

## Minutes of the 5th Student Council 2021/2022 Meeting

Held on: Wednesday, 27th of April, 17:00-19:00 in Hybrid-form (Aldgate and Collaborate)

Approved on 6<sup>th</sup> and Final Student Council Meeting (1<sup>st</sup> June 2022)

Attendance List			
Name	Position	Name	Position
Eddie Rowley	Student Voice Coordinator	Agata Stadnik	Student Rep member
Jacqueline Molineaux	Director of Membership/ Deputy CEO	Jhenniqua John	Directly elected member
Raul Tristao	Student Voice Assistant	Pavthira Pakeerathan	Directly elected member
Margarita Damai	FT Officer GSBL and SHS	Bianca Jurcut	Guildhall School of Business and Law
Yasmeen Bashir	SU President	Erika McIntosh	School of Art, Architecture and Design
Mim Hossain	PT Women's Officer	Joanne White	Disability Officer
Luyao (Lucy) Li	Deputy Chair	Timo Holtappels	Chair
Apologies			
Fatuma Mohamed	School of Social Sciences and Professions	Denise Morison	FT Officer SSSP
Andy Morwood	CEO Students' Union	Joanne Thorp	Student Rep member
Matthew Babb	Student Group member		

Item°	Comment	Action	To whom
1	<b>Opening remarks – Chair</b> Lucy welcomes everyone to the meeting and read out apologies. It was noted that Denise's report was sent late and a vote took place to check if the report should be included. The report was included. <b>Results:</b> 5 for 0 against 1 abstain		
2	<b>Notice of items of Any Other Business</b> Erika notices a lack of counselling and mental health student support at Aldgate, resulting in a rise in mental health issues there.		
3	<b>Elections</b> No elections took place.		
4	<b>Minutes of the last meeting</b> Minutes were adopted. <b>Results:</b> 7 for 0 against 0 abstain		
5	<b>Matters arising from the minutes</b> No matter arising from last minutes		
6	<b>Executive Committee Report and questions</b>		

	<p>All reports were taken as read and points below are the reports' highlights.</p> <p><u>6.1 Executive Committee Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With Precious's departure, a new deputy president was elected (Denise),</li> <li>• Plans to improve representation at Aldgate will be led by Denise following Precious' resignation.</li> </ul> <p><u>6.2 President Yasmeen Bashir</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The self-certification progress will be automated and will become an online form rather than a Word document. This has been approved, just awaiting implementation. For mitigating circumstances, a similar process is happening.</li> <li>• On the 29th of April, there will be a Weblearn feedback session to gather feedback on the new version of Weblearn before it is implemented in the next academic year.</li> </ul> <p><u>6.3 FTO Margarita Damai</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustainability work is almost done. Working to implement Framework for Sustainable Development and make sustainability part of the curriculum.</li> <li>• International students the fair was completed and a success (200+ tickets). There is nothing else for international students planned this year.</li> <li>• The Society Showdown was also a success as it was a first of its kind.</li> <li>• Link-up sessions are ongoing.</li> <li>• She took part in an NUS conference in March. Described as an unforgettable experience as she could connect with other officers from different Students' Union.</li> </ul> <p><u>6.4 FTO Denise Morrison</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Officer not present.</li> </ul>		
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	<p><u>6.5 PTO Accountability Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mim has not done much recently because of personal reasons, so the accountability report was not filled.</li> </ul>		
7	<p><b>Vote on adoption or otherwise of report</b></p> <p>Reports have been adopted.</p> <p><b>Results:</b></p> <p>5 for 0 against 0 abstain</p>		
8	<p><b>Trustee report and questions (verbal or written)</b></p> <p>None</p>		
9	<p><b>Update from Student Reps and Sports-Society members</b></p> <p>None</p>		
10	<p><b>Matters to discuss and motions for consideration</b></p> <p><u>10.1 Chair feedback</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Document with the feedback will be circulated with these minutes.</li> <li>Timo explains the colour coding.</li> <li>Emails: Timo explains that Chairs are students as well so please allow 3 working days for a reply.</li> <li>Comments and feedback are overall good.</li> <li>Meetings are probably going to be hybrid moving forwards but with rules (HMA request for the link) to try to get more people in person, to ensure active debate.</li> </ul>		

11	<b>External Speaker</b> None		
12	<b>Emergency motions and Any other Business (announcements)</b> <p>Erika: Students have come to her to express concern about students' mental health. Counselling is predominantly at Holloway and there is a lack of emotional and mental health support at Aldgate. Something needs to be done.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yasmeen notifies the Counselling Team is understaffed but acknowledges the issue. Maybe the Wellbeing Fair is something that could be replicated at Aldgate. Margarita agrees with Yasmeen and says there might be online support available as well.</li> <li>Timo suggests the executive team makes the Student Council aware and puts more pressure on the counselling team, as the point of having a counselling team is to be able to provide counselling.</li> <li>Yasmeen agrees and has been part of meetings where they have been told plans are in place.</li> <li>Various comments on poor service experiences by students. SC member notes they have waited 5 months for a response to counselling form inquiry.</li> <li>Someone suggested having groups for students to support each other, however Yasmeen noted a trained member of staff would still need to be present.</li> </ul> <p>Pathvira notes there have been technical issues on the projector in classrooms in the Green zone and it has not been resolved for over 5 weeks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Margarita informs students that they can also report issues and she provided details for such contact (learning platform &gt; report estates).</li> </ul> <p>Joanne now talks about disability inaccessibility at Aldgate and she feels disability is not taken seriously. should be raised with the next disability officer. nothing has been done in the past year, since back from online lectures.</p>	<p>Look into provisions to bring more support to Aldgate</p> <p>Feedback to SC on the outcome</p> <p>Yasmeen to liaise with Pavthira and raise this with IT support</p> <p>Yasmeen to talk to Denise about accessibility</p>	<p>Yasmeen</p> <p>Yasmeen</p> <p>Yasmeen</p> <p>Yasmeen</p>

	<p>Alumni: leaving students have had issues getting in touch with the Alumni Office, the phone is not being picked up and emails are not answered. There was a suggestion for a Forum for Alumni.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yasmeen said Denise should have contacted Joanne about accessibility. Yasmeen suggests liaising with estates if it is within the campus, she will also make Denise aware.</li> </ul> <p>Timo updates the SC members about feedback of the Invitation to the Mayor or London. Unfortunately he cannot attend the meeting but thanked for the invitation and congratulates everyone for the work being done in the SC.</p> <p>As for the Invitation for the Vice-Chancellor of the University, no response has been received prior to this meeting.</p>	<p>issues at Aldgate</p> <p>Disability issue to be discussed in SU Exec and raised at high level uni SLT by executive</p> <p>Follow up on Invitation</p>	<p>Executive</p> <p>Timo</p>
13	<p><b>Closing</b></p> <p>Lucy closes the meeting.</p>		