

**With the official count at 670 attendees, the meeting was declared quorate**

10/11-01	<p><b>Chair's Welcome</b> Sam Cleaver, Student Council Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting</p>
10/11-02	<p><b>Welcome Speech</b> Robert Wilson, President, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the students for their commitment to the Union. Robert spoke about cuts to HE and rises in tuition fees. This has all affected the Students' Union and forced it to make changes to its organisational structures. The All Student Meeting is an important event and Robert welcomed the Vice Chancellor, Aaron Porter and the SU Executive. There will be many changes to the SU this year</p>
10/11-03	<p><b>Vice Chancellor</b> Madeleine Atkins, Vice Chancellor, thanked the meeting for the invitation to speak and said that whatever changes are made to fees and repayments, it will not affect current students; those starting in 2011 or international students. The Vice Chancellor spoke about the issues affecting student intake from 2012. The changes are a change to social policy within the UK for education. One proposal is that fees could rise to £9,000, with a threshold at £6,000 where above that the University would have to show what it was achieving for social mobility. The Graduate Tax proposal means students will be able to get a loan for the entire fee and pay it back once earning. Maintenance loans will be larger and part time student loans will be improved too. The most important point is that fees will be much higher than the current level. These are only proposals at this stage but regulations will come to Parliament before Christmas. A graduate would pay back the loan depending on their earnings and the course taken, although there is currently no clear picture on how the repayments would work. There is a difference between a graduate tax and repayment of a loan. The Vice Chancellor outlined changes the University is looking at, including not passing on administration costs to students and keeping fees as low as possible. The University will be surveying potential 2012 entrants early next year in order to inform changes</p>

	<p>It is against the law for Universities to agree on a fixed price but there is a need to understand how private organisations and FE colleges will be offering degrees from 2012. It is also unclear how changes will affect student demand from 2012. In conclusion, the Vice Chancellor said a social experiment is being embarked upon where the Government is unclear on the impact of the proposed changes. Much planning is taking place at Coventry as there will be fast changes. The Vice Chancellor added that she is pleased to have strong relationship with the Students' Union, its Executive and staff in moving forward for the future</p>
<b>10/11-04</b>	<p><b>NUS President</b>  Aaron Porter, NUS President, thanked the meeting for the invitation and explained he was very impressed with CUSU and the work it has done. It is important that the Union is known for helping students with issues (and NUS at a national level). This is a tough time for students and the SU is there to support and enable change for students. There is a need to recognise the full picture of what the SU offers, such as volunteering; sports; societies; student media; student council and representation. These all help graduates gain employment and are seen as an opportunity for improvement alongside academics. There is nothing worse than having regrets about University, whether academically or through extra curricular activities within the SU. Current students are lucky and need to encourage others to be in same position. There is a responsibility for current students to stand up for future University students. A strong signal was sent to Government at the recent National Demo with 50,000 students marching in London. Aaron Porter asked all students to spend five minutes to write letter to their home MP about whether they would still be at University if fees were £9,000 rather than £3,000, in order to stand up for future generations. Thanks were passed to students for joining in with the campaign and fight for change</p>
<b>10/11-05</b>	<p><b>Minutes from 2009/10 Meeting</b>  There were no questions or inaccuracies on the Minutes from last year's annual meeting. A vote was held on approving the 2009/10 Minutes, which passed by a majority</p>
<b>Passed</b>	<p>A vote was held on approving the 2009/10 Minutes, which passed by a majority</p>
<b>10/11-06</b>	<p><b>CUSU Affiliations</b>  Robert Wilson explained that the SU has now registered as a charity and as such, needs to notify students of all affiliations. These are:</p>

