

ROEHAMPTON STUDENTS' UNION STUDENTS' UNION COUNCIL

The 8th Students' Union Council Meeting (SUC) of the 2019/20 Academic Year
Thursday 28th May 2020, 3pm
Conducted via telematic conference on Zoom

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A G E N D A

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AGENDA POINTS:

1. **Welcome to the 8^h 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]¹
4. **Updates on Matters Arising** [Greta Zaltieri – SUC Chair]²
5. **Officers' Updates** [Sabbatical & Part-Time RSU Officers]³
6. **New Bylaw for Committee Members** [Carella Fonseca – RSU Activities' Coordinator]
7. **Any Other Business**

¹ Please note that the Rules of the Chatroom will be taken as read. There will be time for questions.

² Please note that the Minutes and the Matters Arising from SUC VII will be sent out in advance and taken as read. During this section of the meeting, the Chair of RSU will ask for any updates on existing matters arising.

³ Please note that written updates will be sent out in advance and taken as read. In this section of the meeting, officers will be addressed individually and will have the opportunity to share any thoughts with the council.

ATTENDANCE

CHAIR: Greta Zaltieri

MINUTING OFFICER: Kate Griffiths

IN ATTENDANCE:

Dan O'Donoghue (RSU President)

George Walker (VP Community and Welfare)

Farrah Black (Gender Equality Officer)

Fabian Jasonson (Froebel College Deputy President)

Danielle Chegwidden (Female Sport President)

Laoise Holohan (Environment and Sustainability Officer)

Nicolo Sodaro (Postgraduate Students' Officer)

Annabel Black (LGBTQ+ Officer)

Sophie Harris (Mature Students Officer)

Luke Coffey (International Students' Officer)

Ellie Hall (Digby Stuart Deputy President)

Jacob Aferdi (Male Inter-Faith Officer)

Katie Nguyen (Whitelands College President)

Josh Sadler (Students' with Disabilities Officer)

Stephanie Rosenje (Female Inter-Faith Officer)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Johanna Korhonen (Student Voice Coordinator)

Lauryn Fleming (Student)

Billy Church (Student)

ABSENCES:

Levi Mbiya (VP Education)

Dre Mbwe (Froebel College President)

Ethan Thubron (Male Sports President)

Jake White (Mount Clair Site Rep)

Minaal Ali (Southlands College President)

Olivia Jayeola (Mental Health Officer)

Samir Abubakar (Whitelands College Deputy President)

Jude Stellato (Trans Students' Officer)

Shez Khan (Southlands College Deputy President)

Sierra Kamara (BAME Students' Officer)

Tamiah Forbes (Digby Stuart College President)

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES

Items for Discussion	
Item 6: Society Policy	<p>The SUC Chair has presented this item on behalf of the Societies and Activities' Coordinator at the RSU.</p> <p>The aim is to create a bylaw for Society Committee Members to be removed if they either disappear for a long period of time or cause an issue which is declared serious.</p> <p>The Officers agreed it is a good idea to ease pressure and allow those who want to take initiative to have a more prominent role.</p> <p>ACTION: The item will be included in the Matters Arising and addressed at the next SUC.</p>

FULL MINUTES OF THE MEETING

- **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 eighth 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. This meeting will be held online via Zoom due to the Pandemic and in line with Government Regulations to stay at home.</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>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 15 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>

