**MEETING OF SGSU EXECUTIVE**

**Tuesday 12th June 2018**

**5.30pm – John Parker Lecture Theatre**

**ATTENDEES**

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| **WM** | Will Morrell | VP Finance & Student Activities |
| **AS** | Annabel Strachen | VP Education & Welfare |
| **ND** | Nick Davis | General Secretary |
| **AW** | Amy Wright | Events Officer |
| **KL** | Kevin Li | Charities Officer |
| **FH** | Faris Hussein | Charities Officer |
| **CB** | Corey Briffa | Democracy Officer |
| **SS** | Sinthiya Sivarajah | Democracy Officer |
| **LA** | Louis Archer | Societies Officer |
| **MW** | Madeline Witcomb | Societies Officer |
| **SSo** | Simi Sodeinde | International Officer |
| **MD** | Manasvi Dwaraknath | International Officer |
| **JM** | Jan Mukibii | E&D Officer |
| **OCM** | Olivia Craig McFeely | E&E Officer |
| **RB** | Rowan Barnett | E&E Officer |
| **TT** | Tasha Thomas | Campaigns Officer |
| **MF** | Maia Forde | Campaigns Officer |
| **EO** | Ethan Osborn | Chair |
| **HL** | Hannah Lidbetter | Representation Officer |
| **SAH** | Sadik Al-Hassani | Representation Officer |
| **OR** | Oliver Ryan | Student Trustee |
| **MH** | Mark Howe | Student Trustee |

**APOLOGIES**

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| **OH** | Omar Hijazi | President |
| **RA** | Ramat Ayoola | E&D Officer |
| **AB** | Amelia Burnard | Events Officer |
| **AK** | Amrita Kullar | Events Officer |
| TM | Tanya Malagamuwa | CP Officer |
| **AG** | Aditi Gunjal | Campaigns Officer |
| **KC** | Katie Cottrell | Campaigns Officer |
| **CBr** | Craig Brooks | Heritage Officer |

**ABSENT**

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| **NC** | Nathan Cooper | Heritage Officer |
| **BC** | Billy Cho | Events Officer |
| **MB** | Mustafa Baban | Charities Officer |
| **YBR** | Yazied Ben Ramadan | Student Trustee |
| **SD** | Sam Deuchar | Societies Officer |
| **TO** | Timi Omidiora | CP Officer |
| **EC** | Emma Casey | Sports Officer |
| **SV** | Sean Vaz | Sports Officer |
| **TO** | Tunde Oladipupo | Sports Officer |
| CM | Conor Mullany | Charities Officer |

**MINUTES**

Minutes from the previous meeting were PASSED by simple majority

**ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING**

None

**ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**REPORTS\***

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| President | Not Present  CB: NSS scores were really low, how are they uni and the union working together to improve these? | PASSED by SIMPLE MAJORITY |
| VP F+SA | WM gave verbal summary  HL: What are you doing to solve the Rob Lowe issues, and what exactly are they  WM: People aren’t happy with the new timetable, so I am trying to come to arrangements between clubs  OR: How did we decide between internal and external bookings  WM: Down to Vafie, but we give preference to societies, weekends are largely external  TT: What do you mean that you can’t change Vafie’s timetable  WM: He made it and publicities it so don’t think it would be good to just change  CB: Can we please have more detail in your report, a student wouldn’t know what you are doing from this | PASSED by SIMPLE MAJORITY |
| VP E+W | AS gave verbal Summary  MH: What is Ask for Angela?  AS: A campaign set up and run by the police, if someone asks for Angela at the bar, it signals that they need help and the staff will help them leave discretely. | PASSED by SIMPLE MAJORITY |
| General Secretary | Verbal Report Given  No Questions | PASSED by SIMPLE MAJORITY |
| Events Officers | Verbal Report Given  RB: Are you in contact with the DJ that we use to have and has now left  AW: No  AW: There are no discos during Postgrad freshers  MH: When did you start advertising for GEP fresher’s what are your plans  AW: Posters were made last week, going to print them off and put them up around halls, just made the social media pages and finding the groups to post this in  OR: Have the other 2 events officers been supportive  AW: A bit, but they are away and working, Top 4 have been very supportive | PASSED by SIMPLE MAJORITY |
| Charities Officers | Verbal Summary Given  FH: Keeping supportive St Georges hospital charity but need to decide on other local and national charity.  KL: Waiting for more students to poll before we make decisions  FH: Have been making contact with people in airlines for Jailbreak, planning some ideas such as movie night and bungee jumping  HL: Have you thought about having a stall at both Freshers’ Fayres to get votes on the charities you want to support and help raise awareness of you as RAG officers | PASSED by SIMPLE Majority |
| Heritage Officers | Not Present  ND read out update on WW8 supplied by NC  AS: How are you going to ensure that families look after the vulnerable members of their group? | PASSED by SIMPLE MAJORITY |
| Sports Officers | Not present  HL: Why no apologies?  TT: Have you got a plan to get in contact with Sports Officers in other universities?  OR: What are your plans to make sure we don’t get the level of fines we did this year | PASSED by SIMPLE MAJORITY |
| Societies Officers | Verbal Summary Given  LBA: No payment will be taken on the day of Freshers’ Fayre  HL: Are we doing the stickers again  MW: Yes | PASSEDby SIMPLE MAJORITY |
| CP Officers | Not Present  SSo: What do you plan on doing anything in the next 2 weeks, are you planning on doing the CP evening before the multicultural dinner as in past years  HL: Have you contacted the heads of all the CPs? | PASSED by SIMPLE MAJORITY |
| E+D Officers | Not Present  RB: What are your plans to work with other societies throughout the year to help with E&D as a cause, rather than just the one event in October?  RB: Do you have any thoughts or plans about upcoming shows, do you know what you need to do for that, are you happy to sit in and read scripts etc. have you contacted Show heads?  MH: Why is your report so brief? | PASSED by SIMPLE MAJORITY |
| E+E Officer | Verbal Summary Given  No Questions | PASSED by SIMPLE MAJORITY |
| International Officers | Verbal Summary Given  HL: We currently don’t have an MBBS6 T year rep can you help us to try and find one?  SSo: Yes we will, meeting with the international officers of the university so will get on this | PASSED by SIMPLE MAJORITY |
| Representation Officers | Verbal Summary Given  No Questions | PASSED by SIMPLE MAJORITY |
| Campaigns Officers | Verbal Summary Given  No Questions | PASSED by SIMPLE MAJORITY |
| Democracy Officers | Verbal Summary Given  RB: You say pushing the democracy review, does that mean it’s not for definite  ND: Does the review happen through the NUS  CB: It can do, or we could go with an external company  AS: Is that your decision or will we ask the student body  CB: Probably an exec decision, as it will be down to cost, not politics | PASSED by SIMPLE MAJORITY |

