

ROEHAMPTON STUDENTS' UNION STUDENTS' UNION COUNCIL

The 6th Students' Union Council Meeting (SUC) of the 2019/20 Academic Year
Tuesday 24th March 2020, 5 pm
Conducted via telematic conference on Zoom

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A G E N D A

1. **Welcome to the 6th 2019/2020 meeting of SUC** [Greta Zaltieri – SUC Chair]
2. **Record of virtual attendance** [Greta Zaltieri – SUC Chair, Johanna Korhonen – Student Voice Coordinator, Kate Griffiths – Minuting Officer]
3. **Rules of the chatroom** [Greta Zaltieri – SUC Chair]
4. **Recap on Minutes from Previous Meeting & Matters Arising** [Greta Zaltieri – SUC Chair]¹
5. **Officers' Updates** [Sabbatical & Part-Time RSU Officers]²
6. **COVID-19 Updates** [Mark Gillespie, RSU CEO]
7. **Prayer Room and Facilities** [Roehampton Islamic Society]
8. **Any Other Business**

Next SUC Meeting: Tuesday 28th April, 5pm, conducted via telematic conference on Zoom

¹ Please note that this meeting will be a work in progress. Minutes from SUC V, Matters Arising, Officers Updates and any other relevant papers will be sent in advance. The discussion will focus mainly on which items will have to pause and which ones can be re-configured to work remotely.

² Written updates will be taken as read, Officers will have an opportunity to raise new updates and/or concerns and/or future plans.

ATTENDANCE

CHAIR: Greta Zaltieri

MINUTING SECRETARY: Kate Griffiths

IN ATTENDANCE:

Dan O'Donoghue (RSU President)

George Walker (VP Community and Welfare)

Levi Mbiya (VP Education)

Farrah Black (Gender Equality Officer)

Jude Stellato (Trans Students' Officer)

Fabian Jasonson (Froebel College Deputy President)

Sierra Kamara (BAME Students' Officer)

Ethan Thubron (Male Sport President)

Danielle Chegwidden (Female Sport President)

Laoise Holohan (Environment and Sustainability Officer)

Nicolo Sodaro (Postgraduate Students' Officer)

Katie Nguyen (Whitelands College President)

Stephanie Rosenje (Female Interfaith Officer)

Sophie Harris (Mature Students' Officer)

Josh Sadler (Students with Disabilities Officer)

Annabel Black (LGBTQ+ Officer)

Sophie Harris (Mature Students Officer)

Dre Mbwese (Froebel College President)

Luke Coffey (International Students' Officer)

Ellie Hall (Digby Stuart Deputy President)

Samir Abubakar (Whitelands Deputy President)

ABSENCES:

Jake White (Mount Clare Site Rep)

Shez Khan (Southlands College Deputy President)

Minaal Ali (Southlands College President)

Stephanie Rosenje (Inter-Faith Officer – Female)

Jacob Aledi (Inter-Faith Officer – Male)

Olivia Jayeola (Mental Health Officer)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Johanna Korhonen – Student Voice Coordinator

Vittoria Butti – Student

Billy Church – Student

Orla O'Flynn – Student

Mohamed Osman – Student

Sana Siddique – Student

Abdulkadir – Student

Iadanibrahim – Student

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES

Items for Discussion	
Item 6: COVID-19 Updates	<p>The board discussed the current situation of lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Elections are on pause until further notice; -No medical documentation will be requested in order to be granted Mitigating Circumstances; -The RSU has launched a Live Chat and the RSU@Home programme, including movie screenings, an online book club, healthy recipes, workouts, etc; -Questions regarding exams, work placements, and accessibility will be raised with Senior Management. <p>ACTION: PTOs to continue to collect and provide feedback, Sabbs to bring urgent matters to the University and report back at next SUC.</p>
Item 7: Islamic Prayer Room and Facilities	<p>Members of the Islamic Society and the Whitelands College President have raised the issue of Islamic prayer rooms and facilities being inadequate to accommodate the many Muslim students on campus, resulting also in health and safety hazards. Due to the current pandemic, little can be done at the moment – but all officers agreed for the need of a bigger, permanent prayer room and voted in favour of this idea.</p> <p>ACTION: This idea will stay on Matters Arising for future SUC meetings and sabbatical officers will be providing updates.</p>

