



Cardiff Students' Union
Undeb Myfyrwyr Caerdydd

Student Senate
Cardiff University Students' Union
Tuesday 8th February 2022, 5pm
Via Zoom

Agenda

Please contact the Student Voice Team via email (democracy@cardiff.ac.uk) to discuss any additions or amendments you may have or to request further information on any of the below agenda items.

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Item Three: Minutes from the previous meeting

Student Senate 1 - Minutes

Thursday 16th December, 5:00pm – Zia Zoom

Attendees

Committee members

Rebecca Hardy (Chair)

Hannah Doe (SU President)
Orla Tam (VP Postgraduate Students)
Ashly Alava (Black & Ethnic Minorities Officer)
Rebecca Deverell (Mental Health Officer)
Annell Dyfri (Welsh Language Officer)
Luke Caesari (LGBTQ+ Officer)
Lucas Jakabovic (LGBTQ+ Officer)
Vee Somas (Mature Students' Officer)
Punyaja Jani (Ethical & Environmental Officer)
Bryony Danks (Women's Officer)

Roma Eccles (Student Senator)
Wendy Muganda (Student Senator)
Penny Dinh (Student Senator)
Victor Wendling (Student Senator)
Wen Yi Leong (Student Senator)
Em Long (Student Senator)
Jazz Walsh (Student Senator)
Rose Hancock (Student Senator)
Sayed Sayem (Student Senator)
Mason Steed (Student Senator)
Nabil Subroto (Student Senator)
Jaimin Mehta (Student Senator)

Christopher Gapper (COMSC PG Student Rep)
Anita Pokima (MLANG UG Student Rep)

Additional Attendees

Zara Siddique



Staff

Tali Atvars (Head of Student Voice, Info Point)
 Cymen Cyf (Translation Services)
 Monique Dyer (Student Voice Assistant, Minutes)

Apologies

Ayana Sakai (International Students' Officer)
 Adrian Lozan (Student Senator)
 Shloka Dhareshwar (Student Senator)
 Tomos Evans (Student Senator)
 Curtis Andrews (BLS UG Student)
 Shaira Kassam (DENTL PG Student Rep)

Standard Items	
Welcome	Rebecca Hardy (Chair) explains Senate and congratulates everybody for their election and thanks everyone for their attendance.
Apologies	Apologies will be noted in the minutes.
Minutes of the previous meeting	RH (Chair) goes through the minutes page-by-page asking for any amendments. No amendments are noted, and attendees are reminded to return their voting card at the end of the meeting.
Students' Union Submitted Items	
Election of Vice-Chair	RH (Chair) invites members of Student Senate to put themselves forward for the position of vice chair. Mason Stead and Jaimin Mehta nominate themselves and are given 60 seconds each to explain to Senate why they should be elected vice-chair.
Students' Union Budget	<p>Orla Tarn provided an update on the students' union's budget.</p> <p>Orla highlighted various aspects of the budget including: Student Advice has an increased operation budget. Campaigns budget has remained the same. Student media budget has decreased. Student Voice back up to pre covid levels. Membership services has also increased in budget. Both athletic and societies income almost back to pre-covid levels. Give it a go program cautious recovery but expected increase of cost. Transport has seen a decrease in expenditure. Skills development expenditure has increased and jobshop has seen a slight decrease, but our service hasn't changed it is in line with job market opportunity. Overall budget has seen a small increase in income just slightly ahead of inflation.</p>
Report from the Trustees	<p>Hannah Doe provided a verbal update on behalf of the trustees.</p> <p>HD provided an update on the recently passed AGM motions with further updates to be shared with students following the latest Board of Trustees</p>



