

Democracy Committee Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held **Tuesday 21 February 2023**

Present:

JCR Officers		
Sam Capewell	Pendle College	He/Him
Emmanuel Adeyemi-Abere	County College	He/Him
Callum Sefton	Lonsdale College	He/Him
Aeryn Ralph	Grizedale College	She/Her
Full-Time Officers		
Callum Slater	VP Union Development	He/Him
Union Staff		
Josh Wynn	Democracy & Governance Assistant	He/Him

Agenda Item 1 | Introductions

Agenda Item 2 | Review of Elections

The meeting discussed issues with the JCR elections, including a lack of engagement and focus on FTO positions. There were concerns about the candidate briefing being a waste of time and difficulty in getting people to run. The budget was also discussed, with a need to spend more to make a business case to the financial controller and work towards breaking even in 2 to 3 years. The group discussed the need for events to be more appealing and suggested being selective with what events to hold.

Agenda Item 3 | Summer Elections

Discussed the upcoming SU elections and the potential impact on JCR members. There were concerns about JCR members leaving and how term dates would work. The group discussed the need to clarify the terms of Union Assembly Delegates and JCR roles to get ahead of the game.

Vote to Approve Dates | All in Favour

Agenda Item 4 | JCR Terms of Reference

The group discussed the process of updating Terms of Reference (ToR) and the need for ratification by the Union Assembly (UA). It was recommended that the Democracy Committee should tidy up the ToR. The Lonsdale old ToR were discussed and the need to review them on the Union cloud website. It was noted that documents do not need to be super detailed and are a minimum. The group discussed the running of events by individual officers and whether to add it to all officers. It was suggested that it would be worth adding as a standing order to ensure it is covered but not explicitly.

Agenda Item 5 | Student Group Byelaws

Discussed the responsibility of reviewing byelaws and specifically changing the terminology used by education representatives.

Vote to Approve | ALL IN FAVOUR

Agenda Item | Any Other Business

n/a