**Lampeter Union Council Minutes – 26/11/2021.**

**In attendance:**

James Barrow (Lampeter Campus President) - JB

Becky Bush (Carmarthen Campus President/Vice chair)- BB

Saskia Judd (IEH Student Voice Rep) - SJ

Bronwyn Caine (LGBT+ Students Office Open Space) - BC

Amber Minney (LGBT+ Students Officer Women’s Space) - AM

Kezia Harrow (Sustainability Officer) - KH

Hongshuo Huang (Disabled Students Officer) – HH

**Students’ Union Staff**

Taz Jones (Head of Membership Services) - TJ

Euan Morrison (Student Voice & Advocacy Coordinator) - EM

Rebecca Crane (Student Voice Coordinator) Minutes – RC

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| Agenda | Purpose | Minutes |
| 1. Welcome and Introductions | N/A | JB introduced himself.  JB asked everyone to introduce themselves.  BB introduced herself.  PTOs introduced themselves  SU staff introduced themselves. |
| 1. Apologies | Info | Megan Pearson and Saskia Judd. |
| 1. The Minutes of the Previous Council | Approval | JB discussed the previous minutes and asked if everyone had read these. He summarised the minutes.  JB then asked everyone to vote.  Result:  For: 3  Against: 0  Abstain:0  Majority pass of the minutes. |
| 1. Actions of the Previous Council | To Consider | JB read through the previous actions and mentioned which ones had been completed.  JB also welcomed Saskia to the call. |
| 1. Chairperson's Update | Info | BB stated Vanessa sends her apologies. |
| 1. Discussion Item - Terms of Reference   [View Council Byelaws](https://www.uwtsdunion.co.uk/bye-laws#Campus%20Student%20Council) | To Consider | JB ran through the byelaws briefly. He advised students to read through this outside of the meeting. |
| 1. Discussion Item – Nominate Union Council Representatives | Approval | JB discussed voting on seats for Union Council.  JB explained what Union Council is and why it is important and useful to students.  BB explained the extra responsibility of 4 meetings a year, and asked if anyone needed more information on these.  KH asked what Union Council does.  JB explained the process and what PTOs attending would do.  BC asked how many more hours a term this would take up.  BB and JB explained this.  JB asked for volunteers to sit on the Council.  BC, HH, KH and AM nominated themselves.  BB asked everyone to vote on each person nominated.  JB asked for everyone to vote on BC  Result:  For: 3  Against: 0  Abstain:0  JB stated majority votes puts BC on a seat at Union Council.  JB asked for everyone to vote on AM  Result:  For: 2  Against: 0  Abstain:0  JB stated majority votes puts AM on a seat at Union Council.  JB asked for everyone to vote on HH.  Result:  For: 4  Against: 0  Abstain:0  JB stated unanimous vote puts HH on a seat at Union Council.  JB asked for everyone to vote on KH.  Result:  For: 3  Against: 0  Abstain:0  JB stated majority votes puts KH on a seat at Union Council.  JB stated all four of students are now on the Union Council. |
| 1. Discussion Item – QAA Student Written Submission. | To Consider | JB explained what QAA is and what it does; also what we are doing as an SU. JB asked that students get in touch to have their say if they want to give their ideas.  JB stated students can still submit feedback via an email to Kara, who would have sent an email out to them. |
| 1. Campus President Manifesto   [View Manifesto Tracker](https://www.uwtsdunion.co.uk/james) | Approval | JB handed over chairing to BB.  JB spoke about his manifesto points.  He mentioned accessibility and how Lampeter can be quite hilly and there aren’t enough disabled parking spaces. JB explained he has spoken with estates, who have started creating these spaces for students.  JB spoke about how he will be constantly working on transparency between students and the university. He wants anything he can share to be shared with students throughout his time as President.  Regarding sustainability, JB spoke about the records that have been saved and repurposed as decoration at the SU. He also spoke about how books are being reshared around campus so students can re-read and share different books on campus and around the town.  JB also mentioned the Wales Centre for Resilience and Harmony, and how they plan to do some brilliant things, including planting trees.  JB mentioned a major point of his manifesto was to bring back the clubs and societies. He stated that he has already saved a lot of societies by asking for new leaders. He has more work to do with sports clubs, which he is working on.  BB asked students to vote to say whether they approve JB’s manifesto update.  Result:  For: 4  Against:  Abstain:  BB stated that manifesto is approved unanimously. BB then handed chairing duty back to JB. |
| 1. Part Time Officer Update | Info | JB asked PTOs for updates.  KH said they would like the SU bar at Lampeter to be plastic free.  AM said as they are new, they have only started looking at their manifesto points, so no update yet.  HH had no update on this.  BC said they have lots of ideas and have their PTO 121 next week. BC also asked to have the Q added to the acronym LGBT+ for their role.  JB and EM explained that this idea has been put forward to Union Council, where they will be able to vote on this. |
| 1. The need of reduction in transportation system for all students   by Anonymous | Approval | JB read the idea to students and asked for some clarity on the idea’s meaning.  BB mentioned that at Carmarthen Campus Council this idea was not approved due to not understanding the idea.  EM explained that if this happened today, then the student who wrote the idea would have this explained to them and the idea would not make it to Union Council.  JB asked for votes.  Result:  For:  Against:  Abstain:4  Unanimous voted to abstain on the idea; this again was due to students not understanding what the student who proposed this idea was asking for. |
| 1. Any Other Business | To Consider | JB asked if there was any other business.  No other business. |
| 1. Closing Remarks   Date of Next Council:  09/02/2022 | Info | JB thanked all students for attending and gave them the dates of the next Campus Council.  JB closed meeting. |