

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Students' Union Council Meeting (SUC) of the 2019/20 Academic Year  
 Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020, 5 pm  
 Cedar 105, Froebel College**

**S U M M A R Y O F T H E M I N U T E S**

<b>Items for Discussion</b>	
<b>Item 6: Postgraduate Funding Proposal</b>	<p>The Postgraduate Officer raised the need for a scheme to assist current and future postgraduate students with their on-campus living costs. Issues were raised by other officers about the lack of support that this would mean for off-campus students. The Sabbatical Officers are unsure that, Roehampton being a relatively small institution, this initiative could be successful.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> VP Community &amp; Wellbeing to have a conversation with the University regarding this matter.</p>
<b>Item 7: Free Cash Machine in Froebel Diner</b>	<p>The Postgraduate Officer pointed out that two years ago the cash machine in the canteen was free, now students have to pay 99p every time they want to withdraw money. Sabbatical Officers think the situation is unlikely to change because of the contractual obligations between the university and the bank; however, the advertisement of it as a 'Free Cash Machine' can be raised.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> RSU President to send an email to Elior regarding the cash machine.</p>
<b>Item 8: Mental Health Training</b>	<p>The Interfaith Officer raised a perceived lack of security staff and wardens' mental health awareness. Though recognising the hard work of security staff, which are often short-staffed and stretched with time, all officers agreed it would be extremely beneficial for all university staff to be trained in Mental Health First Aid and to follow up after incidents.</p>

	<p><b>ACTION:</b> VP Community &amp; Welfare to have a conversation with the University about MHFA.</p>
<p><b>Item 9: Elior Engagement</b></p>	<p>The students feel as though the managerial level of staff are not fostering relationships and there is a lack of interest in starting events for students. Additionally, the bar staff signed a deal to up their wage, but as a result the management cut the working hours for student staff. The absence of an Elior representative at the meeting has been pointed out, so in order to have a fair discussion the board felt it was best to invite one, in addition to students directly affected by this, to a following SUC and get both perspectives.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> VP Community &amp; Welfare to arrange a meeting with Elior staff and students affected to discuss options going forward.</p>
<p><b>Item 10 and 11: Student Senate Budget &amp; RSU President's Budget</b></p>	<p>The RSU President asked the officers to gather students' perspective on how to spend £50,000 of Student Senate Budget, and £3,300 left in the President's budget. Regarding the latter, there is already the proposal of a student hub around the SU in the courtyard and the Union bar. The University have also pledged £7,000 to aid this and we are asking Elior to contribute £3,000 but this has not been agreed yet.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Council members to send ideas through for the Student Senate budget and RSU President to update on a response from Elior.</p>
<p><b>Item 12: UCU Strikes</b></p>	<p>Upcoming UCU Strikes: Roehampton is involved in the dispute regarding gender pay gaps, equality, workloads and casualisation. Though the council voted to support the strikes during SUC II, the officers think that this time the impact on students will be too severe and therefore voted in favour of the RSU not supporting them.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> All officers to think about and send through suggestions on how to support students during the strikes.</p>