETE |
| E+E | Send in NUS summit report | ONGOING |
| IB + Socs | Amend society start up document | ONGOING |
| Socs | Meet with last years Societies Officers, Corey and Kat about awards committee | ONGOING |
| E+E | Put new allotment poster in SU Shop | ONGOING |
| Top 4 | Send out communication to all exec regarding SGM | COMPLETE |

**REPORTS\***

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| President | CBr gave a verbal summary of the written report.AV: is the inclusion officer a paid role?CBr: it is a new role which will work along side the SU. A paid role but we are looking for it to be a student.MD: do exec get a say on furnitureCBr: no – too many cooksNMer: have you had your appraisal yet?CBr: Not yetNMer: have you met with tech officers yet?CBr: yesWM: are both minibuses working now?CBr: yes – I am going to inform estates tonight. | **PASSED** |
| VP F+SA | IB was not present to give a verbal summary of the written report.**AP can tech please be kept up to date with what might be needed for May Ball** | **PASSED** |
| VP E+W | TA gave a verbal summary of the written report.BO: if you do e-learning for CBL groups will biomeds still benefit in any way?TA: yes it will also be in SBL etc, just not in lecture settings. | **PASSED** |
| General Secretary | FH gave a verbal summary of the written report. | **PASSED** |
| Events Officers | No one present to give a verbal summary of the written report. | **PASSED** |
| Technical Officers | AD gave a verbal summary of the written report. | **PASSED** |
| Sports Officers | OR gave a verbal summary of the written report. | **PASSED** |
| Communications Officers | RV gave a verbal summary of the written report.AS: what’s the exciting development?RV: we all know the newsletter isn’t read by very many people, so the information on it is useful and people want that information so it is going to waste. The plan is to change the app to a different company so that all the information can be included on the app with push notifications as and when things come in and it is more user friendly. | **PASSED** |
| Heritage Officers | CBl gave a verbal summary of the written report.NMer: can spiders not be on the same day as Trustee Board, or exams please?AB: there are two dates for spiders so its not the end of the world and it has been confirmed for a long time and we were told it wouldn’t be a problem. | **PASSED** |
| Charities Officers | No one present to give a verbal summary of the written report.*TA: how many people have you signed up to the take me out event?**AV: what prizes do you have in mind for Jailbreak?**CL: what’s your progress with RAG auction prizes?* | **PASSED** |
| Societies Officers | AS gave a verbal summary of the written report. | **PASSED** |
| CP Officers | MD gave a verbal summary of the written report.NMer: Why have you not submitted a report.MD: very sorry, we thought that the deadline was the same as for SGM reports, our mistake! | **PASSED** |
| E+D Officers | KS gave a verbal summary of the written report. | **PASSED** |
| E+E Officer | CBa gave a verbal report.* Met with Anne Harris
* Talked with Helen Williams for a stall on 10/02 about use of left over food
* ETHICS WEEK!!!

NMer: why have you not submitted a report?CBa: I was very busy and completely forgot | **PASSED** |
| International Officers | BO gave a verbal summary of the report.AD: which toilet did you choose?CL: we are going to use the female toilets but will be putting a framed thank you sign in the male toilets too and will be moved after the redevelopment when the toilets will be together. | **PASSED** |
| Representation Officers | GB gave a verbal summary of the written report. | **PASSED** |
| Campaigns Officers | BA gave a verbal summary of the written report.**AP meet with Communications Officers**SH: can you send a list of upcoming campaigns including other officers campaigns to the library staff who are keen to get involved **AP** | **PASSED** |

\*For full written reports, please see Executive Officer Reports document.

