



**University of Suffolk Students' Union**

**Student Council Agenda**

**31<sup>st</sup> January 2024, A001, 17:00-18:00**

**Attendees:** Sam Clarke (SC), Lewis Woolston (LW), Katie Pickard (KP), Rozz Richardson, Leesha Daniells (LD), Ronni Natividad (RN), Mark Bush, Henry Kiddy (HK), Charlotte Imlach, Steve Diamond, Elizabeth Reed, Emma Camps, Hannah Sykes, Jeremy Thomas, Stephen Avis (SA), Lauren Searle (LS), Lisa Benson, Jennifer McCarthy, Shannon Pilsworth (SP), Jasmine Thrower, Amruth, Holly Parmenter, Mia Brown.

**Minutes:** Amber Spalding

### **1. Welcome/ how the meeting will work**

**SC:** Hi everyone – thanks for attending Student Council today – we won't keep you long, it's a fairly short meeting. As usual, I'll just go through the agenda. Feel free to type your questions in the chat box. If in the room, please state your name before speaking (just so we can get accurate minutes!)

### **2. Announcements**

**SC:** Nominations for the main Officer Elections close on 23rd February, 5pm. There are 15 posts available - including both Presidential roles! Scan the QR to nominate yourself, or share with someone you think might be suitable for the role.

Voting period 13-19th March, with results being announced on March 20th - time and venue TBC.

### **3. Previous meeting minutes**

**SC:** We just need to approve the minutes that have been sent around from the AGM. You can vote FOR (You approve the minutes, in that their contents are correct), AGAINST (you are not approving the minutes), or vote to ABSTAIN (When you confirm that you are abstaining from voting, it means you are voting neither for nor against the minutes)

**Vote: Approved**

### **4. Motions**

**SC:** No motions have been put forward to discuss and vote on this meeting. If there's something you want to raise next month, fill out this form using the QR code. Deadlines for motions close a week before Student Council. If you aren't sure how to write/format the motion, please do get in touch with the Voice Team at [su.democracy@uos.ac.uk](mailto:su.democracy@uos.ac.uk)

## **5. Board of Trustees Appointment – for approval**

**SC:** The Board of Trustees plays a crucial role in the governance and oversight of the Students' Union. They are involved and make decisions on strategic planning, policy development, financial oversight and legal and ethical compliance.

With the Turnaround Board concluding and the imminent retirement of the current Chair of the Board of Trustees in February 2024, this paper recommends the following members of the Turnaround Board to join the Board of Trustees:

- Craig Osben to External Trustee
- Sam Harris to External Trustee and Chair of the Board

**LW:** Sam Harris is the Deputy Director of NUS Charity – we couldn't think of anyone better going forward, supporting the CEO and shaping the SU's strategy. We do not currently have a finance consultant on the board, so that's where Craig comes in – would love to welcome him to our board full time. Any questions?

**Vote: Approved.**

## **6. Part-time Officer Update**

**HK:** Working with Sam, Lauren, and Katie on the Random Act of Kindness campaign, currently working with Lush now, easter egg hunt, various other things, beginning of march, event for mature students, future drinks events.

**RN:** What is the age range for mature students?

**HK:** The university classifies it as 21 or above.

**RN:** I'm interested in a get together to meet new people.

**LD:** I'm Leesha, your Women's Officer. I'm working on an event with Helen Pankhurst – seminar, informal discussion on topics etc. Focusing on empowering women and women's history month. Date: 9<sup>th</sup> Feb, 13:30-15:00

**SC:** I'm working on the Random Act of Kindness campaign, currently organising an event with Lush Ipswich (19 tickets left, see more info on SU events tab on website). Hoping to do a wall of positivity in the Waterfront.

**LS:** I'm the LGBTQ+ officer, working with Sam and Henry on campaigns. I've got 2 events coming up, drag bingo 9<sup>th</sup> feb, Buzz Bingo / 23<sup>rd</sup> feb, cake and catch up.

**SP:** I'm the Technology, Business and Arts Officer. I've organised a queer poetry writing anthology along with the English team. I also want to do something for World Art Day (15<sup>th</sup> April) – welcome suggestions.

## **7. Reports**

### **a. President of Activities and Wellbeing**

**KP:** We've just recruited our CEO and will be announcing it next week. I'm working on some liberation events over the next couple of weeks – got our first LGBTQ+ Lunch and Learn craft session coming up, Win Win Win event (mini funfair games) tomorrow.

You might have seen also that there are lots of mini frogs scattered all over campus. These are for sports and societies to win – whoever collects the most, wins a 3-course dinner and drink at Forge.

**RN:** What are the presidents role?

**KP:** So, we presidents are elected by the student body, and we work within our assigned groups – so I focus on Activities and Wellbeing and Lewis on Education.

### **b. President of Education**

**LW:** Still working on PAC audit, good engagement from course rep forum on Monday. I've been having good conversations with the extenuating circumstances team, thinking about the future. Employment/job shop is still on my list – currently visualizing these prospects, but it is a lengthy process.

Both Katie and I are involved in the recruitment process of the new Vice Chancellor, SU CEO, and Head of Engagement.

**SA:** How is it best for us to get in touch with you if we have had extenuating circumstances issues? May have some feedback helpful for you.

**LW:** Contact me at [lewis.president@uos.ac.uk](mailto:lewis.president@uos.ac.uk)

**Vote: Approved.**

## **8. Any Other Business**

**9. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 17:00-18:00, WLT2**