FULL MINUTES OF THE MEETING

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome • Confirmation of Quoracy • Request for Any Other Business • Minutes from the Previous Meeting
<p>Greta Zaltieri (SUC Chair) noted:</p>	<p>Welcome, Attendance & Apologies:</p> <p>Welcome to the sixth SUC meeting of the academic year 2019/20, via Zoom.</p> <p>We are here to hold the monthly Students' Union Council meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Officer updates and Students' Union matters, and today we have a range of items for information and discussion, including a number of items brought forward by SUC members. This meeting will be held online via Zoom due to the Pandemic and in line with Government Regulations to stay at home. We have worked hard in order to ensure the continuity of student voice and of your roles as Students' Representatives, but please remember that today will be a work in progress.</p> <p>Greta then directed Council Members to the "Rules of the Chatroom" document that was sent out in light of the current situation and explained the "raise hand" function as well as the fact the meeting is not locked, so members can still join, even after the meeting has started.</p> <p>Absences:</p> <p>Jake White (Mount Clare Site Rep) Shez Khan (Southlands College Deputy President) Minaal Ali (Southlands College President) Stephanie Rosenje (Inter-Faith Officer – Female) Jacob Afeidi (Inter-Faith Officer – Male) Olivia Jayeola (Mental Health Officer)</p>

<p>Greta Zaltieri (SUC Chair) noted:</p>	<p>Quoracy:</p> <p>We need over half of the members to be in attendance to make any decisions or vote, this is 13 PTOs with the current membership of 27 elected Part Time Officers. We have 18 Part Time Officers in attendance, meaning we are quorate for voting.</p>
<p>Greta Zaltieri (SUC Chair) noted:</p>	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting</p> <p>We have circulated the minutes from the previous meeting and have not received any corrections.</p> <p>SUC Members did not have any further corrections to the minutes.</p>
<p>Greta Zaltieri (SUC Chair) noted:</p>	<p>Matters Arising from the previous meeting</p> <p>The matters arising can be seen in the attached table.</p>

<p>MATTERS ARISING</p>	
<p><u>Agenda Item 14:</u></p> <p>“Breaking Taboos” Campaign</p>	<p>Update: Due to the current situation this campaign is on hold.</p> <p>IN PROCESS</p>
<p><u>Agenda Item 15:</u></p> <p>Lobby for Climate Change Emergency</p>	<p>Update: The University is in the process of forming new enabling strategies and one of these is the sustainability strategy. Dan O’Donoghue is having conversations with the University and the Amnesty International Society about this but it is on hold due to the current situation of covid 19 pandemic.</p> <p>IN PROCESS</p>

<p><u>Agenda Item 17 (AOB):</u></p> <p>On Campus Sports Facilities</p>	<p>Update: George Walker, Levi Mbiya and Sport Presidents have had a conversation with Sport Roehampton to explore options for sport facilities.</p> <p>David Lloyd and another company have expressed interest in buying the sports facility so it depends who we prefer. A decision will be made in April/May.</p> <p>IN PROCESS</p>
<p><u>Agenda Item 8:</u></p> <p>Gender Gap in Security Staff</p>	<p>Update: There is now a Mental Health First Aider in post and training will be open to all staff in the next couple of weeks. This course is normally £300 but will be free to staff and students, and Dan will raise the suggestion that security staff will take it.</p> <p>Security are aware of the male dominated field and will push for more female recruitment in the future.</p> <p>Farrah Black reported that there has been an increase of female security staff.</p> <p>IN PROCESS</p>
<p><u>Agenda Item 9:</u></p> <p>Registering Preferred name for Trans Students</p>	<p>Update: We will continue to provide ongoing updates with this agenda item.</p> <p>IN PROCESS</p>
<p><u>Agenda Item 10:</u></p> <p>Reward of RSU Event Tickets for Flat Reps</p>	<p>Update: George Walker is meeting with the CLDO's so a report will be given during the next SUC meeting.</p> <p>IN PROCESS</p>
<p><u>Agenda Item 13:</u></p>	<p>Update: Johanna Korhonen would like to receive feedback from SUC members on how to most effectively inform students about the fact that Part Time officers are in their role part time and what their role entails.</p>

