**MEETING OF SGSU COUNCIL - MINUTES**

**25th October 2016**

**6pm - LTA**

**APOLOGIES**

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| Mixed Hockey | Revue |
| STAR | Sikh Society |
| Hiking and Walking Society | The Dragon Magazine |
| Wu Shu Kwan | Student Minds |
| Bake Soc | Diwali Show |
| DAPS Vision | Medsin |
| Radiology Society | Saving Londoners Lives |
| Cycling and Triathlon | Men’s Basketball |
| Climbing | Mindfulness |
| CARS | Cardiology |
| Teddy Bear Hospital | Tennis Club |

**PRESENT**

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| Cassie McDonald – Musical | Cameron Barclay – Gin Soc |
| Ruth Varney – Genetics Society | Sarah Hill – TAD Soc |
| Albert Mensah – FAT Soc | Mohammad Turki – Arab Soc |
| Aasim Murtaza – Ops in Surgery | Arabella Watkins – MMAL |
| Lucy Chapman – Campaigns Officer | Beth Agnew – Campaigns Officer |
| Emily Heenan – Dance Society | Alia Nasir-Gonzalez – Marrow |
| Dilini Senevirathe – SKIP | Gabriela Barzyk – Rep Officer |
| Sunil Singh – AIDS Orphan | Inayat Khan – Book Club |
| Azeem Hussain – AppSoft Soc | Craig Brooks – Boat Club |
| Will Morrell – Jewish Society | Jonathan Khadine – Music Society |
| Anna Kolodziejczyk – Mod Lang Soc | Roop Gill – SGSU Radio |
| Kate Jones – Sexpression | Kamran Basharat – Amnesty |
| Rozine Choudhury – Amnesty | Yugisha Gurung – ABACUS |
| James Watson – PAF | Therese Andeha – Mod Lang Soc |
| Sahan Samaraweera – SriLankanSoc | Jean Cleade Doukrou – IfemSoc |
| Tatenda Gochera – ACS | Rebecca Anim-Boadu – Paeds Soc |
| Eyal Ben-David – Karate | Naomi Melamed – Netball |
| Lorna Chapman – Tooting Show | Brad Ross – LINKS |
| Rowan Barnett – LGBT PRIDE | Matthew Northwood – LGBT PRIDE |
| Clara Salice – Athena SWAN | Kalvind Vadi – Marrow |
| Sam Baldwin – Fencing | Siobhan Austin – Pre-Hospital Care |
| Hajra Mubash – Photography Soc | Francesca Harris – General Secretary |
| Michael Lee – chair | Tanisha Amin – VP E+W |
| Ishaan Bhide – VP F+SA |  |

