



Cardiff Students' Union
Undeb Myfyrwyr Caerdydd

Student Senate
Cardiff University Students' Union
Tuesday 4th June 2024, 5pm
Via Zoom

Agenda

Please contact the Student Voice Team via email (democracy@cardiff.ac.uk) if you have any questions.

Standard Items	1. Welcome	
	2. Apologies	
	3. Minutes from the previous meeting	(P2)
SU Submitted Items	4. Election of Chair	
	5. Report from the Trustees	
	6. Appointment of Trustees	(P5)
	7. Democracy Review Report and Recommendations	(P6)
Submitted Items	8. Proposed Bye-Law Amendments: i. The Union Code of Conduct	(P7)
	9. Lapsing Policy <i>(There are no lapsing policies to note for this Student Senate)</i>	
	10. Officer Accountability Reports	
Any Other Business	11. Any Other Business	



ITEM THREE: Minutes from the previous meeting

Student Senate – Minutes

23rd April 2024, 5pm – Via Zoom

Attendees

Committee Members

Maria Pollard (Chair)

Micaela Panes (Vice President Postgraduate Students (Education & Welfare))

Noah Russell (Vice President Undergraduate Students (Education & Welfare))

La'Shaunna Williamson (Anti-Racism Officer)

Matilda Durant (LGBTQ+ Officer)

Hanna Pageau (Students with Disabilities Officer)

Daisy Tipping (Women's Officer)

Amelia Hamilton (Student Senator)

Jonathan Williams (Student Senator)

Maria Pollard (Student Senator)

Sastivel Preetham.B.R (Student Senator)

Shane Toner (Student Senator)

Gulshanbanu Ansari (Student Senator)

Jack Morewood (Observer)

Staff

Hannah Fatkin (Deputy Head of Student Voice, Info Point)

Sophie Loudon (Democracy and Projects Coordinator)

Cymen Cyf (Translation Services)

Standard Items	
Welcome	<p>Maria Pollard (Chair) welcomed attendees to the meeting and MP mentioned that Hannah Fatkin (Deputy Head of Student Voice) is the Info Point for this meeting.</p> <p>MP (Chair) also highlighted that there are translation services available for English and Welsh speakers. The Chair explained the agenda and voting process to all attendees and talked through the agenda. The Chair also provided a reminder to attendees of the importance of respecting all opinions.</p>
Apologies	
Minutes from the Previous Meeting	<p>MP (Chair) went through the minutes page-by-page asking for any amendments.</p> <p>No issues raised for pages 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7</p>
Students' Union Submitted Items	
Report from Trustees	<p>Noah Russell (VP Undergrad Education and Welfare) provided an overview of the report from trustees since last Senate.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Elections have been held since the last Senate with new sabbatical and campaign officers being elected. Congratulations were given to all those that have been elected/re-elected. 2) Student View is being sent off on the day the meeting was held. Involves views shared on 5 topics such as student view on Welsh University, student view on campus accessibility, student view on international student support, clinical placement experience and PGR experience. 3) Varsity will be held on the following day; the best of luck was wished to all those competing. 4) Going forward there will be a focus on transitioning into the new team. There will be a final update from the current sabbatical officers in the next Senate meeting.
Lapsing Policy	No lapsing policies to report
Officer Accountability Reports	<p>MP (Chair) passed over to Hannah Fatkin (Info Point) to explain the Officer Accountability Reports.</p> <p>HF (Info Point) outlined that phase one of the Democracy Review has been implemented over the year and this is now outlined in the Students' Union Governance documents. The Sabbatical Officers are required to have their own executive committee, excluding the SU President who has an</p>

	<p>accountability council. Each executive committee has to have an accountability session at least three times a year where they ensure the elected officer is held to account on their work.</p> <p>Each sabbatical officer's second accountability session took place in February, with the next scheduled accountability sessions due to take place in the next couple of weeks. The accountability reports for each session are published and can be found on the SU Website. These reports are made available to Student Senate to note as required by the Union's governing documents. During the accountability sessions, members are asked if they want to make Student Senate aware of because of the meeting. There was one item that students wanted to make Senate aware of that was identified in the session for the VP Postgrad.</p> <p>There was no concern about the performance of the VP Postgrad, the item was instead regarding concern about the implications of the current PG funding cuts from the government. This will have lasting impact beyond a sabbatical officer term, and the committee would like to note the importance of continued work on this in future years, by future officers. Was reiterated that this was not regarding the elected officer's performance but was something that members wanted to note to Senate given the issues facing postgrad students regarding this will go on past a single sabbatical officer term.</p> <p>No other concerns were raised about sabbatical officers' performance and therefore the reports are being presented today for note only. Reigniting associations this year had been harder than anticipated, through no fault of the campaign officers themselves and so the Democracy Review will see further consideration of the accountability process. The campaign officers will submit their accountability reports to the next Student Senate meeting and their previous reports are available on the website. These were also for note only as there were no concerns raised.</p>
<p>Any Other Business</p>	
<p>Dates of Future Meetings</p>	<p>MP (Chair) noted that Student Senate 5 will take place on 4th June 2024. The election of Chair for the next year will take place in this meeting.</p>
<p>MEETING ENDED</p>	
<p>VOTING RESULTS</p>	
<p>Minutes from the previous meeting: Approved</p>	