<p>Part-Time Officers Well Being</p>	<p>Based on feedback, Elections workshops have been arranged and there is more focus on wellbeing throughout the elections process.</p> <p>IN PROCESS</p>
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<p>• Reminder of the SUC Guidelines</p>	
<p>Greta Zaltieri (SUC Chair) noted: Attached</p>	<p>SUC Guidelines:</p> <p>Please remember to follow these ground rules for the Students' Union Council meetings. To emphasise, members are kindly asked to turn on their audio and video settings and to bear with us as we learn to run SUC virtually.</p>

<p>ITEMS FOR INFORMATION</p>	
<p>Agenda Item 5: <u>Sabb Updates</u></p>	
<p>George Walker (VP Community and Welfare) noted:</p>	<p>Everything is currently on hold and the RSU is now operating remotely. We have set up a link on our website to RSU@Home, where our team is providing engaging content as well as support to those students who need it.</p>
<p>Sophie Harris (Mature Students' Officer) noted:</p>	<p>What will happen to third years regarding graduation? How will the RSU be supporting them?</p>
<p>George Walker (VP Community and Welfare) noted:</p>	<p>Please ask these questions as we can then take them to Senior Management and update them on student concerns.</p>

<p>Levi Mbiya (VP Education) noted:</p>	<p>The Graduation Cost Bursary initiative is over the line so this will go ahead and students can now apply for it. Levi is also working on guidance and support for students during this time.</p>
<p>Dan O'Donoghue (RSU President) noted:</p>	<p>The climate change emergency idea is on hold, so apologies for this. Dan is still attending Council and Senate and is working towards gaining answers for all the student questions being asked.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 6: <u>Officer Updates</u></p>	
<p>Danielle Chegwidan (Female Sports President) noted:</p>	<p>Concentrating on staying active and looking after mental health. Planning activities specifically for third years so they do not feel robbed of their final year. Producing online classes.</p>
<p>Fabian Jasonson (Froebel College Deputy President) noted:</p>	<p>Just prioritising helping those on campus with safeguarding issues.</p>
<p>Laoise Holohan (Environment and Sustainability Officer) noted:</p>	<p>Our local MP had agreed to come in and speak to students regarding Amnesty but this is now not happening, so Laoise is in conversation with Carella regarding keeping fundraising societies going during this time.</p>
<p>Sophie Harris (Mature Students' Officer) noted:</p>	<p>Still in contact with Mature students, especially those who are International students as well.</p>

