Annual Members' Meeting

Hybrid: TM1-83 Holloway Campus/Collaborate

4th of May 2023 – 17:00-19:00

Attendance method	Name
In person	Hayley Ozdemis LLoyd
In person	Jaime Aragones Datson
In person	Hristo Kozhuharou
In person	Indrajeet Rgundal
In person	Shyam Vanpanya
In person	Luis Pua Bocos
In person	Naveed A Khan
In person	Olusegun Ismail Kuye
In person	Mandeep Kaur
In person	Ruhi Gondaliya
In person	Arjem VJ
In person	Shamso Nur
In person	Aaquib Shara
In person	Chak Yin Kuran
In person	Priya Cadhan
In person	Manpreet Kaur
In person	Sandeep Kaur
In person	Obnel Dsouza
In person	Thomas Brandes
In person	Styami Mineva
In person	Cut Dimiman
In person	Hatidzhe Pironkyova
In person	Johaq Solis
In person	Jemuna Ali
In person	Kesvna Zuregbe
In person	Nwadi Chibuzar
In person	Awesome Olasope
In person	Gloire Kasongo
In person	Audret Stracman Farmakidis
In person	Farhana Bhuiya
In person	Lintana McCrea
In person	Nadine Johnson
In person	Emmanuel Eko
Collaborate	Alice Stoppani

Collaborate	Christine Andrew
Collaborate	Enoch Bogere
Collaborate	Chandrika McDonald
Collaborate	Chiara Della Corte
Collaborate	Awais Ali
Collaborate	Sofia Fernandes Pontes
Collaborate	Natalia Vincz
Collaborate	Sunil Bauri
Collaborate	Rageenee Bhugobaun
Collaborate	Pranvera Xhafaj
Collaborate	Diana Maria Toma
Collaborate	Immaculate Mmadueke
Collaborate	Peace Obikobe
Collaborate	Sandra Okekemba
Collaborate	Denise Morrison
Collaborate	Shemique Grant
Collaborate	Ana Cretoiu
Collaborate	Valeria Jechiu

In attendance:

Eddie Rowley, Andy Rumbos, Jacqueline Molineaux

Agenda Point	Comment	Action	To Whom
1	**Introduction from the Chair** Lucy opens the meeting and welcomes everyone		
2	**Minutes from the previous Member´s meeting** Vote to approve the minutes of the last meeting was facilitated by the chair. The minutes were approved.		
3	**Matters and actions arising from those minutes** None noted		
4	**Formal motions and amendments** **Motion 1** Title: Part-time International Student Officer & Part-time Men's Officer Proposer: Denise Morrison Seconder: Margarita Damai		

This meeting notes (facts):
1. A large portion of students in the university are international and want greater representation in the SU
2. Male students want greater representation in the SU

This meeting Believes (opinions):
1. The student body would be more engaged in the Union
2. The implementation of the roles would be easily satisfied by students
3. These roles would improve student satisfaction

This meeting resolves (actions):
1. To mandate the SU Exec to student population regarding these roles
2. To ask for a student focus groups to discuss the relevance of these roles
3. To lobby and campaign for these leadership roles to be in place by 2024 or to be voted in for 2023 new officer's team
4. To liaise where necessary with the university to embed these roles in university structures

Various views expressed by students from the floor both for and against it such as:

- Are men an oppressed group?
- Views in favour of mans officer
- Speakers against men's officer
- The mens officer should be there for representation rather than liberation reasons

Agreed to split international officer and men's officer proposal into two separate motion

Voting results for International Officer:
- Votes for: 24
- Votes against: 4
- Abstentions: 0

Voting results for Men's Officer:
- Votes for: 21
- Votes against: 6
- Abstentions: 3

Motion 2

Motion Title: A Just and Sustainable London Met
Main Submitter: Sofia Fernandes Pontes
Seconder: Kerrie (VP Equity & Welfare); Naaklokai Okai

This meeting notes (facts):

1. The university's Sustainable and Ethical Food Policy (2019-2020) section 5: Key Objectives commits to 'decrease dairy consumption, increase the use of organic, free range and seasonal ingredients on all meals cooked on site, and increase awareness about healthier food options available in the refectory and across the campus'.
2. The Supply Chain Integrity Policy Statement found in Appendix 1 of the Sustainable and Ethical Food Policy states 'Compass endorses the Farm Animal Welfare Council (FAWC) Five Freedoms principles for animal welfare which are freedom from hunger and thirst, by ready access to water and a diet to maintain health and vigour; freedom from discomfort, by providing an appropriate environment; freedom from pain, injury or disease, by prevention or rapid diagnosis and treatment; freedom to express normal patterns of behaviour, by providing sufficient space, proper facilities and appropriate company of the animal's own kind; and freedom from fear and distress, by ensuring conditions and treatment, which avoid mental Suffering'.
3. One of the most common ways to measure commitment to sustainable catering in the public sector is through the achievement of an externally assessed sustainable food award, such as the Soil Association's Food for Life Served Here award, or the Food Made Good Membership by the Sustainable Restaurant Association. London Metropolitan University has None. (People & Planet).
4. The University of Stirling, University of Cambridge, Queen Mary University and University of Birmingham student unions' have all voted to go 100% plant-based.

This meeting believes (opinions):

1. In Europe, food alone is responsible for 30% of total greenhouse gas emissions, with meat production making up most of that percentage (Petrovic, 2015). Buying locally produced animal products remains an unsustainable alternative.
2. Some of the changes we could make include: Slightly discounted prices for the vegan options. This would incentivise students to make more eco-friendly food purchases as well as help with the cost of living situation that many students are facing.
3. The University, by making changes, could become a more inclusive place for all students as it would also begin adequately catering for those who have dietary needs such as Kosher, Vegan and allergen-free.
4. It is inclusive of all faiths and all religions. It helps tackle the climate crisis, the cost of living crisis, and it is truly sustainable for humans and the planet

	This meeting resolves (action): 1. For The Student Union to endorse the Plant Based Universities Campaign to support student campaigning, and lobby internally, for university-wide, 100% plant-based, and affordable food at London Met. 2. For the Students' Union Trustee Board to create a policy to continuously lobby and campaign for the LMU catering to go 60% plant-based by 2024-25 academic year, with a 10% annual increase conditional on a positive financial and social yearly review. 3. For the Student Union to use plant-based ingredients for all student events Various views expressed by students from the floor both for and against it such as: - Discounted vegan food will encourage meat-eaters to be more sustainable - Is it fair to discount vegan food and no other alternative meal options such as gluten-free options? - Would it cause the exclusion of meat-eaters from the university canteen? - Will the shift be economically sustainable for the canteen? Voting results for A Just and Sustainable LondonMet: - Votes for: 21 - Votes against: 8 - Abstentions: 0		
5	**Receiving the accounts of the Union for the previous financial year** Location of the document on the website has been pointed out. No need for voting.		
6	**Approving the list of affiliations of the Union** The list was received, read, and noted on AMM. Questions on affiliations were answered and affiliations explained and clarified. Votes were taken for the approval of the list.		
7	**Receiving reports from the Trustees** All officers have completed reports and no questions were asked.		
8	**Any other business** Member asks about advocacy for students with visual impairment due to lack of support from DDS - VP Equity and welfare officer to liaise with member to discuss further - VP of Education confirms Union is in talks with DDS on the matter		
9	**Official notices and announcements** - Feedback Survey advertised and encouraged - Awards Ceremony coming up		

	- President announces her departure from her role		
10	**Close of meeting**		