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

**SOCIETIES PRESENTATIONS**

**Integrative Medicine Society:**

Society proposal present by Toby Katz and Sophia Cotterell

Explained why the society was needed due to the chronic disease burden in the NHS and how holistic approach and different treatments should be taught and publicised as the benefits can be so great.

Aim is to educate the student body on the prevalence and impact of chronic illnesses and how best to manage them alongside raising the profile of lifestyle medicine and providing networking opportunities.

Plan to hold 3 lecture series, one each term, revolving around: Diet and lifestyle, CAMs and Mental Health. Inviting experts in different areas to demonstrate and educate their techniques.

Popularise and dispel myths around CAMs – more awareness of the evidence base behind CAMs.

Provide a fun/interesting newsletter containing fun yet factual information about CAMs etc. as well as society socials.

TK explained the proposed budget, including potential sponsorship from the British Society of Lifestyle Medicine.

Questions:

EC: How are you going to prevent and resolve clashes that may arise between our curriculum and guidelines and the advice given by your experts?

TK: They are experts in the field and we are hot on making sure that anything we promote has an evidence base behind it.

Discussion:

OCM: Worry about people giving blanket advice on medical conditions - about which diets work etc. could be potentially damaging

AS: I think they are going along the line of presenting the evidence and letting them choose how they use it, they aren’t going to be lecturing us more opening up a discussion and letting people explore it for themselves

RB: It looks like a society that may have a lot of interest which is uncommon for academic societies

FH: I agree, there is a gap for them

OR proposed that we accept the proposal to accept the Integrative Medicine Society as a SGSU Society

Seconded by SAH

17 For

0 Against

1 Abstention

Motion Passes

**Labour Society:**

EC presented society proposal

Aims: to promote the vision, aims and objectives of the Labour Party and encourage the engagement in politics and political issues. Plans to organise events to debates and other social events.

Explained society structure and committee structure, point made that no one who has actively campaigned against the Labour Society will not be allowed to apply for a committee position.

Ran through extensive budget plan.

EC read aloud statement from the Chair of Tooting Labour Group, stressed that they would welcome a closer bond between our university and the Labour group, especially as Dr Allin-Khan has such close ties already.

EC read letter from Dr Allin-Khan – states that she would be very supportive of the group being formed.

EC summarised by saying that the formation of this group would be an important landmark and that he hopes it spurs the formation of further political groups.

Questions:

RB: How will the vote for a liberation officer work, will it be open to all members to vote on or only those who identify with that characteristic, and if so how will you identify these members?

EC: We would let the whole society to vote, wouldn’t limit it to just that characteristic

OR: I would like to know why someone that has actively campaigned against the Labour Party cannot run, and do you think it is democratic to stop them?