<p>Annabel Black (LGBTQ+ Officer) noted:</p>	<p>Pride week is now carried over to next year. Annabel is also dealing with concerns around isolation as well as not being in the mindset to concentrate on work.</p>
<p>Josh Sadler (Students with Disabilities Officer) noted:</p>	<p>This is currently a challenging time for students under Josh's remit and he is in talks with the Disabilities team this week in terms of support. He is still looking to complete his video campaign and is planning to achieve this remotely. If anyone has dealt with the Disabilities service previously, then send Josh a video on the positives of this service.</p>
<p>Farrah Black (Gender Equality Officer) noted:</p>	<p>Third year Drama and Dance students have been hit really hard as a result of this pandemic, however, Farrah is pleased that the Women's Conference went really well and she is looking to stream some Drag Race content via Zoom in the coming weeks.</p>
<p>Katie Nguyen (Whitelands College President) noted:</p>	<p>The University have confirmed that they are granting bursaries to Refugees and Asylum Seekers, so this is a massive achievement.</p>
<p>Ethan Thubron (Male Sports President) noted:</p>	<p>The "We are Inclusive" campaign that was planned has now been postponed and Ethan is currently concentrating on content for keeping fit at home.</p>
<p>Ellie Hall (Digby Stuart Deputy President) noted:</p>	<p>Concentrating on keeping students positive.</p>
<p>Sierra Kamara (BAME Officer) noted:</p>	<p>Events that have been planned are now unlikely to happen, however, the events that have gone ahead, such as the consent training and the Women's Conference have been great.</p>

<p>Jude Stellato (Trans Students Officer) noted:</p>	<p>Academic support is essential at a time like this as motivation to study is lacking. Isolation is not helpful for all and we need more departmental support.</p>
<p>Luke Coffey (International Students Officer) noted:</p>	<p>Written a blog for RSU Fresh Media and there is a link on the International Students Facebook page. Been in touch with Jackie Christopher regarding this blog as well as the website to get her input.</p>
<p>Samir Abubakar (Whitelands Deputy College President) noted:</p>	<p>Wants to promote a community feel on Whitelands with a working title of "Under Your Umbrella".</p>
<p>Dre Mbwese (Froebel College President) noted:</p>	<p>Helping International students move out, which has been stressful as they try and get home before we go into total lockdown. He also wants to let people know that he is still on campus should anyone need him.</p>
<p>Nicolo Sodaro (Postgraduates Students Officer) noted:</p>	<p>Everything is postponed.</p>

<p>Agenda Item 7: <u>Covid - 19</u></p>	
<p>Johanna Korhonen (Student Voice Coordinator) noted:</p>	<p>Elections are on pause until further notice. If the situation continues, then we will discuss the different options. We will update as soon as possible.</p>
<p>George Walker (VP Community and Welfare) noted:</p>	<p>Spoke to Mark Gillespie regarding the uncertainty at the moment and he suggested Council Members ask their cohort of students what their pressing issues are at the moment so these can be taken to Senior Management.</p>

<p>Levi Mbiya (VP Education) noted:</p>	<p>To give context, we are currently receiving messages surrounding on campus accommodation and possible refunds for this, as well as assurances to students regarding assessments and what this means going forward. In terms of mitigating circumstances regarding Covid-19, no medical documentation will be requested if you have been suffering symptoms of this that have affected your studies. Levi has also asked Senior Management for third years to get an extension on their dissertation and is working on the most favourable outcome. Just to inform students that blanket extensions across the board do not tend to happen but we will discuss this further with Senior Management.</p>
<p>Sierra Kamara (BAME Officer) noted:</p>	<p>What benefits can students get if they are still on campus? This is in relation to Mental Health and services on campus.</p>
<p>Levi Mbiya (VP Education) noted:</p>	<p>It is difficult as most services have been moved to remote working in line with Government guidelines, but they are still operating a 9am to 5pm service and emails are still monitored.</p>
<p>Josh Sadler (Students With Disabilities Officer) noted:</p>	<p>Will this extension apply to Master's and Post Graduate students too?</p>
<p>Levi Mbiya (VP Education) noted:</p>	<p>We do not know definitively yet, but we will extend the question to senior management regarding final year research students.</p>
<p>Sophie Harris (Mature Students' Officer) noted:</p>	<p>We have currently had no content on a module that is weighted at 70% of the total assessment value. What will happen in this situation?</p>