**STUDENT UNION ISSUES**

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| **Awards Committee – CBr** | Some changes to the awardsAt council talked about sabs getting awards – unanimous that should be allowed to be nominated for awardsDate is 8th and 9th April DO NOT BOOK ANYHTHNG THAT WEEKEND! This is a compulsory meeting of the Exec – apologies must be sent to all of T4 and Chair. Only very good reasons. |  |
| **Council referendum request – Representation Officers** | at council vote taken to hold referendum on boycotting the NUS wont happen until minute have been passed at the next meeting and then that has to be passed at councilwill put vote to students if want to boycott NSS – if majority say no then carry on, if say yes then we will put out a campaign / publicityif said we want to boycott can still choose to do it and that is fineBA: what about people that already have but wish they’d heardTA: be honest say what we had done |  |
| **Shows – E+D Officers** | There is nothing in the constitution for what we should do for shows at the moment, so we have been contacting the director a month in advance and advising them what to look out for during script writing, including the 9 protected characteristics and encouraging them to talk to their cast. We have made a handover and a document that directors must sign in advance as it is really hard to find rehearsals which are convenient for everyone to work with. It is then their responsibility to invite us to a rehearsal they would like us to see – we want to know if you think this should be a constitutional point?EO: I think this is a good idea, I don’t think its necessary for you to go and see every show but in terms of covering us in terms of the societies we have if we can say we have given them a list/training of what they should avoid doing in their shows then this is a positive step the SU could take without being too dictatorial over the content of showsKS that would be ideal to have training for all shows but that is something for future yearsOpinion poll – should E+D have to see all shows but instead have a different system which allows them to be vetted?Agree: 16See all shows: 0Don’t like either: 1 |  |
| **Communications Zone dissolution** | **AP put to SGM**CoreyFranCorey 2 leadersMD about reps having 2EO would it be too much having a new person coreyCBr not really open door |  |
| **Communications Officers constitutional changes** | As it is a new role there are a few tings that we don’t think need to be in there any more.* No one does leaflets anymore
* Take out newsletter if that’s changing to the app
* Make social media presence constitutional
* Get more involved with SGUL comms

CBr: I don’t think we should get rid of newsletter yet until app is sure, ensure 16.10 “to ensure that SGSU continue to have a consistent presence on social media to engage with students and promote the SGSU brand”MD: 16.1.3 when you changed students’ union or club or society can you include CP as wellTA: make 16.10 less vauge incase had weak comms officerYES 21NO 0ABSTAIN 1 |  |

**SOCIETY PROPOSALS**

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| **Debating Society – Salih Kadri** | SK gave a presentation on the proposed society.Aims:* Outlines short, medium and long term goals
* Society to survive and not die out quickly
* Competitions
* Training and feedback
* Start a legacy at George’s

Explained budget plan, exploring options of self-funding and SGUL fundingModern United Nations (MUN) – less confrontational and aggressive, more orientated towards planning. Less events per year and imagine to be largely self-financed.Plan to provide training ourselves.Cant be sure students will always be willing to pay for their own competitions etc - have looked into funding from the university, in order to help debating expand in the university around education and experience.SK showed a plan of events throughout the annual debating calendar.QuestionsAB: have you spoken to older years as your document of interest appears to be predominantly first and second years?SK: I have spoken to Mustafa and have discussed this mainly within IFP lectures where there were first years of all disciplines. Haven’t spoken to many older years but have found that there is still strong interest in debating so we would be more than happy to have older years involved and anticipate they would be interested.EO: where are your estimated costs for travel etc coming from?SK: we think if we are sending a large mount of teams that we will run through our budget quickly. Transport is certainly a factor in this budget, but we have estimated our figures not based on certainties, but we have used the entry fee costs, a small amount for transport, and that is where most of the figure comes from. We have approached training separately.CBr: are there any financial/any benefits to society for attending these competitionsSK: there are no cash prizes, but we think it generates an enormous amount of reputation and is very beneficial to the debaters themselves. Also get a lot of feedback and progression and incentive for members, but not doing it to make money.CL: could you give some examples of local competitions you have been looking to participate in.SK: for example Imperial IV was on 16th September, there is a UCL IV in march, LSE Open in February amongst others.CBr: you mentioned that you spoke to some people in the university about funding?SK: the problem we faced is that we haven’t been able to speak to anyone yet. We have discussed together that we would rather go to them with something operational, having been passed as a society, before being meeting with them.VS: you mentioned the £200-300 budget per semester, I was confused whether you meant for 2 or 3 semesters?SK: 2 semestersTA: we have previously had a debating society which was dissolved, how do you plan to maintain enthusiasm and interest?SK: we have initial support fro potential members, but we know that as time goes on these people wont continue to be around. We will run extensive advertising campaigns every time we feel its time for a new intake of members, if we feel not enough people are engaged we will continue to advertise and try to encourage interest. We will publish results online and we feel if people see this and that there is something to be gained from the society they will be more interested in being involved.NMer: you spoke about UK parliamentary style debate but also about MUN. what proportion of your training and conferences be on MUN?SK: will be almost all on British Parliamentary, but in the run up to MUN events we will run training specific to the event, and the competitions will give people experience and feedback.NMer: do you think it would be better to dedicate the society to BP debating as the styles are very different?SK: although the styles are very different, we want to allow people who want to enjoy MUN to come and participate and we will do our best within reasonable bounds to help them, but the focus will mainly be on BP. We would try to run blockbuster style training sessions and we have some people who are experienced in MUN, however MUN will not be our main priority, whilst trying to offer the best to all of our members.DiscussionEO: I worry that their financial ideas may not be robust. All societies carry a personal financial burden, and he mentioned entry fees but their budget included transport for the members and I don’t think that it’s necessarily right that the SU should finance transport for a society.MD: their budget included all the money put in by members not just from the SU.CBr: we fund sports teams entry fees so paying for theirs would be funded by SU. In terms of funding by the university is almost unheard of, so that is something to consider.AS: we don’t fund transport so they would have to do that themselves.CBl: I think he has a huge passion for it and knows what he’s talking about. It’s a niche thing that I think there will be people who want to get involved, enjoy it and will be willing to fund it. I like how he has tried to be all inclusive of the whole student body. Maybe he just needs a meeting with Ishaan to talk about finances. There are also the student experience/SGUL Change grants they could potentially apply for.NMer: I am torn about the MUN component. They are not equipped to run a MUN society, these conferences cost hundreds of pounds to go to, and with insufficient training they wouldn’t be getting much out of it. However, introducing MUN could be a good thing in that people may have no experienced it before and can get involved.BO: they said they had a model they could help people train them which could be an option.CL: It seems they were focussing on BP system, but that if they did have a team they wouldn’t guarantee sending people to the MUN conference but just if they did have the interest they might factor this into the budget. It would also be good to give people the chance if its something they want to get involved with.TA: I came to this university hoping that there would be MUN but there wasn’t, and it is something that I would have been interested in doing. I think that even doing MUN was an ambition for the future that would be good thing. We don’t really have anything at SGUL that enhances public speaking skills and we all have to do presentations etc so I think this would be very beneficial.CL: this could benefit the SU in certain campaigns and increase awareness of certain issuesMD: they are a new society, they are freshers, and everyone who has shown interest are freshers and they would be able to find help if needed. Any issues with finances etc could be ironed out when they are encountered.AB: I propose we pass Debating Soceity as a society of SGSU with the caveat that they speak to Ishaan about finances.Seconded by CBlFor: 22Against: 0Abstain: 2PASSED by simple majority.**AP Comms to make webpage****AP IB to make budget code****AP Socs to file handover and constitution****AP FH to make email account** |

