
Roehampton Students' Union Students' Union Council

The 1st Students' Union Council meeting (SUC) of the 2018/19 academic year
24.09.18, 5PM
GH22, Froebel College

ATTENDEES:

In Chair: Chuchu Nwagu (Students' Union President)

Minuting Secretary: Kate Griffiths

Members: LP – Liam Parsons (VP Education), GW – George Walker (VP Community & Welfare), TF – Tia (Tamiah) Forbes (Digby Stuart CP), TB – Theo Benjamin (Digby Stuart DP), DO – Daniel O'Donoghue (Froebel CP), SP - Shay Patel (Southlands CP), CA – Ciara Ansley (LGBTQ+ Officer), JCK - Jacob Cooper King (Interfaith Officer - Male), and PEM – Penny Elliot-Miles (Froebel DP), DM – Dre Mbwese (BAME Students' Officer), KM – Kevin Muhika (Whitelands CP), TR – Tanya Robinson (Whitelands DP), BB – Belinda Bradley (Disabilities Officer), BA – Beth Amos (Mental Health Officer), RC – Ruth Clements (Interfaith Officer - Female)

Apologies: JM – Joshua Malone (Mount Clare Site Rep), JH – Jordan Harris (Male Sports President), KB – Kaysh (Okasia) Brown (Female Sports President), MD – Matthew Delicate (Environmental and Ethics Officer), NC – Navya Chaturvedi (International Officer), KR – Katie Richards (Off-campus Officer), KA – Kareena Alford (Students' with Caring Responsibilities Officer), SH – Sophie Harris (Mature Students' Officer), LC – Lily Crozier (Gender Equality Officer), EG – Elijah Grey (Trans Student Officer)

In attendance: **Katie Badman – Membership Services Manager**
Johanna Korhonen – Student Voice Coordinator

A G E N D A

Welcomes & Apologies

1. Welcome to the 1st 2018/2019 meeting of Students' Union Council [Chuchu Nwagu]
2. Apologies for absence [Oral - Chuchu Nwagu]
3. Approval of General Meeting minutes – 13th September 2018 [Paper Attached]

Items for Information.

4. A member of Union Council to join Governance Subcommittee [Oral - CN]
5. A member of Union Council to become an RSU Trustee [DOC. 01, p. 2]
6. Updates on the Byelaws [Oral - Katie Badman]
7. Officers Priority for the Year [Oral – Officers]
8. Mental Health Awareness [Oral report – George Walker]
9. Election of Southlands College Deputy President [Oral – CN]
10. Update on Vice Chancellor Recruitment [Oral – CN]

Items for Decision

1. Dates for Students' Union Council 2018/2019 [DOC. 02, p2]
2. Role Description for Chair of Students' Union [DOC. 03, p. 2]

Any Other Business.

1. Items for discussion not on the Agenda (only if scheduled time allows for this).

Next Union Council Meeting (II)

1. Items to be brought to UCM II
Date: Wednesday 10th October, 5PM Location: TBC
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TITLE:	Welcome
MINUTES:	CN: Welcomed all members to the first meeting of Student Union Council for the Academic Year 2018/19

TITLE:	Approval of General Meeting Minutes – 13/09/18
MINUTES:	All those present approved the Minutes from this meeting.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

TITLE:	Updates on the Bye-Laws (Katie Badman)
MINUTES:	KB: The Students' Union is both a Charity and a Limited Company and therefore we are regulated by the Charity Commission. The Bye-Laws are easier to amend and they can be changed by the Student Union Council. They then go to the Governance Sub Committee which has been set up from last year, but we now need three more people to join as the Council representatives from last year have now graduated. JC-K noted that he was keen to continue and there was also interest from Dan O'Donoghue and Ciara Ansley.

TITLE:	A member of Union Council to become an RSU Trustee
MINUTES:	CN: The Trustee Board is the highest Governing Body the Students' Union report to and they are in place to make sure we are not doing anything to jeopardise the secure position of the SU. We need two members of the Council to sit of this Board and they will then report back to the other Council members. Email Chuchu if you'd like to be a part of this.