<p>George Walker (VP Community and Welfare) noted:</p>	<p>Email us with the department and module convenor and we will take this question away to Stephen Driver.</p>
<p>Annabel Black (LGBTQ+ Officer) noted:</p>	<p>We do not necessarily need more time – we are so far away from University that we no longer feel part of it. We could do with video announcements and a social media presence as friendly faces make all the difference.</p>
<p>Greta Zaltieri (SUC Chair) noted:</p>	<p>Could we have an update regarding the planned activities from the RSU? For the officers' and students' knowledge, all the information can be found on the Student Union Website under the RSU@Home tab, but it would be great to hear a summary.</p>
<p>Levi Mbiya (VP Education) noted:</p>	<p>To give Council Members an update of the current activities, we have movie screenings (<i>La La Land</i> tonight) as well as an online book club, healthy recipes, workouts and other support options.</p>
<p>Dan O'Donoghue (RSU President) noted:</p>	<p>Would also like to point those gathered to the University YouTube channel, where the vice-chancellor has been posting video updates on the current situation.</p>
<p>George Walker (VP Community and Welfare) noted:</p>	<p>There is also a Live Chat function on the website, which will operate Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, so we would encourage you to use this function.</p>
<p>Laoise Holohan (Environment and Sustainability Officer) noted:</p>	<p>Thank you to the Sabbs for everything they have done so far. Would they be able to advise on rent relief for off campus students?</p>
<p>Levi Mbiya (VP Education) noted:</p>	<p>This is another good point that we will take to the University.</p>
<p>Dre Mbwese (Froebel College President)</p>	<p>What happens regarding exams? As a Sport Science student, there is data we need for our final assessments</p>

noted:	that we now cannot collect and therefore our dissertations will be incomplete.
Levi Mbiya (VP Education) noted:	We will take this up and will drop you an email.
George Walker (VP Community and Welfare) noted:	If we cannot answer immediately then we will provide a timeline of when we expect to have this answer.
Greta Zaltieri (SUC Chair) noted:	Regarding the RSU@Home initiatives, when planning please consider the accessibility of the activities the RSU offers: for example, people may not have access to certain subscription-based programs (e.g. Netflix).
Farrah Black (Gender Equality Officer) noted:	There are some courses that cannot be done online; one module for the Drama course is a work placement and students have been told nothing in regard to how this is going to work now.
Levi Mbiya (VP Education) noted:	Again, this is a very valid question that we will ask to senior management. There is also departmental guidance given to students about how to proceed so this is worth reading.
Nicolo Sodaro (Post Graduate Students' Officer) noted:	Would Post Grad students get partial refunds for this term? Is there going to be support if students have lost their jobs?
Levi Mbiya (VP Education) noted:	The first thing to do is to put in a complaint via the usual channels.
Jude Stellato (Trans' Students' Officer) noted:	Some people might not have internet or a laptop etc so this will not only affect studying but will also affect socialising too. Originally was told not to lodge a complaint until after the strike but then the complaint deadline elapsed so what do we do now?
Levi Mbiya (VP Education) noted:	Will be having a laptop and accessibility meeting soon, so will report back on this.
George Walker (VP Community and Welfare) noted:	Has seen a lot of questions relating to full refunds for this term, however, we have to look at the bigger picture as Roehampton is a small University, and refunds could result in resource and staffing cuts. However, do feel free to suggest things that we could be doing better.

<p>Farrah Black (Gender Equality Officer) noted:</p>	<p>The University employs students who are now out of work due to Covid-19; will the University be responsible for supporting them financially as they are technically staff?</p>
<p>George Walker (VP Community and Welfare) noted:</p>	<p>We will certainly ask that question. Students are also eligible to apply for the hardship fund as another route you could explore.</p>