MATTERS ARISING

<p><u>Agenda Item 16:</u> Bring Back Thirsty Thursdays</p>	<p>Update: The RSU has supplied the Bar with the equipment to run karaoke and the ownership of the Thursday night event is with the Union Bar.</p> <p>COMPLETED</p>
<p><u>Agenda Item 10:</u> RSU Autumn By-Elections</p>	<p>Update: All roles were filled during the election.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-Faith Officer (Male): Jacob Afedi • Postgraduate Students' Officer: Nicolo Sodaro • Mount Clare Site Rep: Jake White • Environmental and Sustainability Officer: Laoise Holohan • 2 NUS Delegate positions (open place & women's place): Fabian Jasonson, Farrah Black <p>COMPLETED</p>
<p><u>Agenda Item 14:</u> "Breaking Taboos" Campaign</p>	<p>Update: Dan O'Donoghue is waiting until after the elections to run this campaign so as not to distract from this democratic process.</p> <p>IN PROCESS</p>
<p><u>Agenda Item 15:</u> 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. Currently they are reluctant to declare a climate emergency but with support we can challenge them on this.</p> <p>IN PROCESS</p>
<p><u>Agenda Item 17 (AOB):</u> 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>

	IN PROCESS
<p>Agenda Item 8:</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. Farrah updated Council Members that more female security staff have now been employed and wanted to thank George Walker for pushing this issue.</p> <p>COMPLETED</p>
<p>Agenda Item 9:</p> <p>Registering Preferred name for Trans Students</p>	<p>Update: We will continue to update as and when with this agenda item.</p> <p>IN PROCESS</p>
<p>Agenda Item 10:</p> <p>Reward of RSU Event Tickets for Flat Reps</p>	<p>Update: George Walker is meeting with the CLDO's next week so a report will be given during the next SUC meeting.</p> <p>IN PROCESS</p>
<p>Agenda Item 13:</p> <p>Part-Time Officers Well Being</p>	<p>Update: A document is being drafted surrounding this.</p> <p>IN PROCESS</p>
<p>Covid - 19</p>	<p>Update: George has had various meetings about how this will affect current students and read a statement issued by George Turner – the University Secretariat – in which it outlined that students who wish to apply for a refund for their tuition fees will have to stop their study if they apply for this. The bigger picture surrounding a refund is that University services could suffer as a result and there could be cutbacks and shortages in some areas. Any questions surrounding this can be emailed over to the Sabb team.</p> <p>IN PROCESS</p>

- **Reminder of the SUC Guidelines**

<p>Greta Zaltieri (SUC Chair) noted: Attached</p>	<p>SUC Guidelines: 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>
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ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

<p>Agenda Item 5: <u>Sabbatical Officers' Updates</u></p>	
<p>Dan O'Donoghue (RSU President) presented:</p>	<p>Wanted to thank all the officers for their hard work this year and being part of a great team. Is working on the handover for Farrah and wishes everyone well for the future.</p>
<p>George Walker (VP Community and Welfare) presented:</p>	<p>The RSU had a very successful election process and we saw a 10% voter turnout which is very impressive. George thanked everyone who either ran or voted and supported the process. Also wants to congratulate those who were nominated for an RSU Award as well as those who won.</p> <p>The Sabbs will continue to work on Covid-19, but we seem to have posed all student questions to senior management and will continue to challenge them on your behalf.</p> <p>George has been a part of SUC for three years now and wants to thank all those who have been part of this, especially the current officer team.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 6 : <u>Officer Updates</u></p>	
<p>Sophie Harris (Mature)</p>	<p>Had a Zoom catch up with the Mature students, although it was hard to maintain as it kept kicking her out after 40 minutes. Is still</p>

<p>Students Officer) presented:</p>	<p>going to schedule one last fun Zoom call to wrap up the year and say goodbye. Thank you to all the officers for this year.</p>
<p>Josh Sadler (Students with Disabilities' Officer) presented:</p>	<p>Obviously plans that were made at the start of the year have changed, but Josh is still keeping in touch with his cohort of students and adapting to the new challenges Covid-19 has presented.</p>
<p>Greta Zaltieri SUC Chair noted:</p>	<p>Staying in contact with students is the top priority at the moment so please do not underestimate how important that is.</p>
<p>Annabel Black (LGBTQ+ Officer) presented:</p>	<p>Has been busy with finishing assignments but is still focusing on posting photos of the Queer Couture. Pride is postponed, but Annabel is currently spearheading a campaign to remove rainbows from the current NHS campaign.</p>
<p>Laiose Holohan (Environment and Sustainability Officer) presented:</p>	<p>Is in contact with Tanya regarding Water Aid and is looking at ways that we can get the local MP to collaborate on a Q&A session that was in the works before Covid-19.</p>
<p>Johanna Korhonen (Student Voice Coordinator) noted:</p>	<p>We can have a chat about how to enable unlimited Zoom for these meetings. It would also be worth getting in touch with Sam Nelson regarding the event.</p>
<p>Luke Coffey (International Officer) presented:</p>	<p>No major updates, but congratulations to everyone in the elections and the awards and thank you for this year.</p>