TITLE:	Johanna Introduction/Election of Southlands Deputy President
MINUTES:	<p>JK: Johanna is our new Student Voice Coordinator and explained that she'll also be in charge of Part Time Officer training.</p> <p>The preparations for the election of the Southlands Deputy President are also underway and candidates will be able to collect/download their nomination forms from the 9th of October.</p>

TITLE:	Officers Priority for the Year
MINUTES:	<p>CA: Wants to properly report hate crime and educate more people on the correct use of pronouns and how to deal with those students who are just coming out.</p> <p>RC: Advertise the prayer room in Froebel and make it more accessible. To get more people engaged in faith.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Action Point – CN to include JC-K and RC in the Chaplaincy Management group.</p> <p>BA: To provide continued Mental Health Support and to tie this in with Mental Health Awareness day on the 10th of October.</p> <p>TR: To get Whitelands recognition from other colleges.</p> <p>TB: As there's a whole new College team at Digby, it's just a case of getting their points across to the new members of staff.</p> <p>JC-K: Wants to make sure the food on campus complies with the multitude of faiths our students align themselves with. He also wants a Prayer Room revamp across all campuses.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Action Point – CN to arrange Elijah to come to an SUC Meeting</p> <p>PE-M – Wants to arrange Intra-Froebel events and build the college community.</p> <p>DO: Making sure the students are settled and that Fresher's know the points of contact around the College/University. To also work with Johanna on various Campaigns.</p> <p>GW: To support all Officers with Campaigns and to push Mental Health Awareness Day on the 10th of October.</p>

	<p>CN: Also wants to tap into the Mental Health Awareness day and bring the focus to men. Knows a Barber’s shop whose staff are Mental Health trained and they provide free haircuts as part of a campaign called “Mind Your Head”.</p> <p>TF: Continuing to make sure people are aware of the opportunities available to them and providing support and encouragement to this.</p> <p>SP: Last year the engagement on campus was low, so want to make sure this is much higher this year.</p> <p>LP: To make your academic experience more enjoyable and to push for no lectures to take place on Wednesday afternoons.</p> <p>KM: Keen to build an atmosphere on Whitelands with the inclusion of off-campus students. To create a presence on social media.</p> <p>CN: Will be focussing on internal issues until December. Looking at BAME attainment/inclusion and working on making this better. Wants to make our literary sources more diverse. Aim to decrease the inter-sectional barriers and what we can do as a student body in order to achieve this.</p>
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TITLE:	Update on Vice-Chancellor Recruitment
MINUTES :	<p>CN: Our VC Paul O’Prey is leaving in July 2019 and there have already been student focus groups to build up a profile of what the student body want to see in the new Vice Chancellor.</p> <p>120 people have applied and there has been a meeting where these 120 candidates have been whittled down to 13. Of this 13, only 3 are women and there is no BAME representation. We will be going back out to head hunt as we ideally want our leadership to be reflective of our demographic.</p> <p>He will keep the Council updated as we hope to make an announcement before Christmas.</p>

ITEMS FOR DECISION

TITLE:	Dates for Student Union Council 2018/19
MINUTES :	<p>CN: Wanted to standardise it so it's easier for everyone involved. 5-7pm works for everyone.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Action Point – Change Wednesday the 10th of October meeting to Thursday the 11th.</p> <p>CN: Found that, when discussing elections, it requires a whole meeting to do so, so this will be scheduled in at a later date.</p> <p>TF: Are we still holding the meetings on different colleges?</p> <p>CN: Yes, we'll aim to have 2 meetings on each campus.</p>

TITLE:	Role Descriptions for Chair of Student Union Council
MINUTES:	<p>CN: There have been discussions that it should be a student independent of the Council, but we'll need the Bye-laws approved first before we're able to vote on a student Chair. CN will liaise with the Student Voice team to collate papers beforehand.</p> <p>JC-K: Will there be Vice-Chairs taken from the Council members.</p> <p>CN: For the Governance sub-committee the chair will be independent but the Vice-chairs will be taken from the SUC pool. However, we are thinking that the Chair of SUC should be voted on in the March elections.</p> <p>All those present approved this motion.</p>

<p>TITLE:</p>	<p>A.O.B</p>
<p>MINUTES:</p>	<p>TF: Is it possible to hijack Bop? There needs to be a change in music.</p> <p>GW: Put it on the Ideas Policy page and see how many up votes it gets.</p> <p>CN: Although we are always looking to make our events more appealing, the nature of the Bop is that it's a little bit cheesy and you get other forms of music at our other nights out at Inferno's or the Grand.</p> <p>DO: You are always going to get people who are unhappy with the music that plays at events.</p> <p>CA: It's the same thing every week so maybe this could be looked at if we can't change it completely.</p> <p>CN: The themes you were all voting on will be announced soon.</p> <p>CA: Rainbow Bop was changed and Ciara believes we should bring this back. When is Fez back?</p> <p>CN: First week in December.</p> <p>DO: In light of recent events, Dan wants to know what the policy on drugs on campus is.</p> <p>CN: Anyone caught with drugs on campus will automatically be kicked out.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Action Point – Items for the Agenda for next meeting: Fresher's Week Feedback Security around Elm Grove.</p>

The date of the next meeting will be Thursday the 11th of October.