<p>Agenda Item 8: <u>Idea Passed – Prayer Rooms on Whitelands</u></p>	
<p>Mohamed Osman (Student from Islamic Society) presented:</p>	<p>The Prayer Rooms on campus are inadequate; they are crowded as a result of being too small and there is no segregation for the brothers and sisters.</p>
<p>Abdulkadir (Student from Islamic Society) presented:</p>	<p>This is an ongoing concern and issue. Other Unis that we have visited have larger prayer rooms and we are stuck with inadequate space on Whitelands resulting in queues outside and students not being able to pray on time.</p>
<p>Sana Siddique (Student from Islamic Society) noted:</p>	<p>This subject was brought up in a Programme Board meeting and the room above Manresa Hall could be used as a possible solution.</p>
<p>Ayaan (Student from Islamic Society) noted:</p>	<p>Sisters are getting pushed back and are having to wait.</p>
<p>Mohamed Osman (Student from Islamic Society) noted:</p>	<p>There are also health concerns regarding students that are disabled or suffering from cerebral palsy as they have great difficulty navigating the rooms and they are often inaccessible. Every year we have more students and it will just keep getting worse. Please take this seriously.</p>

<p>Greta Zaltieri (SUC Chair) noted:</p>	<p>Thank you for bringing this to SUC and we will now be able to take this to the higher levels of management where it will be address properly.</p>
<p>Katie Nguyen (Whitelands College President) noted:</p>	<p>Took the VC to the prayer rooms after hours and he could see that the separation between the sisters and brothers is unacceptable.</p>
<p>Abdulkadir (Student from Islamic Society) noted:</p>	<p>If allowed, a portacabin could be a good temporary solution to this issue. Wants to thank Katie for bringing it to the attention of Senior Management and the Student Union Council.</p>
<p>Greta Zaltieri (SUC Chair) noted:</p>	<p>Thank you to those who have given up their time to talk to the Council about this and thank you Katie for bringing it to Student Senate and SUC. We are now accountable to find a solution for this as it was passed on the Ideas page.</p>
<p>George Walker (VP Community and Welfare) noted:</p>	<p>25% of the current student population are Muslim, so we know there is the demand for the prayer rooms there.</p>
<p>Katie Nguyen (Whitelands College President) noted:</p>	<p>We will still need to be accountable for this into the next academic year so we need to keep it on the regular agenda and have updates every meeting.</p>
<p>Greta Zaltieri (SUC Chair) noted:</p>	<p>We can add this to the matters arising section and although this is not a solution effective instantly, it means that we are duty bound to follow this up.</p> <p>According to the by-laws, we have to vote to support or reject the idea to keep this item as a regular update on the matters arising agenda.</p>

<p>VOTE</p> <p>Council Members were asked to vote to approve or dismiss this idea</p>	<p>IDEA APPROVED</p> <p>All officers voted in favour of approving the idea of better prayer room facilities on Whitelands. There were no votes against and no abstentions.</p> <p>This idea will stay on matters arising for future SUC meetings and sabbatical officers will be providing updates.</p>
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Item 9: Sport Roehampton Update

<p>Danielle Chegwidden (Female Sports President) noted:</p>	<p>There is ongoing support for sports teams as well a committee election and some form of Sports Awards. They are also putting out content for looking after your mental and physical health.</p> <p>The gym on campus is now closed, but there will be Zoom sessions available for members who still want to participate in classes as well as access to the Les Mills on demand virtual classes.</p> <p>BUCS Wednesday will still be happening but instead of fixtures, it will take the form of fitness classes.</p> <p>There will be live Q&A's with gym staff for all your fitness related questions as well as live conferences with the committee team.</p> <p>Basically we are just making sure students are staying active. Be interested to find out what students want from Sport Roehampton at this time. Message Danielle if you have any questions/feedback.</p>
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Item 10: NUS National Conference	
George Walker (VP Community and Welfare) noted:	An online version of the National Conference is scheduled to happen and both Farrah Black and Fabian Jasonson have been elected to attend this. We are also after two more people to attend, one of whom has to be female, so if anyone wants to put themselves forward for this then please get in touch with George.
Johanna Korhonen (Student Voice Coordinator) noted:	These two places are normally taken by Sabbatical Officers.
George Walker (VP Community and Welfare) noted:	Due to the gender rule on 50% attendances needing to be female, one of them will give up their place.
Item 11: Third Year Celebration for students	
Dre Mbwese (Froebel College President) noted:	Will there be any celebrations for third years?
Levi Mbiya (VP Education) noted:	There is currently no word on the Summer Ball, so we will have to wait and see.
Greta Zaltieri (SUC Chair) Noted:	Members were thanked for their patience during this first Zoom meeting and any feedback was welcomed and directed to Greta's email SUC@roehampton.ac.uk .