	meeting. Winter Wellbeing was also noted as successfully reaching out to many students with wellbeing fair, therapy animals and more.
Submitted Items	
Lapsing Policy	Student Senate noted that the following policies had lapsed and had not been resubmitted for approval: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ban Balloons throughout the SU • Out Future. Our Choice.
Tabled Motions	<p>Motion I. Creation of a ‘Student Parents and Carers’ part-time Campaign Officer.</p> <p>Zara Siddique outlined the challenges facing student parents and carers including the lack of information, statistics and resources. Zara further expressed the importance of a Campaign Officer for Student Parents and Carers and how this would help support these students.</p> <p><i>Two amendments were proposed by Penny Dinh and accepted by the original proposer of the motion. As such the amendments were automatically added to the motion being debated.</i></p> <p><i>A procedural motion was proposed for the motion to be voted on in parts. The procedural motion was passed and therefore members were emailed a new voting card which they were asked to return following the meeting.</i></p> <p>Motion II. Remove Placeholders from Officer Titles</p> <p>Orla discussed the issues surrounding the placeholder for the LGBTQ (Trans) placeholder title. Ensure that there is always a held space for Self-identifying trans students but not publicly referred to as that to ensure students maintain privacy.</p>
Any Other Business	
Notice of Elections	RH (Chair) reminded members that the Students’ Union spring elections nominations were now open.
MEETING ENDED	
VOTING RESULTS	
Minutes of the Previous Meeting – Approved	
Vice-Chair – Mason Steed is elected Vice-Chair of Student Senate for 2021/22	
Motion I. Creation of a ‘Student Parents and Careers’ Part-Time Campaign Officer.	
Resolves 1 – Passes	
Resolves 2 – Passes	
Resolves 3 – Passes	
Resolves 4 – Passes	
Resolves 5 – Falls	
Motion II. Remove Placeholders from Officer Titles – Passes	
*a full voting record for motion voting will be made available on the SU website soon	



Item Five: Bye-law changes approved by the Board of Trustees

The Bye Laws of the Students' Union may be amended by a joint decision of Student Senate and the Board of Trustees as defined within Bye Law 17:

17. Amendments to the Bye-Laws

17.1 Amendments to the Bye-Laws shall be made jointly by the Trustees and the Student Council in accordance with Article 50.

17.2 Amendments to the Bye-Laws may be proposed by Student Members to Student Council.

Article 50 states that:

50. Bye-Laws

The Trustees and the Student Council shall have the power from time to time to jointly make, repeal or amend Bye-Laws as to the management of the Union and its working practices provided that such Bye-Laws shall not be inconsistent with these Articles.

The following amendment was approved by the Board of Trustees. As a result, it is being presented to Student Senate for agreement. In agreeing to these changes as they are set out below, the following amendments will be made to the bye-laws and they will be published.

Bye Law	Current	Proposed	Rationale
Bye-Law 7.2.8 This Bye-Law relates to the make-up of the Sabbatical Officer team	"Sabbatical Trustee roles shall be determined by a Members' Meeting in the preceding Academic Session, but will at all times include a President."	Amend... " Sabbatical Trustee roles shall be determined by a Members' Meeting or a Referendum, but will at all times include a President and a Vice President Welsh Language, Culture and Community"	Following the AGM motion the Board wished to show a commitment to the inclusion of a Vice President Welsh Language, Culture and Community as part of the Sabbatical Officer team. Board gave consideration to the implementation timeline for the new role, in such a way that secured commitment to the new role and allowed time for a measured delivery of a sustainable way forward. As the process for the 2022 Sabbatical Officer elections had already commenced it would not be possible to implement the changes until the 2023 elections. However, the Board were minded to request Senate to consider amending the byelaws to specify that such a role is included within the Team, in addition to the position of President as is currently prescribed.



Item Six: Lapsing Motions

The following motions passed at Student Senate have expired. These are presented for information only.

- I. Fight for Funds: AGM mandate
- II. CU and CUSU to adopt full definition of Islamophobia
- III. Making the Union Plastic Straw Free

Please see this section of the website for all policies – www.cardiffstudents.com/your-voice/policy/



Item Seven: Tabled Motions

Motion I

I. Bye-law refinement for Scrutiny Committee

What is the problem?

