



Union Council Meeting Four (4)

Minutes

Thursday 25 February 2010

Present

A Ani	Disabled Students' Officer
P Beckett	Non-Portfolio Officer
A Burr	Sports Club Councillor
S Cleaver	Halls Councillor
H Cook	Societies Councillor
D Cutchey	Vice President Communications
S Dima	Faculty Board Councillor
S Edwards	Environmental and Ethical Officer
S Finnigan	E&C Faculty Chair
T Fisher	LGBT Officer
B Hill	Vice President Academic Affairs
Z Khan	HLS Faculty Chair
L Maccallam	Vice President Welfare
S McCarthy	Vice President Student Activities
S Pai	Faculty Board Councillor
M Phiri	Faculty Board Councillor
A Pilgrim	Halls Councillor
S Pons	Faculty Board Councillor
G Roake	Sports Club Councillor
M Singh	Societies Councillor
C Sumner	Source Newspaper Councillor
A Taemur	Non-Portfolio Officer
RJ Wilson	President
T Wood	Societies Councillor
G Yogeswaren	Faculty Board Councillor

In Attendance

J Lickiss (Chair)	Union Council Chair
K Lincoln	Student
A O'Shaughnessy	Student

Apologies

A Akuoko	Faculty Board Councillor
D Bain	Faculty Board Councillor
R Balisane	Faculty Board Councillor
M Benselin	Sports Club Councillor
C Brazier	BES Faculty Chair
D Esset	Faculty Board Councillor
K Houghton	Student Volunteer Councillor
M Jenkins	Faculty Board Councillor
P McCarthy	Sports Club Councillor
M Mistry	Faculty Board Councillor
H Moffitt	Women's Officer
L Nelmes	Faculty Board Councillor
J Paxton	A&D School Chair
A Petroesc	Faculty Board Councillor
E Quinn	Part Time Students' Officer
A Rathore	International Students' Officer
N Raj	Non-Portfolio Officer

Absent without Apologies

S Gater	Source Radio Councillor
D Hawkins	Faculty Board Councillor

		Action
1	Chair's Welcome J Lickiss welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that E Quinn was unwell. A card was signed by Union Councillors to be passed on to E Quinn	Noted
2	Apologies See above	
3	<p>Minutes of the Previous Meetings and Matters Arising</p> <p>5 November 2009 <u>Minutes</u> The Minutes were voted upon as an accurate record of the meeting, which passed by a majority</p> <p><u>Matters Arising</u> There were no matters arising from these Minutes</p> <p>7 December 2009 <u>Minutes</u> The Minutes were voted upon as an accurate record of the meeting, which passed by a majority</p> <p><u>Matters Arising</u> There were no matters arising from these Minutes</p> <p>29 January 2010 <u>Minutes</u> It was noted that C Sumner had given her apologies for absence at this meeting. Further to this amendment, the Minutes were voted upon as an accurate record of the meeting, which passed by a majority</p> <p><u>Matters Arising</u> There were no matters arising from these Minutes</p>	<p>Passed</p> <p>Passed</p> <p>Passed</p>
4	<p>Questions to Officers</p> <p>T Wood requested an update on the elections from B Hill B Hill explained that nominations have now closed. There were three candidates for President, four candidates for Vice President Academic Affairs, one candidate for Vice President Communications, four candidates for Vice President Student Activities, one candidate for Vice President Welfare, two candidates for A&D School Chair, one candidate for BES Faculty Chair, four candidates for E&C Faculty Chair and two candidates for E&C Faculty Chair. A candidates meeting will be held the following day to explain election regulations and the budget allocation. Candidates will be campaigning next week, with voting open from 9th to 11th March</p> <p>B Hill put forward a procedural motion to change the order of the agenda and debate Motion 4 first. B Hill spoke in favour of the procedural motion and explained this was a more important issue than Motions 1 to 3</p> <p>There were no speeches against the procedural motion</p> <p>A vote was held on the procedural motion, which passed by a majority</p>	Passed

8 Motion 4: No Confidence in HLS Chair

B Hill spoke in favour of the Motion and explained it was brought to Union Council as a last resort. None of the basic requirements have been carried out by the HLS Faculty Chair, which is unfair for the representation of HLS students. B Hill gave some statistics on meetings attended by the HLS Chair. B Hill is bringing this Motion as Vice President Academic Affairs, as the role can't be performed effectively without reliable Faculty Chairs

Z Khan spoke against the Motion. Z Khan believed the Paper had been written cleverly and accepted some items stated were correct but others were false claims

T Wood spoke in favour of the Motion. The number of meetings not attended may have dropped from 83% to 75% but this is still an appalling number of meetings to miss

S McCarthy spoke against the Motion and explained that you don't have to attend meetings to represent students. This is a voluntary role for Faculty Chairs and there are different ways of representation

B Hill spoke in favour of the Motion. The HLS Chair turned down specific Faculty Chair training, which was held for the first time this year. There have been complaints from HLS students, who don't know who their Rep is. The HLS Dean is also unaware who the HLS Chair is this year. This communication link is important for HLS students and the SU

Z Khan spoke against the Motion and explained he did attend the All Student Meeting but arrived late. Z Khan checks his emails regularly and also has B Hill's mobile number. Z Khan explained he did not believe the Executive Code of Conduct existed as he could not find it on the website. Z Khan is attending Coventry University for education first and foremost. The circulated Paper is weak and flimsy and Z Khan urged Union Councillors to vote against the Motion

B Hill spoke in favour of the Motion and said the HLS Chair had not sent apologies for three meetings. If the HLS Chair did not have time to perform the role, he could step down and the responsibility will pass to the Vice President Academic Affairs. Details of any problems the HLS Chair is having are not required, just some communication

