



Date: Tuesday 7 June
Time: 18:00 – 20:00
Venue: Zoom

**Union Executive
Minutes**

Chair: Osman Teklies, Union Affairs Officer

Members:	P	AP	AB
Abi Smith / Danilo Paganelli, Disabled Students' Officer (Job Share)	X		
Akosua Osei-Owusu / Paul Ho, BME Students' Officer (Job Share)	X		
Alex Skliros, elected member from Welfare & Community Zone			X
Angel Ma, LGBTQ+ Officer			X
Arifa Aminy, Equity Officer	X		
Ayman Benmati, Education Officer	X		
Graham Van Goffrier, elected member from Education Zone	X		
Ilyas Benmouna, Activities & Engagement Officer	X		
James Maidment / Saiff Hamid, elected member from Activities Zone (Job share)	X		
Johara Meyer, Sustainability Officer	X		
Osman Teklies, Union Affairs Officer, Chair	X		
Priya Jain / Jade Ygouf, Women's Officer			X
Viktoria Makai, Postgraduate Officer	X		
Yasmeen Daoud, Welfare & Community Officer	X		

In Attendance:
Jeff Saddington-Wiltshire, Representation and Democracy Manager, minutes
Julia Rooke, Representation and Democracy Coordinator
John Braime, Head of Volunteering

1. **Preliminary Matters - Approval of minutes from the last meeting**

The minutes were approved.

2. **Preliminary Matters – Follow up on action points from previous meeting**

No further action points from the previous meeting.

3. **Announcements – Students' Union Update**

Osman Teklies (OT) highlighted that the officer team is preparing for handover and over the course of the past week, there have been numerous awards celebrations highlighting excellent contributions to student life.

UCL East Update

John Braime (JB) gave an update regarding the UCL East project. Providing further information about the project and the partnership work between UCL and the Students' Union. JB's slides have been circulated with the minutes.

There were numerous questions about how communities will be developed, with a particular focus on the role that Student Officers and Clubs & Societies will play. The UCL East Student

Officer, visible presence, listening to feedback from students and a student induction were cited as key ways to ensure that a thriving community develops.

Transport between UCL East and the main campus was cited as an issue with a lack of provision currently. The Elizabeth Line from Tottenham Court Road to Stratford was seen as the most viable option.

4. **Matters for Approval – External Trustee Reappointment**

Jeff Saddington-Wiltshire (JSW) outlined the decision to ratify Clare Bracey's re-appointment to the Trustee Board was approved via email.

Yes	8
No	0
Abstain	0

DECISION: Clare Bracey re-appointed to the Trustee Board for a four-year term from 29 May 2022.

5a. **Amendment to Governing Documents – Bye-Law tidy up**

JSW outlined the proposal to amend the Bye-Laws with some hygiene tidies, the addition and removal of some Student Officers and some updates to reflect how our democratic structures work in practice.

Two amendments to the Bye-Law tidy up were discussed.

5b. **Amendment – Governance of Liberation Networks**

Change 3.2.b from *'With the permission of a Liberation Network's Convenor, Union Executive may amend or create that Liberation Network's Constitution by a ~~two-thirds~~ majority vote.'*

to *'With the permission of a Liberation Network's Convenor, Union Executive may amend or create that Liberation Network's Constitution by a two-thirds majority vote.'*

Yes	3
No	4
Abstain	2

DECISION: This amendment did not pass, so the phrase 'by a majority vote' will be used.

5c. **Amendment – Amendments to Bye-Laws**

Change 1.6 from *'These Bye-Laws may be amended by the Union Executive, in accordance with the relevant sections in these Bye-Laws, via a special resolution with a 75% majority vote. majority vote.'*

to *'These Bye-Laws may be amended by the Union Executive, in accordance with the relevant sections in these Bye-Laws, via a special resolution with a 75% majority vote.'*

Yes	5
No	3
Abstain	1

DECISION: This amendment passed, so the phrase ‘*via a special resolution with a 75% majority vote*’ was retained.

5d. Amendment – Vote for Amended Bye-Law tidy up

The Amended AGD was then voted on.

Yes	10
No	0
Abstain	1

DECISION: This amendment AGD was passed and will be updated effective from 16 July 2022.

6. [Removal of Bye-Law 11](#)

Yes	8
No	0
Abstain	1

DECISION: This AGD was passed and the Bye-Laws will be updated to reflect this.

7. [Amendment to Governing Documents – UCL East Students’ Officer](#)

Yes	10
No	0
Abstain	0

DECISION: This AGD was passed and the Bye-Laws will be updated to reflect this.

8. Matters for Information – Updates from and into the Board of Trustees

Not discussed.

9. Matters for Information

Not discussed.

10. Questions to Officers – Sabbatical Officers

As Chair of Finance Committee, Yasmeeen Daoud (YD) provided an update on [UP2103](#) ‘[Students’ Union UCL Banking](#)’. YD highlighted that since this policy passed in October 2021, it was taken to the Trustee Board in December 2021. The core purpose of the policy was to switch banking away from Barclays to a more ethical bank.

A sub-group of the Finance Committee was created and using a framework based on previous research, a new bank has been identified. The Union's new banking arrangements were formally approved by the Trustee Board on Monday 6 June, although this remains commercially confident until a contract is signed.

11. Questions to Officers – Student Officers

Not discussed.

12. AOB

Thanks was given to OT for chairing Union Executive this academic year.

Minutes approved as a true and accurate record	
Chair:	Osman Teklies, Union Affairs Officer
Signature:	Osman Teklies
Date:	16 June 2022