



Date: Tuesday, 8 December 2020
Time: 14:00-16:00
Venue: Zoom

**Union Executive
Minutes**

Chair: Carol Paige,
Democracy, Operations and Community Officer

Members:	P	AP	AB
Aarushi Menon, Women's Officer	✓		
Alex Skliros, Welfare & Community Zone Representative	✓		
Amal Idris, Trans Officer	✓		
Ayman Benmati, Education Officer	✓		
Carol Paige, Democracy, Operations and Community Officer, Chair	✓		
Eliza Lawless, Sustainability Officer	✓		
Ilyas Benmouna, Activities Officer	✓		
Jemima Barnes, LGBTQ+ Officer	✓		
Jim Onyemenam, Postgraduate Students' Officer	✓		
Laure Montangerand, Education Zone Representative	✓		
Sam Jones, Activities Zone Representative	✓		
Sandy Ogundele, BME Students' Officer			✓
Yasmeen Daoud, Welfare & International Officer		✓	
Zohar Mendzelevski-Steinberg/ Abi Smith, Disabled Students' Officer (Job Share)		✓	

In Attendance:
Aimee Connolly, Representation and Democracy Coordinator, minutes
Alex McKee, Head of Student Engagement and Communications

1. Preliminary Matters

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and noted that the meeting would be recorded.

There were no corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting and so they were unanimously APPROVED. The Chair reported on the actions from the previous meeting.

2. Officer Portfolio Review

Guest speakers from the consultancy MiraGold joined to speak with members about the ongoing Officer Portfolio Review. An update was provided about the top level results of the research to date and a discussion was had about the review.

3. Announcement: Bids for Funding

The Chair explained that a new fund is open to all elected Officers to apply for up to £500 in funding for projects or events they wish to run and that Union Executive will be approving these. The fund is now open for applications.

ACTION: Representation and Democracy Coordinator to circulate information about the Union Executive Fund

4. **Announcement: Reports from Policy Zones**

The Chairs from the Policy Zones gave brief reports on the meetings, noting items discussed as follows:

Activities Zone:

- Update regarding post-lockdown activities, funding, activities during the closure period, supporting neurodivergent students, disciplinary actions, welfare fund, participation fund

Education Zone:

- Events during the closure period, hybrid model of teaching, foreign language provision for PhD students

Welfare and Community Zone:

- Events during the closure period, internet speeds in Halls, consent training, mental health support during lockdown, TfL charges

5. **Policy Proposal: Tackle Discrimination of Mature Students**

The Women's Officer introduced the policy and noted the lack of financial support for students over 60. A discussion was had about the ability of the Union to lobby UCL regarding scholarships.

The policy proposal went to a vote and passed.

For	9
Against	0
Abstain	1

DECISION: The policy was ratified. The Postgraduate Students' Officer will be the lead on the policy.

5. **Matter for Discussion: Winter Break Closure Period**

The Head of Student Engagement and Communications noted that there are a range of events planned for students over the Winter break and asked for any feedback on these. Members agreed the planned events will be beneficial to students. The Postgraduate Students' gave an update on the return to campus procedure following the Winter break.

6. **Matter for Discussion: Commercial Strategy**

The Chair asked members what items they would want to be able to buy on campus. The following were mentioned:

- Period products
- More free from options
- Stationary

- More Halal and Kosher options
- More hot food
- More coffee machines across campus
- More vegan options
- Zero waste products
- Packaging free food

ACTION: The Chair will feed the comments above into meetings about the Commercial Strategy

7. Questions to Officers

Two questions were asked to the Officers regarding the work they will be doing with the new Provost and what is going to happen for next years' graduations.

8. AOB

There was no other business.

Minutes approved as a true and accurate record	
Chair:	Carol Paige, Democracy Operations and Community Officer
Signature:	
Date:	