<p>Katie Nguyen (Whitelands College President) presented:</p>	<p>Held a virtual Whitelands May Day in which the May monarch was crowned. Is also working on the handover for the incoming Whitelands College President.</p>
<p>Ellie Hall (Digby Stuart Deputy President) presented:</p>	<p>There are a load of deadlines coming up so they have the priority. Is trying to promote the College Cup, but engagement is difficult.</p>
<p>Farrah Black (Gender Equality Officer) presented:</p>	<p>Getting ready to step into the role of RSU President as well as working on the Drag Society handover.</p>
<p>Jacob Afeidi (Inter-faith Officer - Male) presented:</p>	<p>Has been supporting friends who have lost loved ones as a result of Covid-19. Has also arranged a Zoom call to discuss faith with students. It had 5 attendees, but it is understandable because people have deadlines at this time.</p>
<p>Greta Zaltieri (SUC Chair) noted:</p>	<p>On behalf of the Council we want to express our condolences and extend our best wishes for any challenges that lie ahead.</p>
<p>Danielle Chegwidan (Female Sports Roehampton President) presented:</p>	<p>Held the Sports Awards online but it was hard to make people feel able to celebrate. We have been in discussion about having a physical ceremony in December to still allow people to celebrate. Feels proud to be re-elected in the elections and thank you all for making this a safe space where we can share things democratically.</p>
<p>Nicolo Sodaro (Post Graduate Students' Officer)</p>	<p>Thank you all for all the hard work you have put in. Came into this role late, but felt connected right away. Has accomplished a lot over the period in office and looks forward to continuing this next year in his role as VP Community and Welfare.</p>

<p>presented:</p>	
<p>Fabian Jasonson (Froebel College Deputy President) presented:</p>	<p>Had a great night at the Sports Awards and it was made even better by the fact that Hockey won Team of the Year. Is still running the Friday drop-ins and is keeping in touch with students. Also hosted the Froebel end of year celebration and looks forward to becoming the Froebel College President next year.</p>
<p>Stephanie Rosenje (Female Inter-Faith Officer) presented:</p>	<p>Initially found lockdown tough, but is now using the time to improve personally. Was looking forward to planned events with Jacob, but obviously this is now postponed until further notice.</p>
<p>ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION</p>	
<p>Agenda Item 6: Society Policy – Submitted by Carella Fonseca (RSU Activities Coordinator)</p>	
<p>Greta Zaltieri (SUC Chair) noted:</p>	<p>Carella could not make the meeting, but Greta briefly updated the Council and asked them to refer to the document sent out before the meeting (attached).</p> <p>Hoping this can be an item in the “Matters Arising” section at each meeting for regular updates.</p> <p>This item has been brought to the Council’s attention as there were issues in the past, but this will only be implemented in exceptional circumstances. Feedback will be shared in lieu of a structured proposal.</p>