**AOB**

SU Door – MD

Latch in the door gets stuck so it can be opened at any time, do not leave any of your valuables in there. No lock, it can be opened from either side. Point of information.

CPOs separate in constitution – MD and VS

MD: Community Projects to be independent to Societies. Presents a lot of issues, we pass CPs as societies. A lot of paper work. Not that effective. CPs are barely listed within the constitution itself, yet have different guidelines

VS: The CPs are mentioned randomly at times; Constitution does not specifically talk about CPs. We made a clear definition. Have gone through every part of constitution which lists clubs, societies and added ‘Community Projects’ as they are a separate entity. Now we do not have to think about passing them. Consistency Across whole of Constitution. Bringing it up as a discussion. Will be up at SGM but wanted everyone to be aware.

EO: None of the changes are going to affect CPOs workload?

MD: We will be making it easier for us as everything is clear and formulated. Pass societies as CPs straight away. We produced a list at the start of the year where we outline previous CPs and their work, so it makes sense to be separate.

AB: Paperwork-wise, are handovers still being done by Societies Officers?

VS: Yes, everything stays the same. Only constitution clarity changes.

EO: Would it not make sense if CPOs do the paperwork in the future?

AB: Societies do this for Sports Officers already as Sports Officers have a lot more paperwork.

WM: The system that is in place works.

CBr: These changes need to go out to everyone before SGM and will be discussed there.

**AP – take point ot SGM**

Society Achievements – CBr

CBr: Writing the proposal. Get a list of all the good thing societies have done. ‘Amazing’ achievements and such from sports, CPs, Societies at SGUL

Exec List:

* Three volunteers to Morocoo by SKIP
* 2,000 duty hours by SJA members completed this year
* SJA has received most applications compared to any other university, doubling and triplung the likes of King’s, Imperial
* Edinburgh Fringe has been sold out for the last 6 years
* SKIP held a national conference at George’s
* Musical attended and appraised by prestigious writers
* Teddy Bear Hospital Conference least year
* Rugby team won the UEH Cup
* Ladies Hockey won Bucks
* Tennis Women won UH plate 🡪 Sports Officers to pass a list about sports achievements onto Corey
* ISoc fundraising total
* Fashion Show award
* Geriatrics Feeding Programme set up within George’s
* STAR has football sessions for refugees on weekends

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

SGM – Tuesday 7th February