EC: The point is that the aims and objectives or our society align with the Labour society, so I think someone who is aligned against these views would not fit into the committee, I’m not sure what time limit parties currently use, potentially 12 months, if they decide to change views, so we may have to look into this.

OCM: What constitutes actively campaigning against the Labour Party?

EC: Any campaigning against the aims and objectives of the labour party, we aren’t a factional society, we allow all factions of the Labour Party

MH: What will the role of a liberation officer be within your society?

EC: Labour party tries to promote equality and diversity, these liberation officers would organise events that help promote issues faced by these groups, and ensuring all campaigns and terminology are in line with current standards and labour party policy

Discussion:

CB: Great presentation, about time we had some political engagement, everything is in check especially finances and they are ahead of the SU in terms of equality and diversity

RB: I have had some issues with the proposal of Liberation officers in the past as I have issue with people having to “out” themselves to run for a role, but I feel how they have worded it is reasonable, making it seem that your characteristic won’t be outed

TK: People will have conflicts but if this society welcomes debate I think it will be healthy, and it’s about time this union stepped into the political sphere.

SAH: How would they go about affliating

EO: Would have to organise with VP finance and societies officers after they have been formed

CB: They might not be officially affiliated but their name is Labour Society, it’s an affiliation even if not official

OR: Still unsure about the campaigning point, it sounds like the committee will be able to decide what is in line with Labours views or not.

CB: I think a lot of this is pulled from the general Labour guidance

OR: I just think that we need to be careful of them changing their aims in their constitution to be in line with the views of a committee at that time

CB: We have the democracy officers in place to be on top of things like this

CB proposes a motion that we should accept the proposal to accept SGLS as a society of SGSU

Seconded by HL

18 For

0 Against

0 Abstain

Motion Passes

**STUDENT UNION ISSUES**

**Reports:**

**ND:** Please only email your Reports from your Office email accounts, to the General Secretary account, not from your personal emails to my personal emails or on Facebook. Also make sure they are in the correct format that I sent you the template of – if this is doesn’t in future meetings I won’t be accepting the reports. As mentioned earlier please ensure your reports are detailed enough that any one from the student body would understand what you have been doing and make sure they are professional as they are public.

**Technical Office:**

**RB:** We have no technical officers for this year, I have some questions and concerns about what is going to happen

AS: We have been sorting this as a team, we are in the position at the moment where we have no tech officers or anyone that knows how to use the equipment, we have made contacts with other London universities to see if we could borrow their tech officers and pay them, also in contact with the Shop Managers brother who is a DJ and a technical college that is keen to send students for work experience.

RB: Why haven’t the ex-technical officers been contacted regarding this?

AS: Question I think Omar should answer

RB: I don’t think most people realise the work that goes into tech, if you don’t have solid plans how do you plan to make sure the events run smoothly. I am not sure you are considering the logistics. We are happy to help lend our knowledge on this as the constitution states that we have a month hand over in an advisory role. Some options you are suggesting make not work as well as the others, we could help you explore these.

AS: Another option we had was to invite people to come and train a pool of students in our equipment

OCM: It isn’t as simple as just having a DJ, a lot more goes into it

RB: A lot of societies are already planning events that they will need tech support for, it is not just Discos that need solving, how do you plan on supporting these performance societies etc. in running their shows, as they will have no budget to support their own tech

AS: As I am sure you can understand we are very busy planning Freshers’ at the moment, we are working on sorting the Discos at the moment, and we plan on tackling this lasting effect on performance societies later, we thought about training one member of a society each, so they can run their own tech

RB: Could Top 4 and the old technical officers, to talk further about these issues.

AS: Definitely

**Student Trustees:**

OR and MH presented PowerPoint regarding the role of Student Trustee and how they plan on being active throughout the year. Covered what a trustee of a charity is, what a trustee board does etc.

Laid out their role in regard to exec that they will try and support the officers in their roles, by attending executive meetings, and appraising each office to see how they are progressing and seeing if manifesto points are being met. Want to be around as a support as well and to help where we can, not part of exec so can help without bias.

ND: Do you plan on presenting these appraisals to the Trustee board, as Top 4 present zone reports already

MH: We may do, it’s currently not set in stone what we will do with them

ND: Do you plan on running these appraisals separately to the appraisals carried out by Top 4

MH: We could run them separately or in conjunction with you, that will have to be decided.

CB: Do you plan on appraising Top 4 in this process as well?

MH: Yes, and each other as Student Trustees

**AOB**

**APs**

1. **VP E&W:** Get previous E&E to write and deliver a handover
2. **President:** Old Technical officers to meet with Omar before next exec meeting, as soon as possible
3. **VP F&SA:** Create Budget code for new societies
4. **Societies Officers:** File constitutions of new societies
5. **General Secretary:** Create Webpages and Email Addresses for new societies

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 4th September 2018