<p>George Walker (VP Community and Welfare) noted:</p>	<p>Is happy to move this item to Matters Arising and put forward a draft proposal to be voted on at the next SUC meeting.</p>
<p>Laoise Holohan (Environment and Sustainability Officer) noted:</p>	<p>Think the proposal is good – could bullying within societies be brought up too?</p>
<p>Johanna Korhonen (Student Voice Coordinator) noted:</p>	<p>At the moment the By-Laws are basic and will need reviewing in the next academic year. This will give the RSU more control with issues such as bullying etc.</p>
<p>Greta Zaltieri (SUC Chair) noted:</p>	<p>This is similar to SUC in that it means measures are in place to prevent roles from falling off the map and people doing the bare minimum or nothing at all with no consequences.</p> <p>The Council is happy for this item to be put in “Matters Arising” going forward and Carella will be informed regarding this.</p>
<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p>	
<p>Jacob Afedi (Male Inter-Faith Officer) noted:</p>	<p>What guidance do we have in regards to Zoom? If it is here to stay then we should have concrete guidelines that we can follow and tell others to follow as well.</p>

<p>Greta Zaltieri (SUC Chair) noted:</p>	<p>The rules of the chat room are in place and we encourage participants to follow these, but of course, we cannot physically make anyone do anything they do not want to. Billy Church is the incoming SUC Chair and he will choose if to implement these guidelines next year or to put in place new ones and make sure they are followed.</p>
<p>George Walker (VP Community and Welfare) noted:</p>	<p>Greta, you have taken on your role with passion and have gone from strength to strength. We are all grateful for your guidance and the way you have presented equal opportunities for everyone in a safe environment with a clear democratic process. We all want to express our appreciation for all you have done.</p>
<p>Billy Church (Incoming SUC Chair) noted:</p>	<p>Greta has done an amazing job and is looking forward to continuing this next academic year.</p>
<p>Greta Zaltieri (SUC Chair) noted:</p>	<p>Thank you all very much. It will be a pleasure handing over to Billy and wants to thank everyone of you for your hard work and dedication over the last year.</p> <p>Greta then proceeded to individually commend the officers in attendance (full document attached).</p> <p>The SUC Chair closed the meeting.</p>

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.

Agenda Item Description Form

Name: Carella Fonseca

Role: RSU Activities' Coordinator

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

28/05/2020

<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>To create a bylaw for Society Committee Members to be removed if they either disappear for a long period of time, cause an issue which is declared serious (possibly looking at breaching Society Signatory Agreement / RSU Policy) , become inactive for a long period of time (e.g. over a month), or the committee would like to propose removing a committee member.</p>
<p>Your general aim (a statement):</p> <p><i>What are you hoping will change by addressing this item?</i></p>	<p>We have had a current issue with some committee members disappearing, withholding society access and items and refusing to communicate with committee members, and others where there have been irreversible differences.</p> <p>However we cannot remove them currently from the society unless they decide to withdraw.</p> <p>Majority of the time this is not an issue, but it can be where they are withholding access / items, still have access to the society email account or are trying to lead the society. This is only in extreme/ final circumstances.</p> <p>We do not want to penalise anyone who is having a difficult time , ill or may just be unable to be contacted for a little while. This is for the circumstances where a society signatory has taken the role and simply doesn't want it anymore, but wants to keep the title, or where there is such a divide within the committee, it is affecting the society members and removal needs to happen. We also need to keep it to a standard that means a signatory cannot bully someone out of a role. This is only where it has reached a standard that it cannot be resolved by the society or the RSU.</p>

Your objectives (bullet points):

*Make sure they are SMART
– Specific, Measurable,
Achievable, Realistic, Time-
Bound*

- Put in place a bylaw where a society committee member can be removed from a society for 2020-21 if all avenues have been reached.
- However it needs to be solely for where there are irreversible differences , safeguarding issues, or where someone has simply disappeared , joined a society so they can put it on their CV and where there is no reason to believe that individual will return to support the society again.
- This enables the society to elect a signatory to take their place to support the workload of the rest of the committee.
- To ensure while we put this in , it is also not something which can be used as a bullying tactic to remove a committee member simply because they don't like the individual or because they would prefer their friend to be elected or choose another person that may not have won in the election.

