**Swansea Campus Council**

**Thursday 10/03/2022**

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**Agenda**

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| 1 | Welcome and Introductions | Verbal | N/A |
| 2 | Apologies | Verbal | Information |
| 3 | The Minutes of the Previous Council  | 4 | Approval  |
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| 5 | Chairpersons Update | Verbal | Information |
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| 8 | Campus President Manifesto Report | [View Manifesto Tracker](https://www.uwtsdunion.co.uk/liam) | Approval |
| 9 | Part Time Officer Update | Verbal | Information |
| 10 | Increase the number of gender-neutral bathrooms on campuses (not just within the SU) | [View Idea](https://www.uwtsdunion.co.uk/thestudentvoice/increase-the-number-of-gender-neutral-bathrooms-on-campuses-not-just-within-the-su) | Approval |
| 11 | Hidden disabilities | [View Idea](https://www.uwtsdunion.co.uk/thestudentvoice/hidden-disabilities) | Approval |
| 12 | Helping the university help students | [View Idea](https://www.uwtsdunion.co.uk/thestudentvoice/helping-the-university-help-students) | Approval |
| 13 | Reporting systems within the Student Union | [View Idea](https://www.uwtsdunion.co.uk/thestudentvoice/reporting-systems-within-the-student-union) | Approval |
| 14 | Reopening of XTension  | [View Idea](https://www.uwtsdunion.co.uk/thestudentvoice/reopening-of-xtension) | Approval |
| 15 | Any Other Business | Verbal  | To Consider |
| 16 | Closing RemarksDate of Next Council: 05/05/2022 | Verbal | Information |

Membership

1. Vanessa Liverpool (Chair and Group President) - VL
2. Liam Powell (Campus President) - LP
3. Cindy Jenkins (LGBT+ Officer - Open Space) - CJ
4. Lyndsey Kissick (Postgraduate Students’ Officer) - LK
5. Florinel Biciusca (IMH Student Voice Rep) - FB
6. Hannah Thomas (WISA Student Voice Rep) - HT
7. Adrienn Dema (Disabled Students Officer)- AD
8. Bryleigh Draycott (Student Engagement Officer) - BD
9. Zaeem Gulammamodo (Volunteering and RAG Officer) - ZG
10. Elle Edwards (Wellbeing Officer) - EE
11. Amy Knight (IEH Student Voice Rep) - AK
12. Mirela Hayles (International Students Officer) - MH

**SU Staff Observing**

Rebecca Crane (Secretary/Student Voice Coordinator) - RC

Euan Morrison (Student Voice and Advocacy Manager) - EM

Taz Jones (Head of Membership Services) - TJ

**Council Glossary**

Actions – The tasks that the members of council were set at the previous council to complete before this council. The chairperson will go through each action and the council will receive updates from those involved with the action. Members of council can ask questions or debate the progress and outcomes of these.

Agenda – The plan for the meeting.

Any Other Business – Council members can add additional things to the agenda to discuss with or inform the other members. It is best to let the Chairperson know about this in advance.

Apologies – These are the members who informed the Chair or Secretary that they would be absent in advance of the meeting. They will be recorded in the minutes as having sent their apologies. Those who did not send apologies will not be listed in the minutes.

Approval – The agenda item requires a vote.

Consider – Members of council can ask questions or debate the matter.

Policy Ideas – These are submitted on the Big Ideas Platform by students. Council members debate the idea and vote on whether to adopt the idea and refer it to Students’ Union Council for discussion and decision.

Chairperson - The Group President, or an alternative Full Member designated by them.

Information – The agenda item is there for your information and does not require a vote.

Manifesto Report – The President updates council on their progress against the work that they set out to achieve at the start of the year. Council members can ask questions and debate outcomes and progress of these points.

Verbal – The person responsible for the agenda item will speak on it rather than present a paper.

The Minutes of Previous Council.

**Swansea Campus Council Minutes – 10/02/2022.**

This council did not reach quoracy, because of this there are no formal meeting minutes. However, campus president Becky still had a discussion with those students attended and notes of this discussion can be seen below.

**In attendance:**

Vanessa Liverpool (Group President) – VL

Liam Powell (Swansea Campus President) – LP

Bryleigh Draycott (Swansea Student Engagement Officer) - BD

Andrea Lee (Swansea Sustainability Officer) – AL

**Guests**

Becky Ricketts (NUS Wales President) - BR

**Students’ Union Staff**

Euan Morrison (Student Voice & Advocacy Manager) & (Minute Taker)- EM

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Welcome

VL welcomed everyone to council and explained that unfortunately the council was not quorate with the number of members in attendance.