	<p>Advice Services Coventry  Advice UK  AMSU  Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG)  Coventry Community Forum  Coventry Partnership – Hate Crime  Coventry Partnership - Housing  Money Doctors/ Consumer Financial Education Body (CFEB)  National Association Citizens Advice Bureaux (NACAB)  National Association Student Money Advisors (NASMA)  National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO)  NUS  Office Fair Trading  Research and Welfare Staff in Student Unions (AMSU)  United Kingdom Council International Student Affairs (UKCISA)  Volunteer Action Coventry (VAC)  Volunteer England (VE)</p>
<b>10/11-07</b>	<p><b>Approval of Accounts</b>  Robert Wilson explained the slides on the actual budget from 2009/10 and the forecast for 2010/11. A vote was held on approving the accounts, which passed by a majority</p>
<b>Passed</b>	<p>A vote was held on approving the accounts, which passed by a majority</p>
<b>10/11-08</b>	<p><b>Motion 1: Facebook Free Library</b>  Andy O'Shaughnessy, Vice President Academic Affairs, spoke in favour of the Motion and explained this discussion is being held across many Universities. Student numbers have increased but books have not increased at the same ratio. There is a need to ensure the library is being used appropriately. Given the likely increase in fees, students should be able to access library computers when needed. The new student building will be completed in a year and there won't be the same issue</p> <p>Kevin Lincoln spoke against the Motion and said that Facebook can be used for assignment work and this Motion would controversially affect students. A better solution could be to install software which limits use rather than banning Facebook completely</p> <p>Kersten James, HLS Faculty Chair, spoke in favour of the Motion. Many students use Facebook to contact lecturers etc but can also use University email addresses. Some students don't have internet access at home but many other computers across campus can be used more freely. Library computers should be</p>

	<p>restricted</p> <p>Tim Bassett spoke against the scope of the Motion. Social media use is not just Facebook. Tim suggested that the Motion should go further and say certain computers should be academic use only</p> <p><u>Questions</u>  A student asked how would you go about group work  Andy O'Shaughnessy responded that only the first, second and third floors would ban Facebook. The other areas can still be used, which should be used for group work anyway</p> <p>A student asked how far would the ban go as there are other social networking websites  Andy O'Shaughnessy replied that it would just be Facebook currently, as this is what most student complaints relate to</p> <p>Andy O'Shaughnessy gave a summation and reiterated that the library ground floor and basement should be used for group work. Andy has also spoken to library management about this issue</p> <p>A vote was held on the Motion 'Facebook Free Library', which passed by a majority</p>
<b>Passed</b>	A vote was held on the Motion 'Facebook Free Library', which passed by a majority
<b>10/11-09</b>	<p><b>Committee Elections</b>  Elections were held for student places on the following Committees:</p> <p><u>Academic Committee</u> (2 places)  Sam Craighill</p> <p><u>Communications Committee</u> (2 places)  Peter Mladenov  Aeshwarya Chaturvedi</p> <p><u>Commercial Services Committee</u> (3 places)  Liah Maccallam  Sam Vale  Zak Abdi</p>
<b>10/11-10</b>	<p><b>Motion 2: No Platform for Racism</b>  Beverly Mettle, BME Officer, spoke in favour of the Motion and urged a commitment against allowing the legitimisation of racism, fascism and discrimination. The Motion was not against free speech but about not giving a platform to organisations which</p>

	<p>threaten UK society and uniting against racism and fascism</p> <p>Owen Foster spoke against the Motion and asked where would the line be drawn in future. Owen agreed with the Motion's sentiment but what would happen if it goes so far as to rule out other groups, which may not previously be banned</p> <p>Liah Maccallam, Vice President Welfare, spoke in favour of the Motion. Racism is a hate crime, which is not tolerated within the Union. The Motion is about protection for all of Coventry's students</p> <p><u>Questions</u>  A student asked why not add other parties, such as communism, which are also extreme and cause damage  Liah Maccallam explained this is a renewal of current policy. If students would like to see a different policy, they need to put it forward. A student's job is to liaise with the SU about what they want</p> <p>Beverly Mettle gave a summation and said this Motion is a principled and effective method against racism and fascism, which is also supported by NUS</p> <p>A vote was held on the Motion 'No Platform for Racism and Fascism', which passed by a majority</p>
<p><b>Passed</b></p>	<p>A vote was held on the Motion 'No Platform for Racism and Fascism', which passed by a majority</p>
<p><b>10/11-11</b></p>	<p><b>Committee Elections</b>  Elections were held for student places on the following Committees:  <u>Democracy Committee</u> (3 places)  Olalekan Oshunkoya  Roxana-Valeria Savescu  AN Other</p> <p><u>Equality and Diversity Committee</u> (2 places)  Kevin Lincoln  Rochelle Wilson</p> <p><u>Societies Committee</u> (2 places)  Toby Morrison  Olu Junior</p>