**MINUTES from the previous meeting were AGREED**

**AGENDA POINTS**

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| Representation Officer report (**Gabriela Barzyk and Sunil Singh**) | (see written report below) Gabriela Barzyk and Sunil Singh gave a verbal summary of the report. | PASSED |
| Name change proposal – **Arabella Watkins (SGUL MMAL)** | We are proposing a name change to St George's Innovations, Management and Entrepreneurship Society (SGUL IME). We feel this would allow us to incorporate a broader range of events and topics. We also wanted to get rid of ‘medical’ in the name as we thought it made it less welcoming to other courses.  Name change proposed by Arabella Watkins, seconded by Ruth Varney | Accept:32  Reject: 0  Abstain: 0  PASSED |
| Constitutional change – **Boat Club** | Our constitution currently say to be elected as VP you have to have been captain, but this is limiting to who can run. We would like to change this so that you just need to be recommended by two previous captains. This means experience is still needed but it makes it easier for different people to run.  We would also like to add two new roles: coxes captain and sponsorship + alumni.  Constitutional changes proposed by Craig Brookes, seconded by Will Morrell | Accept:32  Reject 0  Abstain: 0  PASSED |
| Performance Society Officer – **Sagar Sharma** | Sagar Sharma not present to explain idea so postponed for the next meeting. |  |
| Radio society constitutional change – **Ben Sayer** | We would like to change what our constitution says about how we broadcast. Currently it says we wont broadcast, but we intend to start doing so, so in order to this we need to amend the clause. Safeguarding, censorship and licensing are things we will look into after the constitution has been altered.  Consitutional change proposed by Roop Gill, seconded by Sarah Hill. | Accept:32  Reject:0  Abstain:0  PASSED |
| IDs for obstetric referrals and impact on migrant women – **James Watson** | At St George’s Hospital there is a campaign against a proposed pilot project in the obstetrics compartment. They want to make it compulsory that a woman shows ID and proof of address in being transferred to the department. It is all part of trying to prevent undocumented migrants using free NHS care. It isn’t legal to prevent women from accessing these services if they can’t pay, they just have to pay later on. This will prevent women getting help as they will know they will be referred to the home office. This is a real humanitarian issue and a lot of women will fall through the net with this. It is about raising revenue for St George’s but the people we are talking about wont be able to pay for these services, so the only way it will raise revenue is by stopping these people presenting. This is a political act to make NHS more hostile to immigrants. There is a big campaign against it which is building up momentum, I have leaflets which have a link to petition which can be signed by anyone who wants to. Please do get in contact with PAF if you want to be part of fighting back against this issue. |  |
| Changes to Athena SWAN constitution – **Clara Salice** | We would like to propose to expand our committee from 4 people to 6 people. Last year was first year of the society so it was a small committee, but now we have become bigger so would like the help from 2 more people and we have had a lot of interest. We have added publicity officer and events coordinator to help us run this year with a bigger goal than last year.  Constitutional change proposed by Clara Salice, seconded by Sarah Hill. | Accept:32  Reject: 0  Abstain: 0  PASSED |
| St George’s constitutional policies in relation to sexual harassment and assault – **Sarah Lasoye, IFemSoc** | Question to VP Education & Welfare and all Exec: does George's currently have constitutional policies in place in relation to dealing with sexual harassment and assault? does it include accountability and support of/to both students and staff (lecturers)? Is it explicitly a zero-tolerance policy? If not, why not? UUK have recently set new recommendations for universities to adopt a zero-tolerance approach and prioritise survivor care within HE institutions, making it an apt time to review George's policies and reflect on general attitudes to sexual harassment and assault.  SGUL have a zero tolerance policy which covers all students, so this is within the SU also. This year we are working with the campaigns offers and hopefully the new NUS women’s role to make more movement on this issue. The campaigns officers went to a conference on Friday and attended a workshop on consent and sexual harassment which we have a lot of ideas which we will be implementing soon. You can also get in contact with the E+D officers or representation officers who will be holding a steering group soon, and you would be welcome to attend this if you think there is an issue! |  |

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| **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. This is a relatively new role, which aims to inform you of all the events taking place throughout the year. To achieve this, we’ll be helping our wonderful Year Reps. As Representation Officers, we will attend Council, Senate and Executive meetings and share important information between the different teams. We love to chat and keep you updated so you can contact us anytime. |
| **What have we done since the last meeting**   * Steering groups- LBTQ+, faith, disability, SPA and multicultural groups: currently sorting out meeting date with E&D, likely to be towards end of November. Please contact us at [representation@su.sgul.ac.uk](mailto:representation@su.sgul.ac.uk) in case you haven’t heard from us (mailing list was not up to date so we are still trying to chase up everyone) email if you’d like to be involved * Working with SPACE and course coordinators to come up with a coherent list of off-site breastfeeding facilities that can be distributed to relevant students * Promoting elections   **From Exec**   * Blue mini bus has gone for repairs again * VP Finance sending confirmation emails regarding outcome of societies finance committee regarding budget appeals * Treasurers to try and use online system for any Meet and Greet payments etc. * All clubs and societies to look at finance from last year (by Friday 21st Oct- if problems contact VP Finance) * Societies email accounts have been set up- contact Societies Officers if any problems * Email constitution/handovers to Societies Officers as they are trying to implement online system * **Societies presented: -**GinSoc **approved -**Clinical &academic research Soc **approved**   **-**ABSoc: Tanisha will be meeting with ABSoc and ISoc to discuss representation in ISoc.  **-**AppSoft Soc- **approved**   * University challenge auditions on 7th November * Rob Lowe timetable uploaded to SU website * Rob Lowe timetable confusion discussed with team captains * Rob Lowe store room was tidied   **From Senate**   * Year Reps will be taught how to use Pinopto, (lecture recording, capture slides); not yet agreed for videoing (only audio); live streaming/ you can watch but not download * Canvas is going to replace Moodle- firstly a trial on BMS cohort next year, then might be rolled to everyone. |
| **What have you got coming up in the next two weeks**  Promoting Elections  Continue working on steering groups |

**AOB**

**Roombooking Clashes – Cassie Mcdonald**

Francesca Harris explained why there were issues with room bookings up until now, and what has been done to resolve this. Any societies affected will have been emailed with their altered bookings already.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 22nd November 2016