A Ani spoke against the Motion. A Ani understood the issue was attending meetings and didn't see the harm, as the HLS Chair is here to learn. Many meetings clash with lectures, which is unfair

Z Khan gave a summation and believed there were bigger issues than this on the agenda. Z Khan met with the Vice President Academic Affairs at the beginning of the year and believes there is a personality clash. Z Khan was democratically elected by the students for the students and believes he is fit to continue as Faculty Chair. Z Khan has received no complaints from his course reps and has adhered to the rules and regulations set by CUSU

Questions

P Beckett asked how many meetings were not attended

B Hill explained that apologies were sent for nine meetings, three meetings were not attended and apologies not sent, and four meetings were attended

S Cleaver asked if B Hill tried to contact Z Khan before putting this Motion on the agenda

B Hill emailed Z Khan beforehand as a courtesy

B Hill gave a point of information that she is not performing the role of Student Rep Co-

	<p>ordinator while the staff post is vacant. This is being split between various members of staff</p> <p>A vote was held on the Motion, which passed by a two thirds majority</p>	Passed
5	<p>Motion 1: Encompassing LGBT Minorities</p> <p>T Fisher spoke in favour of the Motion, which provides an encompassment. Many groups of the LGBT community are not included but to add all initials would make for a very long title. A change to LGBT+ would help all students feel there is an Officer to represent them</p> <p>There were no speeches against the Motion</p> <p>There were no questions and T Fisher waived his right to a summation</p> <p>A vote was held on the Motion, which passed by a two thirds majority</p>	Passed
6	<p>Motion 2: Sports and Societies Pricing Structure</p> <p>RJ Wilson waived his speech to S McCarthy, who spoke in favour of the Motion. The current difficult economic time is affecting Students' Unions. The cost of travel is very draining and if the membership cost is not increased, students will need to pay for travel individually. A small rise in membership fees will be more beneficial to students in the long term</p> <p>There were no speeches against the Motion</p> <p><u>Questions</u></p> <p>H Cook asked how many non-competitive sports clubs and societies use the transport S McCarthy responded that not as many as competitive sports clubs do, which is why those clubs have more of a proposed increase. It will benefit those who use it the most</p> <p>RJ Wilson added a point of information that the price will remain unchanged for societies</p> <p>S McCarthy waived his right to a summation</p> <p>A vote was held on the Motion, which passed by a two thirds majority</p>	Passed
7	<p>Motion 3: Gender Neutral Toilets</p> <p>T Fisher spoke in favour of the Motion and reiterated the core Constitution stated the SU was to represent all students. There are many NUS policies to ensure trans students are included. CUSU only has binary toilets and providing gender neutral toilets will help trans students feel more comfortable. It is impractical to change all the toilets but it is requested that some are gender neutral, with just 'toilet' sign</p> <p>S McCarthy spoke against the Motion with a concern over the hygiene and practicality of gender neutral toilets</p> <p>L Maccallam gave a point of information that it would be an option to use this toilet, it would not be enforced</p> <p><u>Questions</u></p> <p>A Taemur asked how many trans student approached T Fisher with this concern K Lincoln responded that the main issue for a trans student is which toilet to use. This is not making special allowances but making students feel comfortable, whether they are trans or uncomfortable using binary toilets for any reason</p> <p>T Fisher added that he couldn't give a figure, as the statistics are difficult to monitor</p>	

	<p>H Cook asked about the difference between using a cubicle K Lincoln said there was no difference but a toilet would be labelled unisex instead</p> <p>T Fisher gave a summation and said it was an important issue and thanks for listening</p> <p>A vote was held on the Motion, which passed by a majority</p>	Passed
9	<p>Motion 5: Proposing a CUTV Councillor D Cutchey spoke in favour of the Motion and explained a recent Redbrick report showed the communication types preferred by students. Creating a CUTV Councillor would give CUTV a voice in the same way as the Source Radio and Newspaper Councillors. CUTV is another media source within the SU and there would be no cost to this change</p> <p>There were no speeches against the Motion</p> <p>There were no questions and D Cutchey waived his right to a summation</p> <p>A vote was held on the Motion, which passed by a two thirds majority</p>	Passed
10	<p>Motion 6: Union Councillors attending AGM RJ Wilson spoke in favour of the Motion. The AGM (All Student Meeting) is the most important meeting of the year and needs a formal process for attendance. Union Councillors represent students and should attend as an example to students</p> <p>There were no speeches against the Motion</p> <p><u>Questions</u> P Beckett asked if this had happened last year RJ Wilson replied that this had happened for sports and societies officials but not Union Councillors</p> <p>A vote was held on the Motion, which passed unanimously</p>	Passed
11	<p>Committee Elections <u>Communications Committee</u> S Cleaver and T Fisher both stood for election and were voted onto the Committee. There is one place still available on this Committee</p> <p><u>Elections Committee</u> A Burr and J Lickiss were ratified as Committee members from the last meeting. S Edwards, S McCarthy and A Taemur all stood for election and were voted onto the Committee</p> <p><u>Finance and General Purposes Committee</u> S McCarthy, A Taemur and T Wood all stood for election and gave a speech for the one place available. A vote was held and S McCarthy elected onto the Committee</p> <p><u>Welfare Committee</u> C Sumner stood for election and was voted onto the Committee</p> <p><u>Equality and Diversity Committee</u> K Lincoln stood for election and was voted onto the Committee</p>	
12	Date of next meeting: 11.30am, Monday 15 March 2010 (to be confirmed)	