

## ROEHAMPTON STUDENTS' UNION STUDENTS' UNION COUNCIL

**The 2nd Students' Union Council Meeting (SUC) of the 2019/20 Academic Year  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019, 5PM**

### SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES

<p><b>Agenda Items</b></p> <p><b>1- 4</b></p> <p>Full minutes on page: 8</p>	<p><b>Welcome &amp; Confirmation of Quoracy:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In order to vote, over half of the members need to be in attendance; this is 14 with the current membership of 27 elected Part Time Officers. This meeting had 22 Part Time Officers in attendance, meaning the meeting was quorate for voting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Minutes of the previous Meeting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The minutes from previous meeting were circulated to members and uploaded to the RSU Website. We did not received any corrections to the minutes from members.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Agenda Item 5</b></p> <p>Full minutes on page: 9</p>	<p><b>Matters Arising:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The matters arising can be seen in the attached table. No attendees were aware of any additional completed or outstanding actions that were agreed in last meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Thirsty Thursdays Idea</u> COMPLETED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Union Bar is running the event</li> </ul> <p><b><u>RSU Autumn Election</u> COMPLETED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Four new Part Time Officers were elected as well as two NUS Conference Delegates:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inter-Faith Officer (Male): Jacob Aferi</li> <li>• Postgraduate Students' Officer: Nicolo Sodaro</li> <li>• Mount Clare Site Rep: Jake White</li> <li>• Environmental and Sustainability Officer: Laoise Holohan</li> <li>• 2 NUS Delegate positions (open place &amp; women's place): Fabian Jasonson, Farrah Black</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b><u>Lobby for Climate Change Emergency</u> IN PROCESS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The University is in the process of forming new enabling strategies and one of these is the sustainability strategy. Dan (RSU President) is in discussions and will ensure students are included in the working group.</li> </ul>

	<p><b><u>On Campus Sports Facilities</u> IN PROCESS</b></p> <p>George Walker and Levi Mbiya have had conversations about sport facilities.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 11</b></p> <p>Full minutes on pages: 10-11</p> <p>Full proposal on page: 24</p>	<p><b>Security issues on campus</b> [Presented by Stephanie Rosenje, Interfaith Officer]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Members discussed an incident with on campus security and student safety.</li> <li>- Members suggested there is a need for more pastoral training for security staff, which could be included in the Mental Health First Aid training and this should also be offered to Wardens, as well as training around domestic abuse.</li> <li>- Currently the Campus security team is understaffed and members are concerned that these positions should be filled as soon as possible as this impacts student satisfaction and safety.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTIONS:</b> If members have reports regarding the security team these should be passed on to Dan and George who will take this to the University.</p> <p><b>IN PROCESS</b></p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 10</b></p> <p>Full minutes on page: 12</p> <p>Full proposal on page: 23</p>	<p><b>Funding proposal for Active Bystander Workshops</b> [Presented by: George Walker, Vice President Community &amp; Welfare]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- George proposed to use £500 of his sabbatical officer budget for Active Bystander Workshops, which will be open to all students. The budget request was approved by members.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTIONS:</b> The workshops will happen from February.</p> <p><b>IN PROCESS</b></p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 12</b></p> <p>Full minutes on pages: 12-14</p>	<p><b>UCU Strike Action</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Members had a discussion about the UCU Industrial Action and held a vote for the RSU to support it.</li> <li>- The University as well as the SU put processes in place to mitigate the impact of the strikes. There were drop-in sessions throughout the strike period as well as a complaints procedure should students want to use this.</li> <li>- The RSU put on the "12 days of Christmas" campaign to mitigate the upset that could be caused by the strikes.</li> <li>- The UCU is a National organisation and 60 Universities have decided to participate in the strike. Academics don't need to declare their participation beforehand so it's hard to predict the</li> </ul>