Becky Rickets from NUS Wales

BR introduced herself as NUS Wales president. She informed the group about the upcoming Student Strike for Education organised by NUS. The event will take place on the 2nd of March 2022. BR explained that NUS believes that the current education system does not work for students. BR also explained that NUS is celebrating its 100th anniversary and that this event is part of shaping what the next 100 years of education could look like. BR invited all UWTSD Students to attend and encouraged students to sign up. BR informed the group that NUS will be arranging coaches.

BD asked about more information. BR shared [this link](https://www.nus.org.uk/campaign-hub/new-vision-for-education?i=0).

Updates on Matters Discussed at the Previous Meetings

LP updated the group on the Griffiths Library space. LP encouraged the group to share the news of the proposed changes. This included a new investment on just under £200000 and a new library loan service to have books delivered to site.

Group President Update

VL updated council that she is undertaking a campaign on BAME mental health. VL is looking for students to share their story as part of this.

VL congratulated the London Students who graduated this week. This was the first ever London based graduation ceremony, something VL had lobbied for. VL said they were looking forward to the first Birmingham based graduation next month.

Update on the QAA QER and SWS

LP reminded council that the University is going through a Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) Quality Enhancement Review (QER). The SU submitted the Student Written Submission (SWS) last year. The QAA will be visiting in March. LP encouraged the councillors to volunteer for the QAA review as a student. LP updated that the SWS was presented to the Academic Committee the previous week. The committee felt that it was a good document that was transparent and raised issue in a productive way. LP praised the Student Voice team as instrumental in its production and thanked the co-author on behalf of students at UWTSD.

Campus President Update

LP updated on his progress to get Self Certification on Extenuating Circumstances approved as a University Policy. LP explained that a paper proposing this would be going through the next senate. LP elaborated that it would be paper co-authored by the Academic Office and the Students’ Union. It proposes that the policy will be separate from the Mitigating Circumstances policy and will exist as a trail for the first year.

In terms of Fighting for Non Traditional Students LP explained that he has regularly raised our student demographics when discussing matters to ensure that they are understood and have their voices heard at meetings with University.

LP update the group that Cafeteria Prices won’t change. This is due to the current prices being below the average. LP is hoping that he can explore the option to improve options for students with dietary requirements.

AL asked about the milk shortage that had been previously reported. LP responded to confirm that this had been resolved.

LP also revealed that we are looking to get SU space in the SA1 campus however this is up for discussion. LP also revealed that he would like to look into the fragmentation of the ‘Swansea Campus’ and how they can help students feel part of UWTSD.

BD commented that students do feel a separate from each other. BD stated that “You know your course and that’s it”.

LP responded that the University was interested in introducing a shuttle service. LP was also hopeful the HQ Urban Kitchen site will act as a site for the students to meet.

LP updated the group that he had been working with WISA to improve student representation and ensure Swansea voices were heard.

Part Time Officer Update

BD updated that they had been working on the Griffiths study space with LP.

AL asked to meet with LP and Student Opportunity coordinator to move forward with plans.

Action: LP to meet with AL to discuss sustainability.

Big Ideas

Increase the number of gender-neutral bathrooms on Campuses.

LP thought it could be easy enough to achieve although some areas will be more difficult than others. BD felt that this was a good idea but highlighted that there can be debate when this a converted accessible toilet. LP agreed that that should not be the case.

Hidden disabilities

LP explained the lanyard scheme. LP expressed that there should be work done to raise awareness on hidden disabilities. LP reminded group that the SU would not be able to mandate the Uni to become one. BD agreed and felt the conversation was important

Helping the university help students.

LP explained that the conversations are taking place already on this topic. And touched upon some of the challenges that the idea presented and how we are looking to overcome these.

Reporting systems within the Student Union

LP explained the idea. He explained the importance of having something in place for reporting incidents within an SU event.

Any Other Business

EM reminded the group that the Nominations Period for the Elections were open. The positions available included the President Positions, Part Time Officers, Student Trustees and Union Chairperson. LP encouraged the councillors to consider these roles due to the potential skills and experience they can provide.

LP finished by explaining that there was a large amount of strategic work taking place at the moment with the University. The results of this will become clear in due course. LP hopes that he will have increased availability to engage with students in the coming months.

Actions of previous meeting

No Actions.