The Scrutiny Committee needs significant reform of its byelaws to ensure it can effectively praise elected officers when they are performing well, and express the full spectrum of concern and disapproval when Officers need to be held to account. Currently there is no formal way of recognising good behaviour other than informal verbal comment. This can lead to poor representation of the amazing work our officers do and casts the Scrutiny Committee's role in wholly negative terms. We also note that currently there is only one formal way of recognising dissatisfaction with officers, a censure, which is seen as extremely severe, and which can be wholly inappropriate for minor indiscretions. The Committee also understands the extensive expertise former Sabbatical Officers can provide to the committee, however, there is no designated place for them at present.

What's the Idea?

Resolves 1. Introduce a formal recognition of excellent work by elected officers by introducing a 'Notice of Satisfaction' to be issued where an Officer's conduct or work has been particularly innovative or stellar.

Resolves 2. Introduce a Notice of Required Improvement, which is less severe than a censure, but still notes the committee's dissatisfaction with an elected officer's work or conduct. A NORI or NORIs can only be issued in a Scrutiny meeting once an elected officer has a right to reply to concerns put forward by the committee. In the event an officer receives three NORIs over the course of an academic year an automatic censure would be triggered.

Resolves 3. Introduce one new 'consultant' position on the committee for former Sabbatical officers to take upon leaving office. The new position is to be an advisory position and would be devoid of any voting rights on the committee to mitigate against conflicts of interest.

Proposer: Jazz Walsh



Motion II

II. Bye-law changes for Student Senate

What is the problem?

Currently the bye-laws do not include how long the time between a meeting that is adjourned due being inquorate and a re-arranged student senate meeting should be.

What is your idea?

Amend bye-law 5.5.2 from

“In the event of a meeting being or becoming inquorate no business shall be transacted other than the adjournment of the meeting. At least five days' notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given. At the adjourned meeting the unfinished business for which the original meeting was called may be transacted in the absence of a quorum.”

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Proposer: Rebecca Hardy



Motion III

III. Welsh pints for a Welsh pub

What is the problem?

The Taf serves a good range of draught lagers and beers but lacks in serving local, Welsh brewed beer.

What is your idea?

Push the Taf to serve beers from Brains Brewery, such as SA, SA Gold and Bayside to show Cardiff SU is proud of Cardiff and supports local businesses.

Proposer: Mason Steed



Motion IV

IV. Back to reality

What is the problem?

For most of this academic year, too many students have been forced to attend 'Zoom University'. Deprived of a genuine University experience and full access to the benefits of a University education. Although it is not in the remit of the SU, there is power for the SU to do something about it to benefit thousands of students unfairly treated by covid regulations.

What is your idea?

The Students' Union should express dissatisfaction with the several schools in the University that are still mandating online University. I motion that 'It is the opinion of the Students' Union that on-line learning is negatively impacting student's educational attainment and wellbeing and a return to in-person is desired'.

Proposer: Mason Steed



Motion V

V. Bye-law change to reflect VP Sports and AU President title

What is the problem?

Bye-law 12.1.1b does not currently state the full title of VP Sports and Athletic Union President.

What is your idea?

Amend bye-law 12.1.1.b from

“Membership of the Athletic Union Clubs’ Executive shall be:

- (a) Vice President Sports and Athletic Union President; and
- (b) No less than five and no more than eight student members annually selected from the Athletic Union membership by a panel chaired by the Vice President Sports”

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Proposer: Rebecca Hardy



Item Nine: Dates of Future Meetings

Please note the below dates for the remaining Student Senate meetings of this academic year and the necessary deadlines.

	Student Senate 3	Student Senate 4	Student Senate 5
Deadline for Motions	1 st March	5 th April	10 th May
Agenda Circulated	8 th March	12 th April	17 th May
Deadline for Amendments	15 th March	19 th April	24 th May
Amendments Circulated	17 th March	21 st April	26 th May
Date of Meeting	22 nd March	26 th April	31 st May

