



Welfare and Community Zone
Minutes

Date: Thursday 25 February 2021
Time: 18:00-20:00
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 – Prankerd 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:
Danielle Swanson, Advice and Advocacy Manager
Aimee Connolly, Representation and Democracy Coordinator, Minutes
Simon To, Leadership, Development and Change Manager
Student Observers

1. Preliminary Matters

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved and updates were given on the actions from previous meetings.

2. Leadership Race 2021

The Chair reminded members that nominations for the Leadership Race close on March 2nd and encouraged them to run.

3. **Student Choice Awards**

The Chair informed members that nominations were open for the Student Choice Awards and all students can nominate staff.

4. **Financial Assistance Fund**

The Chair reminded members that the Financial Assistance Fund is available for students to apply to if they find themselves in any form of financial hardship.

5. **Policy Proposal: Digital Accessibility**

The Chair introduced the policy. There was a query from a member to clarify if the policy's focus was on social media. An amendment was suggested to add in the sentence 'The DSN should meet with the Union's Systems team on ensuring the development of the new website meets these guidelines'. The amendment went to a vote and passed.

The amended policy proposal went to a vote and passed.

For	15
Against	0
Abstain	0

DECISION: The policy proposal was passed and will go to Union Executive for ratification.

6. **Policy Proposal: Improvement to the Muslim Student Experience**

The proposer introduced the policy. Discussions were had about the funding requested within the proposal, prayer spaces and timetabling.

An amendment was suggested to remove the third point of the proposal and set up a meeting to discuss this following the meeting. The amendment went to a vote and passed.

Another amendment was suggested to remove point 4 and add in point 5.i 'Lobby UCL to have dedicated prayer space in all existing buildings'. The amendment went to a vote and passed.

A third amendment was suggested to remove point 5.g. The amendment went to a vote and passed.

A final amendment was proposed to add 'Ensure no student faces a detriment for leaving the room to observe their faith' to 5.f. The amendment went to a vote and passed.

The amended policy proposal went to a vote and passed.

For	18
Against	0
Abstain	0

DECISION: The policy proposal was passed and will go to Union Executive for ratification.

ACTION: A meeting is to be organised to consider the allocation of funding for Ramadan.

6. Matter for Discussion: Workspace Collaboration

The Chair noted that this item was also discussed at Education Zone and asked for any comments to be sent to them following the meeting.

7. Outcomes from/input into committees

This item was not discussed due to time constraints.

8. Questions to Officers

There were no questions for the Officers.

9. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

Minutes approved as a true and accurate record	
Chair:	Yasmeen Daoud, Welfare and International Officer
Signature:	YD
Date:	01/03/2021