	<p>The next SUC meeting will also be happening via Zoom and this will be held on Tuesday the 28th of April.</p>
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Take care and stay safe.

SUC Chair closed the meeting.

ROEHAMPTON STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETINGS **GUIDELINES**

1) **All elected officers are kindly asked to participate to the meeting with both audio and video on.**

In order to ensure a smooth run of SUC, out of respect for your colleagues, and as a method to achieve fairness of expression, all elected officers are kindly asked to enable their audio and video connection during virtual SUC meetings. If there are any special circumstances that will not allow you to turn your video or audio on, these have to be communicated to the Chair before the meeting.

2) **Officers are not allowed to use the Zoom chat function.**

The Zoom chat function will be disabled. If you need to communicate something urgent to the Chair during the meeting, please message the Student Voice Coordinator, Johanna Korhonen, via Facebook.

3) **Raising your hand.**

If you want to intervene, use the Raise Hand Function on the chat. You can access the Raise Hand Function through the Participants Tab on the right side of the screen. There is no need to physically raise your hand, and please note that if you physically raise your hand there is no guarantee that the Chair will be able to see you and give you the word.

4) **General notes.**

- You will be muted when you enter the conversation and you will not be able to unmute yourselves. Only the Chair of SUC will have the possibility to unmute you.
- The meeting will be recorded. Please, do not forget to turn on your audio and video and to keep them on for the whole meeting. You will be unmuted when it is your turn to speak, but it is important officers can see each other for the two hours of SUC.
- If you are having technical problems, do not worry, it can happen! Simply try to resolve them while the meeting goes on as usual. If you need assistance or need to communicate anything urgent, send an e-mail to the Chair or a message to the Students' Voice Coordinator.

5) **Students' Participation**

As always, we want to keep encouraging students' participation at RSU meetings, so spread the word with your friends and especially with your committee. Students attending the meeting will not be able to unmute themselves and intervene.

Prayer Room and Facilities

Name: Abdukadir Mohamed Wehliya

Role: President of Roehampton Islamic Society

Date of the SUC meeting during which you want the item to be addressed:

24/03/2020

<p>Item description:</p> <p><i>What is the issue/problem? Why do you want this item to be addressed? What evidence do you have to prove there is a need for a change?</i></p>	<p>The prayer room facilities on both campuses are very small particularly in Whitelands. There are many Muslim students on campus and this facility doesn't accommodate for everyone. At times the room can become very crowded causing health and safety hazards, we have disabled Muslim students who struggle to use the facility. We have pictures as evidence to prove the difficulties we have in the prayer room.</p>
<p>Your general aim (a statement):</p> <p><i>What are you hoping will change by addressing this item?</i></p>	<p>I am hoping the university can give us a bigger prayer room facility to accommodate for everyone, we have so many students here, we want to pray comfortably and relevant space.</p> <p>We also want ablution facilities, not only one but a couple, 4-5, also facilities that can accommodate for disabled students too.</p>
<p>Your objectives (bullet points):</p> <p><i>Make sure they are SMART – Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Time-Bound</i></p>	<p>We want a bigger prayer room to accommodate for at least 100 people at once. (Men & women)</p> <p>We can use this facility on all occasions, including all prayers, activities and even during Friday prayers, we wouldn't have to book rooms, we have been booking Friday prayer rooms for so many years.</p> <p>We want this issue to be resolved ASAP, perhaps give us an alternative space until the university can find us a bigger and spacious permanent room.</p>

