## [Amended] EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE | Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 10 February 2020

**Ex-officio members present** George Nuttall | Students’ Union President [part] | he/him

Lewis Marriott | VP Campaigns & Communications | he/him

Grishma Bijukumar | Vice President Welfare & Community | she/her

Victoria Hatch | Vice President Activities | she/her

**Members present** Sarah Pennington | Students with Disabilities Officer | she/her

Gigi Bruschi | Students with Disabilities Officer | she/her

Bara Mala | PG Board Rep | she/her

Fabiha Askari | Vice Chair and Faculty Rep Taught | she/her

Nicolas Lamar | International Students’ Officer | he/him

Chris Ebulu | BME Students’ Officer | he/him

Atree Ghosh | JCR President | he/him

**In attendance** Misbah Ashraf | Interim Chief Executive | she/her

Chris Cottam | Chair’s Aide and Education & Support Unit Manager | he/him

Veronica Longmire | Executive Administrator | Minutes

**Apologies** Hannah Prydderch | Vice President Union Development | Chair | she/her

Bethan Morgan | Vice President Education | she/her

Sam Maesschalck | Faculty Rep Research | he/him

Mitch Boocock | LGBTQ+ Officer | he/him

In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair chaired the meeting.

**The meeting commenced at 17:20/17:25 due to members needing to be added to Teams and the fact the minutes-taker had to revisit their computer.**

**The meeting did not reach quorum.**

**Agenda Item 1 | Apologies** | as recorded above.

**Agenda Item 2 | Minutes of meeting** held 28 January confirmed agreed, once it was noted that Atree Ghosh was at the meeting but not included in the attendance list.

**Agenda Item 3 | Matters arising from the minutes** [not elsewhere on the agenda] | None.

**Agenda Item 4 | Items for Discussion**

**4.1 Poster Code** | presented by the VP Campaigns & Communications. Noted that the code was under the remit of the VP Campaigns & Communications and was due for renewal | request made for feedback / comments on what the code should include | was not currently a by-law | historic collaboration with the University | discrepancies re poster locations | the code would be part of the VP **Union** Development remit going forward | fines should still be implemented and irregularities around enforcement. Consultation should take place with the University | accessibility required consideration and Part-time Officers should be involved in the review | responsibility to be given thought.

**4.2** **University Protest Code** | presented by the SU President. Noted that the protest code belonged to the University and a re-draft had been submitted to this meeting for consideration. The item was discussed and it was clear there was general discontent with the process of consultation. The meeting **agreed to not** accept the protest code as submitted.

**ACTION | University Council Reps to pass information forward**

**4.3 Society Affiliation | Friends of Israel** [postponed pending further information] | item not discussed.

**4.4 Climate Change Emergency Policy** | presented by the VP Welfare & Community. The committee was being asked to review the Climate Change Emergency policy approved at the AGM with a view to agreeing actions towards policy implementation. The item was discussed and it was clear further action was required around consultation and guidelines around sustainability. It was noted that from an operational perspective resources needed to be considered as the matter was time-sensitive and time-consuming.

At this point Atree Ghosh and George Nuttall left the meeting to attend prior commitments.

**ACTION | Chair to circulate items requiring digital agreement**

**Agenda Item 5 | Items for Approval**

**5.1 Student Trustees Appointment** | referred back from previous meeting | item not discussed.

**Agenda Item 6 | Items for information**

**6.1 Upcoming Elections** | meeting informed that nominations were live for the upcoming elections for Full-time and Part-time positions | committee members were encouraged to get people to stand for election | confirmed that hustings would follow same format as previously.

**6.2 Full-time Officers Update** | updates received on activities included work on: Black Attainment gap / All In project / Respect campaign / sustainability workshop / Central Stores on tax-free sanitary products / Student Media mingle event / ‘Don’t Lose your Cool’ event / video summary post-Trustee Board / elections / Sports and sustainable accessibility / potential re-launch of Societies Committee / Roses discussions / **PG Eat and Critique** event / obtaining information of PG courses and better representation / education issues with the University / attendance at UPRG and Senate meetings / drugs testing kits had arrived / arranging elections walk-ins / Great British Valentine campaign / writing up NUS motion proposals for next Executive Committee / encouraging students to stand for election / plans underway for the second half of the AGM.

**6.3 Part-time Officers Update** | verbal updates received on activities / campaigns included working on a sustainable framework for Black History Month / liberation work / planning international trips / PG schemes / supporting strike action.

**6.4 Chief Executive Update** | paper in Teams folder. Other updates included that the Trustee Board had agreed to a PG Engagement Research Co-ordinator / a full [external] democracy and governance review to hopefully include the full-time officer structure / the appointment of the Chief Returning Officer and Chris Cottam as Deputy Returning Officer, for this year’s elections / the election rules for 2019/20 / work to commence on external trustees recruitment / the UCU strike action Qs & As on the Union website had been updated / full-time officer training planning to hopefully include part-time officers and include a review of the challenges / significant increase in students accessing the SU advice service.

The Interim Chief Executive stressed to the committee members still present that digital approval of the student trustees was urgent, resulting from the legal advice that everyone had seen, that legal advice superseded the AGM motions, that the Union was in breach of charity law as it was not working within current regulations.

The Interim Chief Executive further stressed that she was doing everything possible to get the appointment of student trustees ratified by the committee.

**Agenda Item 7 | Any Other Business** | None raised.