

University of Salford Students' Union

Union Executive Committee: 30 August 2017

Minutes

Present: Kobby Ofori, Famous Dekeri, Jon-Connor Lyons, Zamzam Ibrahim, Emily Vos-Bevan

In attendance: Amar Abbas, Rhiannon Roberts

1. The minutes from the meeting of 17.08.17 were approved, with some amendments which follow:

- a. University Committees

During a discussion about the delegation of University Committee representation, it was agreed that:

University Council: Zamzam and Emily

University Senate: Zamzam, Kobby and Famous

ASQAC: Kobby and Zamzam

SELTEC: Jon and Emily

It was also agreed that the ICZ Board meetings would align with relevant schools so that each Sabbatical Officer attended one of the Boards.

The other committee decisions from last UE stand.

- b. Officer Portfolios

It was agreed to add 'finance' to Zamzam's additional portfolio responsibilities.

2. Finance induction

It was noted that the Sabbatical Officers have still not received a full finance induction from the Head of Finance. AA will ensure this is followed up.

3. Expenditure requests: Following a retrospective change to an approved expense at the last UE, there was discussion around the use of Union funds for political factions or similar events and activities.

NB: The expenses approved at the last UE for Labour Students training event were retrospectively reversed, so no expenses were made available for that event.

During discussion, it was agreed that Union funds would not be used to support Officers attending political faction events, regardless of whether they were party-affiliated or not. It was further agreed that for expenses to be approved in future, there must be a clear link from the activity to the needs of Salford students, and that each instance would be considered on its merits.

4. Student Executives

The following Officers were allocated to the Executives:
Community and Wellbeing: Emily

Sports and Societies: Kobby
International: Famous
Liberations: Zamzam and Jon-Connor

5. Big Ideas / Petitions

RR notified the group of an issue related to a student-submitted 'idea' via the website. The idea asks that the Union reverse the stance on Prevent, and embrace the duty as a way of tackling extremism on campus. The idea had not been approved by staff due to the wording, so UE was asked to rule on the action to take.

It was agreed that the wording of the idea be changed to remove any reference to CAGE (all sentences after the word 'initiative'), and that the student be notified that this was the only format the idea could be published in.

6. Union stance on Prevent

AA asked for clarification on the role of staff re. Prevent, particularly attending University meetings or groups. It was agreed that in keeping with Union policy, no staff member should attend Prevent meetings or briefings.

7. Expense requests

There was agreement that potential taxi fare may be needed for a trip to Manchester SU to meet up with other Sabbs; this was because the meeting overlaps with interviews on campus.