



Welfare and Community Zone  
Minutes

Date: Wednesday 3 February 2021  
Time: 17:00-19:00  
Venue: Zoom

Chair: Yasmeen Daoud, Welfare and International Officer

Members:	P	AP	AB
Aarushi Menon, Women's Officer	✓		
Ahsana Parammal Vatteri, Officer for Students with Caring Responsibilities	✓		
Alex Skliros, Halls Representative – Langton Close/Frances Gardner House	✓		
Carol Paige, Democracy, Operations and Community Officer	✓		
Daria Chistova, Halls Representative – Ian Baker House	✓		
Elisa Clemente, Club and Society Welfare Rep	✓		
Eliza Lawless, Sustainability Officer	✓		
Emz Smith, Halls Representative – Campbell House East and West	✓		
Helen Fellerman, Mature and Part-time Students' Officer	✓		
Ifrah Farooq, Community Relations Officer (Job share)	✓		
Ina Natseva, Halls Representative – James Lighthill House	✓		
Izabella Wodzka, External Accommodation Officer			✓
Jade Ygouf, Halls Representative – Endsleigh Gardens and John Adams Hall	✓		
Jarod Corey, Halls Representative – Stapleton House		✓	
Jim Onyemenam, Postgraduate Students' Officer	✓		
Josh Shah, Halls Representative – Astor College	✓		
Juanita Wickham, Halls Representative – St Pancras Way and Beaumont Court	✓		
Katherine Kerr, Club and Society Welfare Rep	✓		
Marwa Rizk, Halls Representative – Bernard Johnson House	✓		
Madina Khusnullina, International Students' Officer (Job share)	✓		
Muhammad Mehmood, Club and Society Welfare Rep	✓		
Naomi Hamptom, Halls Representative – Arthur Tattersall and John Tovell House	✓		
Nellia Konilova, International Students' Officer (Job share)		✓	
Oliver Matheret, Halls Representative – John Dodgson House	✓		
Ruchi Sharma, Halls Representative – Goldsmid House			✓
Shirom Selvaraj, Halls Representative – Pranker House and Schafer House	✓		
Sumayya Patel, Community Relations Officer (Job share)	✓		
Yasmeen Daoud, Welfare and International Officer, Chair	✓		
Ying Li, Halls Representative – New Hall (Caledonian Road)	✓		

In Attendance:
Aimee Connolly, Representation and Democracy Coordinator, Minutes
Carl Salton-Cox, Societies and Media Manager
Danielle Swanson, Advice and Advocacy Manager
Simon To, Leadership, Development and Change Manager
Student observers

## 1. Preliminary Matters

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the proposal.

## 2. Introductions

The proposer of the policy introduced the proposal and expressed their desire to amend the definition of anti-Semitism outlined by the IHRA and that both groups should be consulted in this. A designated speaker against the motion expressed their concerns and argued that minority groups should be allowed to define their own oppression.

### 3. Open Discussion

Questions and comments were first taken from observers and then from committee members. The session was split to allow a group of 6 speakers comment at a time before returning to the proposer and designated speaker against the motion to respond to the questions put to them.

Questions put to the proposer and speaker against the motion included:

- How is the definition discriminatory to Palestinians?
- Does the definition prevent activism?
- Does the policy provide adequate protection for Jewish students?
- What implications are there for freedom of speech within the definition?

Comments were made from attendees on both sides of the proposal.

Following discussions, the proposer and designated speaker against the motion gave closing statements.

Observers were then asked to leave the meeting as a closed session begun to allow members to discuss the proposal and vote.

### 4. Closed Session

A private discussion was held amongst members. The policy went to a vote and was rejected.

For	7
Against	10
Abstain	4

**DECISION:** The policy was rejected.

**ACTION:** The Welfare and International Officer and the Democracy Operations and Community Officer are to bring a policy to the next meeting regarding the protection of freedom of speech at UCL.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and taking part in the discussions.

Chair:	<b>Yasmeen Daoud, Welfare and International Officer</b>
Signature:	YD
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