SUC VIII

Personal commendations to officers [SUC Chair]

- **Annabel Black** (LGBTQ+ Officer)
Thank you for being such an important part of every discussion held during the student councils. You have always voiced informed opinions and shaped our debates to be so much better, lively, and relevant. Your contribution has been invaluable – as your current efforts to transfer Pride online! Thank you for being a visible voice and advocate for the LGBTQ+ students at Roehampton within the RSU and through the LGBTQ+ Network.
- **Dan O' Donoghue** – RSU President
Thank you for desire to increase accountability and transparency within the RSU. Thanks to your approach, I have been able to work in this direction as well – and it has made all the difference to me. Thank you for being a committed, honest president who valued our feedback and for your commitment to making student spaces brighter and more approachable.
- **Danielle Chegwidan** (Sport Roehampton President – Female)
Thank you for your splendid work this year. Your commitment to both SUC and Sports has been impressive and thank you for always keeping SUC updated on what's going on with Sport Roey. I have noticed and admired your capacity to intervene in any debate with grace and knowledge, offering precious inputs. Thank you for your commitment to promoting and making sports more visible through your campaigns, fundraisers and social media communication!
- **Dre Mbwese** (Froebel President)
Thank you for your work as a Part Time Officer over two years. You have worked closely with the College Team, engaging different communities of students and getting the commuting student space on Froebel. Thank you for being assertive and raising important points and always bringing the good vibes.
- **Ellie Hall** (Digby Deputy President)
We think you have grown a lot into your role. Thank you for being a point of reference for Digby students and for following SUC debates with attention and understanding. Your attendance was quite impressive! Thank you for the activities you have helped to organise and the communication you've had with Digby Stuart students and the college team.
- **Ethan Thubron** (Sport Roehampton President – Male)
Thank you for your commitment to making sport accessible and visible and driving to increase engagement. You have formed a great working

relationship with Sport Roey and have always had the students best interests at the forefront of what you do. Thank you for your commitment to the sport community and organising an amazing fundraiser!

- **Fabian Jasonson** (Froebel Deputy President + NUS Delegate)
We have been so impressed by your professional attitude: you were always on time for meetings, polite in correspondence, and important in shaping debates. Thank you for being friendly, consistent, and positive, voicing your opinions without obscuring others. Thank you for your continuous work and communication with the College team, Froebel students and the RSU.
- **Farrah Black** (Gender Equality Officer + NUS Delegate)
You are a champion of versatility! Thank you for committing to SUC, RoePaul's Society, Growhampton and much more. You performed in various roles this year, and you have brought wonderful insight to each of them. Thank you for being eloquent, curious, and passionate, and for running an amazing women's conference!
- **George Walker** – VP Community and Welfare
It has been a pleasure to watch you grow into your role this year. You have developed communication and leadership skills and improved yourself to be what the students needed you to be. Thank you for the initiatives you have promoted and supported, and for your work to implement free mental health first aid training for all Roehampton students.
- **Jacob Aferi** (Male Interfaith Officer)
Thank you for your inquisitiveness. You have stepped into your role and offered a new perspective, strong and quiet at the same time. You have always asked questions and voiced relevant opinions without stepping on anyone's toes. We are very grateful for your knowledgeable input to SUCs. Thank you for your continuous work with the Chaplaincy.
- **Jake White** (Mount Clair Site Rep)
Thank you for stepping into your role with confidence and drive. It has been a pleasure to see your plans and work for Mount Clare and your commitment in achieving them. This kind of passion towards making things better is a perfect example of students' politics at their best. Thank you for increasing communication and feel of community at Mount Clare site.
- **Joshua Sadler** (Students with disabilities' Officer)
Thank you for your work ethics, and the seriousness and respect you have demonstrated. You were always fair to your role and to your colleagues, and having a motivated officer like you heavily shaped SUC to be a place of mutual respect and understanding. Thank you for your work with the

Disabilities and Wellbeing team and passion for sharing student feedback with these departments.

