



Date: Monday 05 February 2024
Time: 18:00 – 20:00
Venue: Drayton House - Bo3 Ricardo Lecture Theatre, Hybrid

Union Executive Minutes

Chair: Mary McHarg, Union Affairs Officer

Members:	P	AP	AB
Ahmad Ismail, Equity & Inclusion Officer	X		
Aria Xingni Shi, Activities and Engagement Officer	X		
Elisa de Aragao Bibay, Women's Officer	X		
Grace Yang, Sustainability Officer	X		
Issy Smith, Postgraduate Officer	X		
Mary McHarg, Union Affairs Officer	X		
Micah Gerstner, LGBTQ+ Officer	X		
Philip Greger and Suzanna Chen, Disabled Students' Officer	X		
Rawleka Wilson and Rachel Lim, People of Colour Students' Officer	X		
Shaban Chaudhary, Education Officer	X		
Sophie-Jayne Bush, Elected Officer from Education Zone	X		
Ella O'Brien, Elected Officer from Activities Zone			X
Donna Amewu, Elected Officer from Welfare and Community Zone	X		

In Attendance:
Simon To, Director of Policy, Governance & Insight
Jayne Flowers, Representation & Democracy Coordinator
Jeff Saddington-Wiltshire, Representation & Democracy Manager
Rhiannon Ellis, Representation & Democracy Coordinator
Altay Shaw, Student Media
Matthew Phuklaewkla, Democracy Assistant, minutes

Preliminary Matters

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair, Mary McHarg (MM) warmly welcomed members to the zone.

Sabbatical Officer Updates

2. Updates on Priorities and Assigned Policies + Sabbatical Officer Reports

Each of the Sabbatical Officers went through updates on their priorities - more information about this can be found in the Sabbatical Officer Reports attached to these minutes.

MM gave an additional update on the Commitment to Harm Reduction Policy – the Student Support & Wellbeing team spoke to the University Management Committee about this and conversations are going well but taking longer than expected.

A question was asked to Activities & Engagement Officer Aria Xingni Shi (AXS) about why Fudan University was chosen specifically for intercultural exchange. AXS and the Education Officer Shaban Chaudhary (SC) said this was because of the already existing strong institutional connection between UCL and Fudan.

Matters for Discussion

3. Leadership Race Promotion

MM and other members of the Sabbatical Officer team promoted the Leadership Race. Representation & Democracy Manager Jeff Saddington-Wiltshire (JSW) also highlighted resources for running in the elections, which can be found [here](#).

4. Policy Zone Feedback

Members discussed their feedback for past Zones – some positive comments included:

- Praise for policy briefings and support for developing policies
- Bringing the [Programme Excellence Project](#) leads to Education Zone (EZ2303) was a good move because it's a step towards connecting UCL and UCLSU.

However, there were some negative comments about things that could be improved:

- Policy debates can be too long and unruly, which could be improved by giving time limits
- Some were not happy that the recent Fossil Free Careers policy had to go through three entire Policy Zones but understands that the proposal had remit pertaining to each Zone.
- More guidance on how submitted policy proposals should look

Matters for Approval

5. Appointment to HLM Sub-Committee

Three members volunteered to be on the Honorary Life Membership (HLM) Sub-Committee:

- Sophie Jayne-Bush, Elected Officer from Education Zone
- Issy Smith, Postgraduate Officer
- Anji Suri, Trans Officer

6. Approval of minutes from the last meeting

Minutes were approved.

7. Follow up on action points from previous meeting

Regarding Fossil Free Careers, SC is keeping in contact with the proposers and facilitating further conversations between them and UCL Careers.

Matters for Information

8. Updates from and into the Board of Trustees

Updates for this can be found in the Sabbatical Officer Reports attached to these minutes. Updates are also given in the minutes from this current round of Zones, which be found here: [AZ2303](#), [EZ2303](#), [WCZ2303](#).

9. Minutes from AZ2303

Minutes were approved.

10. Minutes from EZ2303

Minutes were approved.

11. Minutes from WCZ2303

Minutes were approved

Any Other Business

Equity & Inclusion Officer Ahmad Ismail (AI) reassured part-time student officers that they would be numerated for their work, but the resourcing of this is still being figured out. Representation & Democracy Coordinator Jayne Flowers (JF) however said that they still wanted to give some positive reward, so £40 vouchers are being given to part-time officers for use at the Hanger.

Also, MM brought to attention that a screening of University Challenge was taking place at Bar Phineas later that night.

Finally, Zone members Anji Suri and Altay Shaw, were keeping track of the total amount of times people said 'slay' during the meeting. Overall, this word was said a grand total of 41 times.

Minutes approved as a true and accurate record	
Chair:	Mary McHarg, Union Affairs Officer
Signature:	Mary McHarg
Date:	26/02/2024