ITEM SIX: Appointment of Trustees

Student Senate is asked to consider the appointment of the following Trustees to the Board of Cardiff University Students' Union.

Appointment of External Trustee

Following an open recruitment process, the interview panel comprising the Chief Executive and President have nominated Sian Davies to the position of External trustee, and she has agreed to the nomination.

Appointment of Student Trustees

Following an open recruitment process, the interview panel comprising the President and President Elect have nominated Emilia Parker and Edward Bright to the positions of Student Trustee and they have each agreed to the nomination.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, the nominations now require ratification by the Appointments and Remuneration Committee and by Student Senate.

Their CVs are attached for your consideration.

Senate is asked to confirm:-

- the appointment of Sian Davies as an External Trustee for a four year term commencing from the date of confirmation by Student Senate;
- the appointment of Emilia Parker as a Student Trustee for a term commencing from the date of confirmation by Senate to 30 June 2025;
- the appointment of Edward Bright as a Student Trustee for a term commencing from the date of confirmation by Senate to 30 June 2025.

ITEM SEVEN: Democracy Review and Recommendations

This paper is to follow.

ITEM EIGHT: Proposed Bye-Law Amendments

i. To the Union Code of Conduct

Proposer: Jake Enea

Terrorism poses a significant threat to global peace and stability, undermining the principles of democracy and human rights, as well as the safety of students. The Students' Union supports efforts to combat terrorism and to address the threat posed by terrorist groups and organisations. To do this, the Students' Union's governing documents, including its byelaws, must be clear and unambiguous in stating that support for terrorist groups and organisations is a breach of its code of conduct and will result in disciplinary action.

This byelaw amendment makes this explicit and adds belonging to or support for a terrorist organisation to the list of offending behaviours under the Code of Conduct. The amendment adds further clarity to the list of offending behaviours. This includes committing other criminal offences beyond terrorism. Having engaged with the Union about how this will be applied and concerns about the provisions being applied to student members while not engaged in Union activity, clarity is also provided on **where** the Code of Conduct applies, adapting examples from the NUS's own Code of Conduct.

Bye-law	Current	Proposed
Appendix 1, Section B, part of	<p>The following (non exhaustive list) would be considered instances of where the standard of behaviour of members is a concern and therefore may result in disciplinary action if found to have taken place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • behaviour causing or likely to cause physical harm to others; • any form of harassment, unlawful discrimination or bullying of others; • drunken and disorderly behaviour; • possession or sale of illegal drugs; • bringing the Union into disrepute; • theft or fraud; • deliberate damage to property; • breach of any terms of membership of the Athletic Union or Guild of Societies; • breach of any Policies or Bye-Laws of the Union 	<p>The following (non exhaustive list) would be considered instances of where the standard of behaviour of members is a concern and therefore may result in disciplinary action if found to have taken place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • behaviour causing or likely to cause physical harm to others; • any form of harassment, unlawful discrimination or bullying of others; • drunken and disorderly behaviour; • possession or sale of illegal drugs; • bringing the Union into disrepute; • theft or fraud; • deliberate damage to property; • breach of any terms of membership of the Athletic Union or Guild of Societies; • breach of any Policies or Bye-Laws of the Union; • belonging to or expressing support

		<p>for a proscribed terrorist group or organisation, as defined in UK law by the Terrorism Act 2000 or any act that replaces it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• committing any other act deemed to be a criminal offence. <p>The Code of Conduct applies to conduct of individuals referred below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Whilst on Union premises.• Whilst engaged in any activity under the auspices of the Union including conduct whilst participating in any activity linked to affiliation student groups• When acting or perceived to be acting on behalf of the Union in any capacity.• When holding themselves out to be acting on behalf of the Union in any capacity (whether they actually are or are not).• When standing for election as a candidate (from the point of nomination).• When attending a formally organised Union event (democratic or non-democratic)• In social media spaces - both public and private - linked to Union elections, events, campaign activity or aspects of our wider work.• When interacting with any Union staff member, elected representative or trustee whilst they are engaged in that capacity.
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