

Minutes of the 1st Student Council Meeting 2021/2022

Held on: Wednesday, 17th of November 2021; 17:00–19:00 via Blackboard Collaborate

Approved on 2nd Student Council Meeting (8th December 2021)

Name	Role		Name	Role
Eddie Rowley	Secretary of Student Council		Jhenniqua John	Directly elected member
Jacqueline Molineaux	Deputy CEO (SU)		Pavthira Pakeerathan	Directly elected member
Yasmeen Bashir	Executive Member (Chair)		Matthew Babb	Student Group member
Margarita Damai	Executive Member		Bianca Stefania Jurcut	Student Rep member
Precious Agho	Executive Member		Erika McIntosh	Student Rep member
Denise Morrison	Executive Member		Fatuma Mohamed	Student Rep member
Mim Hossain	Executive Member		Gisele Figueiredo	Student Rep member
Timo Holtappels	Student Group Member		Godwin Akinyemi	Student Rep member
Charlotte Page	Directly Elected Member		Jan Filipowicz	Student Rep member
Patricia Lebbie	Directly Elected Member		Lauren Cremer	Student Rep member
Luyao (Lucy) Li	Student Rep member		Oeste Carlton	Student Rep member
Pavan Patel	Student Rep member		Joanne White	Student Rep member & Directly elected member



Item	Comment	Action	To whom
1	Yasmeen welcomes everyone.		
2	Yasmeen asks if there are any other businesses. None was noticed.		
3	<p>Eddie opens and facilitates the elections for the roles of Council Chair, Deputy Chair, and Disabled Student Officer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates introduce themselves and explain why they should be elected. • Eddie announced an opening for an Elections committee member. Members who showed their interest had a chance to explain why they would like to be part of the Elections Committee and were put up for voting. <p>Results</p> <p>Chair of Student Council (total valid votes = 18, quota = 9)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timo - elected with 13 votes with first preference • Diana - 1 vote • Jan - 4 votes <p>Deputy Chair (total valid votes = 14, quota = 7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lucy - elected unopposed <p>Disabled Student Officer (total valid votes = 17, quota = 8.5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joanne - elected with 7 votes on stage 4 • Najma - 5 votes • Oeste - 3 votes 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abbie - 2 votes <p>Elections committee member (total valid votes = 13, quota = 6.5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Najma - elected with 7 votes Gisele - 3 votes Pavithira - 1 votes Fatuma - 2 votes 		
4	Yasmeen went through the last meeting's minutes and actions.		
5	No matters arising from past minutes. Precious asked how the matter was resolved.	Yasmeen to check how the data breach from the last council meeting was resolved and liaise with Precious.	Yasmeen
6	Yasmeen opens the floor for questions about the executive reports. The officers provide clarification on their reports. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Precious talks about her work on trying to include BAME representation on sustainability within the University. Margarita updates on the women's defence classes. Currently, Mim and Margarita are trying to find a woman instructor. Margarita addresses a focus group on how the International Students' Department can improve their relationship and communication with students. There are plans to increase the presence of officers at Aldgate within the near future and the lobby for better SU facilities at that campus. 		
7	Vote for the adoption of reports provided: 16 in favour - 0 against		
8	Yasmeen gives a quick overview of the board of trustees and a verbal report		

9	<p>Timo raised the issues on recruitment due to Paypal problem and re-enrollment was very slow.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthew seconded him on it. • Jacqueline updates on the issue with a possible solution that includes manually 'unexpire' members who were automatically expired, but it might take some time as it is manually. This only apply for groups which membership is not charged. • All sports club members and membership fee charging societies can only have their memberships reinstated upon payment of the relevant fees. 		
10	<p>Printing costs errors Concerns were raised over the printers charging double the amount they should be charging (i.e., a single sheet is being charged £0.10 instead of £0.05).</p>	<p>Yasmeen to meet with Matthew Brewster from ITS on this and liaise back to Oeste.</p> <p>Oeste to email Yasmeen to forward to Matthew in relation to printing costs.</p>	<p>Yasmeen</p> <p>Oeste</p>
10	<p>Timo explains his motion on the simplification of the 'bylaws' surrounding Student Council and the motion has been circulated. There were no questions regarding the motion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The motion passed with 10 votes in favour, 0 against and 1 abstain. 		
11	<p>No guest speaker</p>		
12	<p>Joanne showed concerns about the excessive time taken to fix a lift in the Aldgate campus that are the only access for disabled students to access studios they needed. The lift was fixed after four weeks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Council is keeping note of this. 		



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	<p>Charlotte raised concern over the appropriateness of other students who wear sunflower lanyards having to explain what they were to staff at the front of the building when asked to wear a face covering.</p> <p>Timo mentions there have been issues with estates staff and those have been raised.</p>	<p>Yasmeen to email Mark Ellul about sunflower lanyard and staff training and sensible for those who do not want to wear them.</p>	<p>Yasmeen</p>
	<p>Fatuma noticed a lack of information regarding disabilities and gave an idea about providing informational leaflets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Margarita mention this should be done with the student services 	<p>Officers to bring up this issue with Mark in the next meeting.</p>	<p>FT Officers</p>
13	<p>Eddie reminds all of the referenda, asks people to fill in the EDI questionnaire provided in the chat, and notice where the results of the elections are located.</p> <p>Yasmeen thanks everyone and closes the meeting.</p>		