



Union Executive Minutes

Date: Thursday 11th February 2021
Time: 18:00 – 20:00
Venue: Zoom

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
John Dubber, Chief Executive Officer
Simon To, Leadership Development and Change Manager

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 meetings.

ACTION: The Chair is to follow up with the organisation of a meeting between the Liberation Officers and the new Provost

2. Announcement: Reports from Policy Zones

The Chairs of each of the Policy Zones noted what was discussed at the last round of Zone meetings and what policy proposals were voted on.

3. AGDs: Sabbatical Officers, Part-Time Officers and Elections

The Leadership Development and Change Manager introduced the three AGDs.

Comments were made from Liberation Officers about not being involved in the creation of the purpose of the roles. It was agreed that some amendments should be made and these should be adopted as an interim measure now and they can be discussed further.

An amendment was proposed to add the words 'and accountable to' within the individual purpose of the Equity Officer. This went to a vote and passed with the following votes:

For	8
Against	0
Abstain	1

A vote was held on the amended Sabbatical Officer AGD and passed with the following votes:

For	10
Against	0
Abstain	0

An amendment was proposed to add the words 'alongside and supported by' to the individual purpose for each of the Liberation Officers. This went to a vote and passed with the following votes:

For	10
Against	0
Abstain	0

A vote was held on the amended Part-Time Officer AGD and passed with the following votes:

For	10
Against	0
Abstain	0

A vote was held on the Elections AGD and passed with the following votes:

For	10
Against	0
Abstain	0

DECISION: All proposed AGD's were passed.

ACTION: The role descriptions will be sent to Union Executive members for comments.

4. AGD: Referenda

The Chair introduced the AGD. There were no comments received on it. The AGD went to a vote and passed with the following votes:

For	10
Against	0
Abstain	0

DECISION: The AGD was passed.

5. Policy Proposal: Improvements to the foreign language provision for research student

The Education Officer introduced the policy. No comments were received on the proposal. It went to a vote and was ratified with the following votes:

For	10
Against	0
Abstain	0

DECISION: The policy was ratified and the lead Officer will be the Postgraduate Officer

6. Policy Proposal: Reduction of international student tuition fees

The Education Officer introduced the policy. Some queries were raised about how realistic the proposal is and the specifics of what was being asked for in the policy. Questions were asked about the links between the Students United Against Fees campaign and this policy.

The proposal went to a vote and was ratified with the following votes:

For	10
Against	0
Abstain	0

DECISION: The policy was ratified and the lead Officer will be the Education Officer and the Welfare and International Officer and from 2021-22 it will be the Education Officer and the Welfare and Community Officer

7. Policy Proposal: Use of Amazon vouchers and products

The Welfare and International Officer introduced the proposal. There was a query about what can be used instead of Amazon. Members agreed that a list of principles should be drafted for what the organisation should consider when selecting prizes/incentives. There were suggestions

that students should get a choice in what voucher they get. A discussion occurred about whether or not this policy affects clubs and societies.

The policy went to a vote and was ratified with the following votes:

For	9
Against	0
Abstain	1

DECISION: The policy was ratified and the lead Officer will be the Democracy Operations and Community Officer in 2020-21 and from 2021-22, it will be the Union Affairs Officer

8. Policy Proposal: Supporting Students in Sex Work

The Welfare and International Officer introduced the proposal. No comments were received on the proposal. The policy went to a vote and was ratified with the following votes:

For	7
Against	1
Abstain	2

DECISION: The policy was ratified and the lead Officers will be the Women's Officer and the Welfare and International Officer in 2020-21 and then the Equity Officer and Welfare and Community Officer from 2021-22

9. Policy Proposal: Liberation Officers

The Disabled Students' Officer introduced the proposal. Concerns were raised about workload being too high for Officers if this were passed. A discussion was had about workload and concerns about UCL's understanding of the role of Part Time Officers.

An amendment was proposed to change the mention of 'Co-Chair' to 'member' in the first paragraph of the proposal. It passed with the following votes:

For	10
Against	0
Abstain	0

A second amendment was proposed to change the second paragraph to 'Ask UCL to invite the Liberation Officers to Education Committee and the Student Experience Committee where necessary' and this passed with the following votes:

For	10
Against	0
Abstain	0

The amended proposal went to a vote and was passed and ratified with the following votes:

For	8
Against	0
Abstain	1

DECISION: The amended proposal passed and was ratified. The Lead Officer will be the Welfare and International Officer in 2020-21 and the Equity Officer from 2021-22

ACTION: The Welfare and International Officer, Women's Officer and the Liberation Part-Time Officers are to create a document outlining the role of Part-Time Officers for UCL

ACTION: Members to send comments to the Representation and Democracy Coordinator about the publishing of committee details and membership on the What's On

10. Matter for Discussion: Sustainability Strategy and Action Plan

The Chair introduced the item and gave an explanation on the work been done to date and future plans. No queries were received on the strategy.

11. Matter for Discussion: Bids for Funding

The Chair introduced the funding bid and outlined their proposal. There was a query about the timeline for work and what use the findings would have.

If approved, it was agreed that the proposer should have to work with the Education Officer and bring back their findings to the final Union Executive meeting of the year in June. It was also agreed that some other prize should be used in place of Amazon vouchers.

The bid went to a vote and was approved with the following votes:

For	8
Against	0
Abstain	2

DECISION: The funding bid was approved

12. Questions to Officers

There was a question for the Education Officer about SORAs for exams and they assured members that work is ongoing with this.

13. AOB

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