

## **LTSU Student Council Meeting**

**December 1<sup>st</sup> 2017**

### **Present:**

Charles Isherwood  
Emma Riley  
Robert Mooney  
Megan Haugh  
Hannah Morton  
Zoha Shah  
Nathan Bland  
Laura Wood

### **In Attendance:**

Matt Webber  
Olivia Sharp

### **Apologies:**

Lydia Cosgrave  
Georgia Wood

### **Absent:**

Jack Josling

### **Item 1: Welcome from Chair**

C. Isherwood welcomes Council to the meeting.

### **Item 2: Approval of minutes of last meeting**

Council approve minutes of the last meeting.

**Action** → Council members to email approx. 50 words of Council profile for circulation to University staff.

### **Item 3: Democracy review**

C. Isherwood outlines the democracy review document.

N. Bland & M. Haugh propose title change from Environmental Officer to Sustainability Officer.  
Change approved by Council.

M. Haugh proposes only students of faith should be able to vote for Interfaith Officer.

M. Webber explains that without demographic data on this the Union is not able to put this requirement on the voting platform without risk of excluding relevant students. By voting students self-define as the relevant demographic and M. Webber explains that this message will be clear on the voting platform.

Council recommend the Interfaith Officer being included in Bye-Law 2 5.4.

Council discuss the purpose of Student Executive Committee and the reasoning behind the proposed changes.

M. Webber explains reasoning for proposed changes, and highlights that currently there are two vacancies on the committee.

M. Haugh requests a document elaborating the Union's governance structures.

N. Bland proposes two part-time roles in the place of one full-time Vice President.

Council discuss Sabbatical Officer roles.

M. Haugh raises concern about overlap of role between a Mental Health Officer and a Sabbatical Officer portfolio including welfare.

Council discuss opinions on two part-time roles vs. one full-time role for Vice President.

M. Webber explains advantages and disadvantages of both options.

H. Morton leaves the meeting.

R. Mooney notes that welfare is an issue wider than mental health, and that it would be suitable to have both a Mental Health Officer and a Sabbatical Officer portfolio that includes welfare.

M. Webber clarifies that the Physical Disabilities Officer and Mental Health Officer will be separate roles.

M. Webber explains that currently the Union plans to host a referendum around January, and that this can be deferred or paused however that the changes proposed in the democracy review will not be able to be enacted in time for the next elections period.

C. Isherwood proposes for the Union to enact proposals in the democracy review document, with proposed change of Sustainability Officer. Also offers alternative of further research being undertaken and Council approving the findings in order to be enacted for the following academic year.

**Action** → Council resolve to host a referendum in January 2018 on the addition of new roles/changes to current roles including:

- To move the welfare remit out of the President role to the Vice President role
- To elect a student as Student Council chair who will lead Student Council meetings and their work
- To split the role of Disabilities Officer on Student Council into two roles that are a Mental Health Officer and Physical Disabilities Officer
- To add an Interfaith Officer to the Student Council
- To add a Sustainability Officer to the Student Council

Council query Academic Group Reps included in Bye-Law 1 point 4.

M. Webber explains creation of these.

**Action** → Council approve proposed changes to Bye-Law 1.

#### Item 4: Update & review of I Heart Consent campaign

M. Haugh updates Council on campaign and next campaign activity.

Council agree expiry date for I Heart Consent policy as December 2018.

#### Item 5: Student Executive Committee

C. Isherwood highlights that two positions are still available on Student Executive Committee and that nominations will open following the meeting.

Item 6: A.O.B.

R. Mooney requests to be involved in the action point from the last meeting about Union Council members approaching the Director of Student Services about current Student Support Provision.

Meeting ends.