

Council Details

Date: 03/12/2024

Time: 19:00 – 20:00

Iteration: First Council Meeting

Chair: Karina Whelan (KW)

Deputy Chair: Harry Forgham (HF)

Voting Members Present

Bobola Ajibola (BA) – Welfare and Diversity Officer

Kit Boulting Hodge (KBH) – Education and Community Officer

Ness Garratt (NG) – Activities and Opportunities Officer

Brian Kalema (BK) – Black, Asian and ME + Network Lead

Karina Whelan (KW) – LGBTQ+ Network Lead

Masooma Ali (MA) – International Students Network Lead

Sooraj Somasekhar (SS) – Postgraduate Students Network Lead

Harry Forgham (HF) – Course Representative for Sociology

Kamilla Vati (KV) – Course Representative for Photography: Editorial and Advertising

Nathan Welham (NW) – Course Representative for Zoology

Pearlgin Goba (PG) – Course Representative for Urban Planning

Apologies form Voting Members

Angelina Sibal (AS) – Students with Disabilities Network Lead

Athlyn Hackney (AH) – Campus Experience Network Lead

Supporting Guests

Laurie Davies (LD) – Advocacy and Campaigns Manager & Clerk to the Council

Drew Humphry (DH) – Student Voice and Campaign Coordinator & Minute Taker

Minutes

Meeting Section	Minutes
Introductions	NG chaired the opening sections of the meeting – welcoming everybody to the council and introducing its purpose. Additionally welcomed conversations around what students expect from the space.

*Election of New
Chair and Deputy
Chair*

*KW and HF both nominated themselves to be chair
of council.*

*KW and HF presented their cases for why they wish
to be chair of student council.*

Votes are as follows

Votes in favor of KW: 7 Votes

Votes in favor of HF: 3 Votes

Abstentions: 1 Vote

*KW was duly elected chair of student council, and
HF was duly elected deputy chair of student
council.*

Updating Items

KBH gave his officer update

- Food campaign has stalled due to financial
situation of the university*
- Mental Health campaign is more successful*
- Accountability – surveys to start on the 9th of
December*
- Met with Max and Alex local MPs in University
constituencies*
- Reached out to charities for bursaries*
- Looking into graduate outcomes*
- Building relationships with members of SMT
and student futures*
- SHAG week working with student groups*
- Working with NUS, attended lead and
change*
- Updated on changes to Hardwicke*

NG gave her Officer Update

- Working on #kNOwMore Campaign, working
on guest speaker events, reviewing the code
of conduct, focusing on taking the university
towards a harm reduction approach.*
 - NG is now the rep for SOS UK and is pushing
the drug and alcohol awareness survey –
asked students to push the survey.*
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- *Working with Director of Student experience Stewart dove to review the code of conduct, two students are welcome to join the working group.*
 - *In regular contact with student groups, hosts monthly meetings with clubs and socs committees.*
 - *Think Before You Ink – been working on this with BA – resources have been made for students and are available on the SU website.*

BA gave his Officer Update

- *Campaign is on the awarding gap and how we can bridge the gap between students and what they can achieve, also looking at community building and international students' sense of belonging.*
- *Introduced flexible payments for international students.*
- *Attending NUS lead and change*
- *Working with Cathy to support international students with housing*
- *Working with activities team to improve global majority students representation in sport.*
- *Host Diversity Night 3.0*
- *Has spoken to the director of GCHQ to discuss placements with them*
- *Voice it to the VC was held this semester where students can directly raise issue directly to the VC Claire Marchant*
- *Held a movie night for Black History Month*
- *Working on Annual Global Celebration and working to secure funding for this from the university.*
- *Looking to host a job fayre for NHS students to help them look for graduate careers.*
- *Classroom conversations about the awarding gap started in November.*

KBH gave an update on Change It

No change it ideas have met the threshold to be discussed at council. Updates on the current votes are as follows:

- *Bring the Library Back to Park – 18 Upvotes with 18 Voters*
- *Summer Graduation! – 16 Upvotes with 16 Voters*
- *Improve the Catering on Campus – 8 Total Upvotes with 10 Voters*
- *Having Dinner Served at the Canteen – 7 Upvotes with 7 Voters*
- *Helpzone at Park Campus – 5 Upvotes with 5 Voters*
- *Have a Go to Place for Students to go to – 0 Total Upvotes with 2 Voters*

Voting Items

KBH presented a motion to allow Course Reps to be elected by a vote of show of hands.

MA Seconded the motion.

The motion went to the voting stage.

The votes casted are as follows:

For the Motion: 10

Against the Motion: 0

Abstentions: 1

The motion was passed by Student Council and will now be reviewed by the UoG SU's Board of Trustees.

KBH Presented a motion to mandate UoG SU staff to review bureaucratic structures and remove any that created barriers to participation.

No member seconded the motion.

The motion did not go to the voting stage.

KBH presented a motion to mandate UoG SU to provide a participation fund for students when the Students' Union was not in a deficit budget.

SS seconded the motion.

The motion went to the voting stage.

The votes casted are as follows:

Votes for the Motion: 11

Votes Against the Motion: 0

Abstentions: 0

The motion was passed by Student Council and will now be reviewed by the UoG SU's Board of Trustees.

Any Other Business *No members had any other business they wished to discuss at Student Council.*

Therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 19:55 (GMT).

The next meeting of Student Council is set for Tuesday 21st January 2025 18:00 – 20:00 (GMT)