- **Jude Stellato** (Trans Students' Officer)
Thank you for your immense passion. You have bended over backwards for your role – and you achieved so much! Every time you intervened in debates and/or submitted your updates, your input has been extremely personable and valuable. Thank you for engaging the trans student community, working with the LGBTQ+ network, and organising the Transgender Day of Visibility in the Library!
- **Katie Nguyen** (Whitelands President)
Thank you for being wonderfully consistent and committed for the whole year. You have achieved so many important things for SUC and for STAR – your work has been impressive, and you have always found the time to empower others by being friendly, modest, and hard-working. Thank you for increasing student engagement, communication and a feel of community at Whitelands and building a great working relationship with the College team.
- **Laoise Holohan** (Environment and Sustainability Officer)
You are a hurricane of positivity, good ideas, passion and commitment. SUC was heavily shaped by your constant contributions. Your written updates were always amazingly thorough and so much fun to read. We are impressed by your spirit and the energy you dedicated to SUC and Amnesty. Thank you for organising an amazing Fairtrade Fortnight and a Bake Off competition!
- **Levi Mbiya** – VP Education
Thank you for always being honest, focused, and dedicated. You have voiced some of the most important points raised at SUCs, but you have never overstepped! It has been a pleasure to see your aura of quiet leadership at work. Thank you for your work in supporting students in a variety of department issues and the bursaries for graduation.
- **Luke Coffey** (International Students' Officer)
Thank you for organising such great events for international students! You put in place a lot of useful measures – and you have been a much valued member of the council because of your friendliness, drive, and care for your fellow officers. Also, thank you your continuous communication and for trying jellied eel for a video!
- **Minaal Ali (Southlands President)**
Your commitment to Southlands students has been visible for the two years

you have had in an elected role. You have had a clear focus on Southlands students engagement and sorting things out. Thank you for bringing your perspective to SUC debates and for your clear focus on Colleges. Thank you for being an advocate for Southlands students and for sorting out their wifi!

- **Nicolò Sodaro** (Postgraduate Students' Officer)

Thank you for being so pro-active. I found amazing the way you participated in your first council by presenting an idea, and then run for office and became one of us! Yours was a true example of student engagement that results in positive change and personal growth. Thank you for continuously engaging students and sharing your insight and feedback on postgraduate student experience.

- **Olivia Jayeola** (Mental Health Officer)

Thank you for staying true to your role despite the circumstances affecting you. We all go through tough times, but you have found the strength to keep coming to meetings, planning events, and presenting your ideas, and keeping your spirits positive. Thank you for your continuous work with the Wellbeing team and sharing your feedback with them.

- **Samir Abubakar** (Whitelands Deputy President)

Thank you for your work with Whitelands College team and having a drive to engage a wider range of Whitelands students. You have represented these students at SUC debates and discussions and we have valued your input. Thank you for the events and activities you have organised for Whitelands students to strengthen the community.

- **Shez Khan (Southlands Deputy President)**

Thank you for your commitment to Southlands students and making sure they have engaging activities and events to take part in. We have appreciated your voice in SUC for advocating for your college. Thank you for your work with the College team to make the Reef more engaging and for sorting ping pong tables for Southlands students!

- **Sierra Kamara** (BAME Students' Officer)

It is difficult to imagine a more insightful person than you. I was blown away by your capacity to always raise relevant, clear points. You have never been afraid to question what surrounded you – and your high commitment and dynamic behaviour have made SUC far more interesting. Thank you for all your work to engage and communicate with BAME students and sharing your feedback with the RSU, and for organising an amazing BAME Conference!

