



Welfare and Community Zone
Minutes

Date: Thursday 3 June 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			v
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			✓
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	✓		
Jude Ayogu, Halls Representative – New Hall (Caledonian Road)			✓

In Attendance:
Tim Wulder, 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 members to the meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved and updates on actions from previous meetings were reported on.

2. Leadership Race 2021

The Chair congratulated those who had ran in the Leadership Race and reminded members to

find out who their new Officers would be.

3. **Student Priorities for Wellbeing Report**

The Chair informed members of the report and its findings and recommendations.

4. **Financial Assistance Fund**

The Chair reminded members of the deadlines for applications to the Financial Assistance Fund.

5. **Policy Proposal: A Men's Committee**

The Chair introduced the proposal and opened the discussion to the floor. A query was asked about the purpose of the proposal and if there is a women's committee in place. There was also a discussion about the differences between a Network and a society. A suggestion was made to send the proposal back to the proposer to gather clarification on the policy's purpose.

The proposal went to a vote and the it fell.

For	3
Against	13
Abstain	0

The committee also voted on whether or not they wanted to send the proposal back to the proposer for clarification. This vote passed.

For	10
Against	4
Abstain	1

DECISION: The proposal is to be sent back to the proposer for clarification.

6. **Policy Proposal: Ending UCL's relationship with Arms Companies**

The proposer introduced the proposal and outlined why they believe it should be introduced. A discussion was had around the impact of the proposal on student fees and research funding. Discussions continued to focus on whether or not UCL should do any research on defence, with those present arguing on both sides. There was a query about the Union's charitable objectives and whether the proposal falls under them. A discussion was had about whether or not the proposal was congruent with the Union's charitable objects.

An amendment was suggested to change point 2 of the proposal to 'SU to condemn any events on UCL campus promoting arms trade companies alleged to be complicit in human rights abuse'.

The amendment went to a vote and passed.

For	10
Against	0
Abstain	2

A second amendment was proposed to replace point 1 with 'Lobby UCL to include sponsorships under the same ethical guidelines that they use for investments and for the university to work with the Sabbatical Officers on strengthening those guidelines'. This amendment went to a vote and passed.

For	9
Against	0
Abstain	2

A third amendment was proposed to remove point 4 of the proposal. This amendment went to a vote and passed.

For	8
Against	1
Abstain	2

The amended proposal went to a vote and passed.

For	10
Against	0
Abstain	2

DECISION: The proposal will go to Union Executive for ratification.

All other items on the agenda were postponed due to time constraints.

10. Any Other Business

The Democracy Operations and Community Officer thanked the Chair for hard work and dedication in their role throughout the year. The Chair thanked all members for their engagement.

Minutes approved as a true and accurate record

Chair: **Yasmeen Daoud, Welfare and International Officer**

Signature:	YD
Date:	07/06/2021