Laoise Holohan

Environmental and Sustainability Officer



Students' Union Council update on 24/03/2020

Manifesto Objectives:

- Fairtrade Baking Competition went ahead, winner baked the Fairtrade logo into the cake, super cool. RSU has clips from the taste test, her opening her prize, and a small snippet of me discussing the competition's intentions, so I imagine something will come of that.
- Jumble Sale raised £130 for Amnesty International and promoted sustainability on campus.
- Hosted Roetakeover.
- WEN were absolutely lovely, want to continue working with us in the future, one student is currently in contact about doing work experience with them.
- GO GREEN BOP Friday 13th March, will be promoting sustainability while celebrating St. Patrick's Day, test-running potential new sustainable policies.
- In contact with ActionAid about doing a fundraiser for them.
- FLEUR ANDERSON, MP, has agreed to come in to do a Q&A on Sustainability and some other policies, I will be reaching out to students for questions so message me (holohanl@roehampton.ac.uk) if you have any. Likely April, some Thursday.
- Environment and Gender Workshop at the Women's Conference, 11th March, I'm writing before time of conference, so I'll assume now it went well?
- CHARITY BALL 26th March come along please.
- Still trying to get "Climate Change Emergency" pushed to the Uni, but there seems to be a misunderstanding on the whole concept of "declaring an emergency".
- Sustainability Working Group at the RSU, trying to create a proposal on vetting voluntourism based activism on campus, as suggested by Celia.

Other activities I've been involved with:

- "Active Bystander Workshops" with the Bystander Team, "Let's Talk About Yes" campaign with Amnesty International HQ, discussing their plans for a consent-based campaign going forward, and appearing in their promotion for this campaign across Europe.
- Chatting with several candidates running for Sabb roles about sustainability, gender, and bystander policies for their manifestos.
- Coordinating with WaterAid and STAR societies to potentially have a Fundraising Society Committee, to stop their societies from going dormant next year, while also headhunting for Amnesty Society committee members.
- Going to a gender and sustainability conference if I can gather the £8 entry fee
- Talking to Head of Communications for Lloyd Insurance Market, who wants to develop strategy surrounding climate issues and gender, they're actually taking on board the concept of Bystander Intervention Team for their events so win, amiright?
- Joined FRESH, the STUDENT MEDIA NETWORK, so will be hopefully publishing a few articles on sustainability and other stuff.

Jacob Afedi

Interfaith Officer - Male



Students' Union Council update on 24/03/2020

Manifesto Objectives:

1. I met with Dr Daniel on Tuesday 25th February at 5 pm with a proposed date being 21st March but this has since been cancelled and will update you with a new date.
2. I had a second meeting with Y1 & Y2 Reps at Whitelands sharing the issue of knife crime with them and listening to their views.
3. Organising various meeting with fellow colleagues on how to appreciate our lectures for the past three years.
4. Meeting two colleagues who needed help and pointing them in the right direction.

Katie Nguyen

Whitelands College President



Students' Union Council update on 24/03/2020

Manifesto Objectives:

- Improve and promote facilities on Whitelands
- Implement the Equal Access Campaign - Roehampton University offering scholarships, bursaries, fee waivers and accommodation for asylum seeking/refugees students
- Provide a range of events catered to a range of Whitelands student

Other activities I've been involved with:

- Equal Access campaign is officially launched on the website for those to apply for - The Sacred Heart Sanctuary Scholarship
- Raised issues about the Whitelands Muslim Prayer room to Vice Chancellor, Student Senate and Whitelands Governor's meeting
- May Monarch elections held during Whitelands History Week - events and increasing student knowledge around Whitelands history through stalls, lectures and tours