	<p>true impact. This time of year brings a lot of deadlines and it is likely that Roehampton students will feel the impact.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There is no clear guidelines as to what lecturers can and can't do during a strike. Members reported that some lecturers had refused to put content up on Moodle and others are missing over 18 hours of contact time. Some were due to have in class assessments during the strike, which they will now miss and are concerned this will result in a fail.</li> <li>- RSU President Dan reported that the University of Roehampton has 14 students to one member of staff and this is the best ratio among London HE establishments. There are also no members of staff who are on Zero Hour Contracts and the gender pay gap is 5% at Roehampton whereas the National average is 15%. The Vice Chancellor is what takes this pay gap up, if he were a female or identified as a female, there would be no gender pay gap at Roehampton.</li> <li>- Members felt that it would be important to lobby the University for mandatory extensions for deadlines.</li> </ul> <p><b>Members decided to hold a vote to support the strike through an anonymous ballot.</b></p> <p><b>11 members voted in favour of supporting the strike</b>  <b>7 members voted against supporting the strike</b>  <b>3 members abstained from voting</b></p> <p><u>The Student Union Council voted in favour of supporting the UCU strike</u></p> <p><b>ACTIONS:</b> RSU to release a statement and the Sabbatical Officers to join the Picket Line. <b>COMPLETED</b></p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 8</b></p> <p>Full minutes on pages: 16-18</p>	<p><b>RSU Sabbatical Officers' Updates:</b></p> <p><b>Written update provided by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>George Walker</b> (Vice President Community &amp; Welfare)</li> <li>• <b>Levi Mbiya</b> (Vice President Education)</li> </ul> <p><b>Verbal update provided by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dan O'Donoghue</b> (RSU President)</li> </ul> <p><i>Written Sabbatical Officer updates can be found as an attachment on pages: 25-27</i></p>

<p><b>Agenda Item 9</b></p> <p>Full minutes on pages: 18-20</p>	<p><b>RSU Part Time Officers' Updates:</b></p> <p><b>Written updates were received from the following officers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ellie Hall</b> (Digby Stuart College Deputy President)</li> <li>• <b>Shez Khan</b> (Southlands Deputy President)</li> <li>• <b>Katie Nguyen</b> (Whitelands College President)</li> <li>• <b>Samir Abubakar</b> (Whitelands College Deputy President)</li> <li>• <b>Annabel Black</b> (LGBTQ+ Officer)</li> <li>• <b>Sierra Kamara</b> (BAME Students' Officer)</li> <li>• <b>Jude Stellato</b> (Trans Students' Officer)</li> <li>• <b>Harry Newark</b> (Students with Caring Responsibilities Officer)</li> <li>• <b>Sophie Harris</b> (Mature Students' Officer)</li> <li>• <b>Luke Coffey</b> (International Students' Officer)</li> <li>• <b>Farrah Black</b> (Gender Equality Officer)</li> <li>• <b>Danielle Chegwidden</b> (Female Sports President)</li> </ul> <p><b>No written updates were received from the following officers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dre Mbwe</b> – Froebel College President</li> <li>• <b>Ethan Thubron</b> – Male Sports President</li> <li>• <b>Fabian Jasonson</b> – Froebel College Deputy President</li> <li>• <b>Josh Sadler</b> – Students with Disabilities Officer</li> <li>• <b>Minaal Ali</b> – Southlands College President</li> <li>• <b>Nathan Lamb</b> – Off Campus and Commuting Students Officer</li> <li>• <b>Olivia Jayeola</b> – Mental Health Officer</li> <li>• <b>Shamraiz Tariq</b> – Muslim Students Officer</li> <li>• <b>Stephanie Rosenje</b> – Inter-Faith Officer (Female)</li> <li>• <b>Tia Forbes</b> – Digby College President</li> </ul> <p><b>No update was expected from four newly elected officers as they had only been in post for a few days:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jacob Aferi</b> (Inter-Faith Officer – Male)</li> <li>• <b>Laoise Holohan</b> (Environment and Sustainability Officer)</li> <li>• <b>Nicolo Sodaro</b> (Postgraduate Students' Officer)</li> <li>• <b>Jake White</b> (Mount Clare Site Rep)</li> </ul> <p><i>Written Part-Time Officer updates can be found as an attachment on pages: 28-35</i></p>
<p>Full minutes on page: 20</p>	<p><b>Any Other Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There was no items for Any Other Business.</li> <li>- Next SUC meeting is on <b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 6-8 pm, GH.003 (Adam Room), Digby College</b></li> </ul>