



Union Assembly Minutes

Minutes for the meeting held: **FRIDAY 19TH JANUARY 2025, 5PM – 6PM**

Agenda Item 1| Introductions

In attendance: Cerys Evans, Jack Watson, Ella Smith, Lilly-Emma Thynne, Charley Zollinger, Millie Ni-Elle Ashton, Sonny Remmer-Riley, Rayhan Ayinla, Carys Smith, Lottie Maeda, Finn Van Breugel, Emily Woods, Michael Nyugen, Josie Hyland, Aaditi Surana, Ewan Bell, Isaac Harrison, Edward Rowell, Chris Sanderson, Jess Thorpe, Aroob Alhumaidy, Madison Lardner, Mozhdeh Mohammadpour Zehaab, Radwa Elsekhlily.

Apologies: Harrison Stewart, Ifaz Younus, Christina Mallinson, Cali-rose Foster, Samuel Clark, Nicole Robinson, Guy Boonyarakytin.

Absent: Thomas Evans, Klara Foricic, Emmi Wilson, Robert Braines, Ellie Coverdale, Niamh McAuley, Iman Jalloh.

Leo Metcalfe (Deputy Chair) chaired the meeting due to technical difficulties. The meeting took place via Microsoft Teams.

Agenda Item 2 | For Approval | Pause to the election of Liberation & Campaigns Officers 25/26

The Deputy Chair introduced the item and asked for comments.

Ewan Bell – can anyone give some context.

Cerys Evans – We normally elect LCO alongside the Full-Time Officers in March, this is a historical thing. We don't want to do it this year as we know the roles are right. We want to work with current post holders to improve the roles. There were problems when I was an LCO, this is an opportunity for us to take a breather. We need to vote to allow elections to occur outside of the normal schedule.

Lilly-Emma Thynne – the LCOs have all been meeting, we are working in our remits to define the roles and make them more representatives. We need more time to do this. If election ran this Term, I wouldn't put myself forward. For LGBTQ+ there will be an election before Summer. This is just a pause to give us time to ensure the roles are representatives for the future.

Deputy Chair invited further comments from attendees.

Chris Sanderson – how long will the pause be for?

Cerys Evans – we are looking to simply not elect in March. We are currently proposing a time. We hope to be sorted before the Summer. We will continue to give updates at Union Assembly through this term. The latest it could possibly be is for next year. We really want people in these roles in before Summer.

Ella Smith – this is happening now as the elections notice goes out on Monday.

Lilly-Emma Thynne – I would be really keen to update from the LGBTQ+ perspective at the next Union Assembly meeting.

The Deputy Chair asked for any further comments.

Vote:

FOR 20

AGAINST 0

ABSTAIN 3

Union Assembly approved the pause to Liberation & Campaign Officer elections for 2025 Lent Term.

The Deputy Chair asked for any further urgent business, none were raised.

Agenda Item 6 | Any Other Business

The Chair closed the meeting.

Luke Owen and Ollie Earnshaw were thanked as outgoing College Presidents for their contributions to Union Assembly over the past calendar year.