- **Sophie Harris (Mature Students' Officer)**
You were a joy to work with. You endured so much, and yet your commitment to your role remained exceptional. Your kindness and drive to help others are truly inspirational – thank you for dedicating SUC so much of your time, and congratulations for all the things you have achieved. Thank you for your work to engage mature students and communicate with them, and for all the meet ups you have arranged – it has really made a difference to the mature student community at Roehampton.
- **Stephanie Rosenje (Female Interfaith Officer)**
Thank you for stepping into your role with passion to engage students from all faiths and to bring them together. Your work and communication with the Chaplaincy has been appreciated and even though the final events you had planned were not able to go ahead due to the current circumstances, it has been great to witness your enthusiasm. Thank you for sharing your ideas and feedback with the Chaplaincy team.
- **Tamiah Forbes (Digby President)**
Thank you for your work with the College team and communication with Digby Stuart students. Your comments and discussions at SUC have provided new perspectives and you have been a valuable critical friend to the RSU for the two years you have spent in the role. Thank you for engaging the Digby Stuart students through events and activities.

SUC Meeting VIII

Officers Updates

In this document you can find updates from:

- **Jacob Afed** – Male Interfaith Officer (p. 23)
- **Laoise Holohan** – Environment & Sustainability Officer (p. 23)

Roehampton Students' Union Council Chair did not receive updates from the following officers:

1. **Dan O' Donoghue** – RSU President
2. **George Walker** – VP Community and Welfare
3. **Levi Mbiya** – VP Education
4. **Annabel Black** – LGBTQ+ Officer
5. **Danielle Chegwid** (Sport Roehampton President – Female)
6. **Dre Mbwese** (Froebel President)
7. **Ellie Hall** (Digby Deputy President)
8. **Ethan Thubron** (Sport Roehampton President – Male)
9. **Fabian Jasonson** (Froebel Deputy President + NUS Delegate)
10. **Farrah Black** (Gender Equality Officer + NUS Delegate)
11. **Harry Newark** (Student with Caring Responsibilities' Officer)
12. **Jake White** (Mount Clair Site Rep)
13. **Joshua Sadler** (Students with disabilities' Officer)
14. **Katie Nguyen** (Whitelands President)
15. **Luke Coffey** (International Students' Officer)
16. **Minaal Ali** (Southlands President)
17. **Nicolò Sodaro** (Postgraduate Students' Officer)
18. **Olivia Jayeola** (Mental Health Officer)
19. **Samir Abubakar** (Whitelands Deputy President)
20. **Sasha Jude Stellato** (Trans Students' Officer)
21. **Shez Khan** (Southlands Deputy President)
22. **Sierra Kamara** (BAME Students' Officer)
23. **Sophie Harris** (Mature Students' Officer)
24. **Stephanie Rosenje** (Female Interfaith Officer)
25. **Tamiah Forbes** (Digby President)

Jacob Afedi

Male Interfaith Officer



Students' Union Council update on 28/05/2020

On Friday 15th of May, I want to support Justin who lost her mum through COVID 19 for the burial services. I will be visiting the family again on Sunday 24th of May 2020 and did a few phone calls checking on how everyone is doing.

Laoise Holohan

Environment & Sustainability Officer



Students' Union Council update on 28/05/2020

Planning to go ahead with the Q&A with MP Fleur Anderson but recorded over ZOOM. Still in preliminary stages. If anyone wants to be a part or submit questions, you can email me at HOLOHANL@roehampton.ac.uk, I will be reaching out via social media to students.

Researching other methods of conducting PTO and society business virtually, in touch with next year's WaterAid Society's President, Thaneya Chowdhury, about collaborative events and working together to keep the Fundraising Societies relevant in these uncertain times.

Assembling an Amnesty Committee for next year, most students interested in a position are international students and with that comes concerns over committing.

Making concise effort to post cheerful news stories on the RoeAmnesty Instagram account.

Still worryingly high on the Candy Crush leaderboard but have diversified and started playing the Property Brothers App, currently number one on their weekly "Coupon Mania". Where's my E-Sport Scholarship at?

Writing this pre-RSU awards, so hopefully that'll be a hoot! Best of luck to Greta, Katie, and Danielle, you guys all deserve multiple awards!