**MEETING OF SGSU COUNCIL - MINUTES**

**4th July 2017**

**6pm - LTA**

**APOLOGIES**

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| Tamil Society | Dance Society | Mixed Society |
| GP Society | Opthalmology Society | SimSoc |
| Ladies Hockey | Mindfulness | Protest and Activism Forum |
| MEL Society | Genetics Society | Sikh Society |
| iFemSoc | Book Club | Christian Union |
| Radiology Society | IME Society | Endo Society |
| Psychiatry Society | Hindu Society | KC Society |
| Childreach International | Amnesty International | Sri Lankan Society |
| Surgical Society | Language Society |  |

**PRESENT**

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| **FH** | Francesca Harris | General Secretary |
| **IB** | Ishaan Bhide | VP Finance and Student Activities |
| **SS** | Sunil Singh | Representation Officer |
| **SK** | Sam Khavandi | Men’s Football |
| **NM** | Naya Medjedovic | TAD Society |
| **SKa** | Salih Kadri | Debating Society |
| **GA** | Gannat Abdelhalim | Arab Society |
| **ND** | Nick Davis | Cheerleading |
| **HL** | Hannah Lidbetter | Incoming Charities Officer |
| **JD** | Jack Dickenson | Athletics |
| **LP** | Luke Peacock | Incoming Charities Officer |
| **MY** | Myma Yawson | Aids Orphan |
| **GB** | Gabriela Barzyk | Representation Officer |
| **OH** | Omar Hijazi | Photo Soc |
| **IA** | Iqra Ahmed | IFemSoc |
| **JT** | Jeremy Teo | Dance Society |
| **IK** | Inayat Khan | Book Club |
| **IH** | Imogen Horn | Athena SWAN / Netball |
| **LW** | Lucrece Wasolua | Tooting Show |
| **JM** | Jan Mukiibi | ACS |

**MINUTES** from the previous meeting were PASSED

**AGENDA POINTS**

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| Representation Officer Report (GB/SS) | SS gave a verbal summary of the written report.  **PASSED** by simple majority |
| Pride Constitutional Change (JCD) | POSTPONED to next council as no one present to explain rationale behind changes. |
| Constitutional Change (NMer) | IB explained the proposed changes to the constitution regarding the subcommittees of the Board of Trustees.  SK I propose we accept the constitutional change to the subcommittees of the Board of Trustees.  Seconded by SS  Accept: 8  Reject: 0  Abstain: 0  **PASSED** by simple majority. |
| RAG Room Access (FH) | Due to the start of the work on the bar, the RAG room will not be accessible after Friday 7th July so please make sure if you need to get anything from there you do so this week. |
| New committee email access (FH) | For new committees if you need email access please email [secretary@su.sgul.ac.uk](mailto:secretary@su.sgul.ac.uk) with the m numbers who need access, and please do the same for website access to [sucommunications@sgul.ac.uk](mailto:sucommunications@sgul.ac.uk) |

**AOB**

1. *Why live streaming is better than students accessing the recording a short time later once it has been uploaded to the VLE?*

🡪 People who have paid a lot of money don’t have to come into university. Adult learning, I paid a lot of money should be able to learn how I want

🡪 Sometimes wake up too late and would not be able to make it into university but would be able to learn at the right time

🡪 Wouldn’t be able to send questions in

1. *The students views on lecture attendance-.  If there is a small turn-out arguably the experience is not as good for either staff or students - it changes the dynamic and staff wonder why they turned up instead of just uploading the lecture to the VLE and asking students to watch themselves.*

🡪 Disheartening as a lecturer for there to only be a tiny number of people there and that happens already. Maybe need to change the way they give the lectures and that might be the issue.

🡪 Agree but also I don’t learn personally form sitting in lectures as can’t take breaks etc and if you miss something then its gone. Doing work in own time works best for me.

🡪 if it’s a lecture they don’t think everyone will turn up to, do in between 2 important pones to catch people. Think its disheartening but at the same tie unfair to be disheartened for the people who did turn up ad want to be there and it is their job at the end of the day

🡪 increasing the level of interaction with students would find that some lectures who are great eg Albert people still turn up because he’s a great teacher and learn lots form being in the lectures so changing teaching styles people may come more.

🡪 element of some of the best lectures are the smaller ones which are less well attended as have 20 or 30 people and sometimes this is better for the lecturers to get the interaction going whereas if there’s 100 people in Monkton.

🡪 in real life you have to turn up to things anyway so may as well start now by going to lectures.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

1st August 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**

* Contacted T-year Year Reps regarding our Action Point on improving personal tutor system. Have been sent poll details and minutes from MBBS Personal Tutor lead meeting. Paul Holmes will be making a survey for MBBS (and maybe all other subjects) to check on how they feel PT system is doing and what needs improving. Any details of the survey will be passed to MBBS5 T-Year Reps who will pass it onto us once they receive more info.
* Took minutes for Fran at last Council/Steering group
* Attended AGM and our report was passed
* Attended meetings with Tanisha and Sarah Lasoye about the issues that arose at AGM about the liberation officer role and subsequently the other roles too.
* Liaised with Tanisha to sort out the senate social payments
* Speaking to people about/explaining the Liberation Officer role
* Talking to people about available Year Rep and Exec positions and answering questions/ promotion
* Sorting out PAF – Saad Zangie said he wouldn’t minds taking over it temporarily until a new committee is formed
* Helping people with the BMS module/ project choices issues
* Explained transfer to people and chased up application release day for those who enquired.
* Helping people with module and research project allocations
* Had a discussion with Dr Shiels about promotion and information regarding Pathology Museum
* We have been drafting a document for the liberation officer roles and have been going through minutes of previous exec meetings, steering groups and AGM to produce Liberation Officer report which we have forwarded to Tanisha.
* Followed up on the emails from SPACE.
* Spoke to Sarah Lasoye and a number of other people who expressed concern about the Liberation Officer roles. We also spoke with them about the events that occurred after AGM. Had a number of meetings about the concerns that people had after AGM.
* Asked Year reps to promote elections and voting on their cohort pages. Also posted and promoted ourselves.
* Writing our handover document and talking to people who will potentially run

**Summary from (last council meeting was on 9th of May):**

**Exec 13th June**

* Finalisation of the Rob Lowe Deal (Still a few details to iron out)
* Continued work for the redevelopment of the Students’ Union space
* Tanisha and I met with our students’ in the University of Nicosia! (First connection in SGSU history!)
* Events officers made an SGSU Events Snapchat and started adding people
* Comms officers have *continued work for the new app so it can be up and running in time for freshers*
* Officers have been speaking to people that have shown interest in their respective roles

**Exec** **27th June**

* Organised an open meeting around the MFQC room
* Handover to new exec officers

**Societies presented**

Palestinian Society PASSED

Sports and Exercise Medicine PASSED

St George’s Athletics Club PASSED

Endo Society PASSED

**Senate Summary June**

* Year reps are continuing to record lectures on panopto
* HCS Y1 are concerned about placement finishing only one week before exams and were wondering if dates could be changed for student next year when they come to sit exams
* MBBS4 Y1 reps had weekly meetings with INTO staff (Dr Robert Nagaj, Dr Baboonian) about the termination of the INTO programme.

The following societies were passed: Palestinian Society, Athletics Society, SEMS

**AGM**

We had AGM where Exec Officers and Year Reps gave reports. Constitutional changes to Exec roles were passes. Society Budgets, refurbishment plans, Rob Lowe, Liberation Officers were also discussed.

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

Finalise handover