10/11-12

**Motion 3: Commercial Bar Crawls**

Dez Cutchey, Vice President Communications, spoke in favour of the Motion, which is unusual as it proposes to make money rather than spend money. Bar crawls are popular, with CUSU running a Freshers event, and the Motion proposed to extend this to a commercial event three times per year. Many companies run external bar crawls and Dez proposed an SU event would be safer and better run. The organisation has received a cut of £46,000 in funding this year, which needs to be made up, otherwise services to students will be affected

Liah Maccallam spoke against the Motion. The policy failed a vote at Student Council and Liah believes it to be a risk to students. The Motion proposes making a profit at the expense of student welfare. There has been an increase of incidents against students, which incurs additional costs to the University Welfare and Protection teams. This Union has a policy against external bar crawls, so what's difference between that and running its own

Stacie Greenwood, Sports Committee Chair, spoke in favour of the Motion and said there is no need to attend or drink alcohol. This is a social event, which would be safe and well stewarded. Students are supposed to be responsible adults and drink safely. If a CUSU bar crawl is not run, it will encourage students to attend external bar crawls, which are effectively banned by the Union

Tom Fisher, E&C Faculty Chair, spoke against the Motion. There are incidents at Freshers run bar crawls and explained what he saw in the team he ran. Tom believes the SU is here to protect students and not put them in further danger

Questions

Gemma Roake, Sports Club Councillor, asked how many issues there are with Freshers' events

Dez Cutchey gave a quote from Jeanette Partridge, Campus Police Officer, who is involved in organisation of the event and believes it to be well run

Robin Ciorra, HLS Faculty Councillor, asked how the SU could promote responsible drinking

Dez Cutchey replied that the SU already promotes responsible drinking and there is no need to drink alcohol in every bar. The current stewards are volunteers and safety could be improved if the events are run commercially

Dez Cutchey gave a summation and explained the current bar crawl policy is not about morality but about external organisations

	<p>taking student money. The proposed Motion is about running safe events for Coventry students</p> <p>A vote was held on the Motion 'CUSU Bar Crawls', which passed by a majority</p>
<b>Passed</b>	A vote was held on the Motion 'CUSU Bar Crawls', which passed by a majority
<b>10/11-13</b>	<p><b>Committee Elections</b></p> <p>Elections were held for student places on the following Committees:</p> <p><u>Sports Committee</u> (2 places) Lloyd Alara Jessica Chai</p> <p><u>Volunteering and Employability Committee</u> (2 places) Daisy Levett Emily Wonford</p> <p><u>Welfare Committee</u> (2 places) Frances Dunn Joshua Holmes</p>
<b>10/11-14</b>	<p><b>Motion 4: Sport Facilities</b></p> <p>Dave Brewis, Vice President Student Activities, spoke in favour of the Motion and explained the Sports Centre is now running at capacity. The SU Sports Hall is also running at 95% capacity outside lecture times. There is a need to look for external facilities as the development of sport is being hindered by a lack of access. The University has a long term strategy for sports facilities on campus. This will allow more access for students to be active and maintain a healthy lifestyle</p> <p>Kevin Lincoln spoke against the Motion. Kevin believes sports and societies are very important but shouldn't be first in campus development. There are many lecture theatres which are also crowded and need development</p> <p>Stacie Greenwood spoke in favour of the Motion. There are academic benefits to be gained from participation in sports and exercise. There are currently £5,500 members at the Sports Centre, which means two thirds of students are not being accommodated. The SU Sports Hall is also not fit for purpose</p>

	<p><u>Questions</u></p> <p>A student asked if this proposal would expand to Westwood Heath too as well Dave Brewis responded that developments to Westwood have been discussed but that current concentration is on the Sports Centre</p> <p>A student asked what facilities have already been explored externally Dave Brewis said that clubs train at many places across the city. There is £275,000 spent each year on facilities but more is still needed</p> <p>Dave Brewis gave a summation and said the Be Active campaign and Focus Sports have been successful in increasing sport participation. There is a need for added facilities to increase the healthy lifestyle and sporting performance of students</p> <p>A vote was held on the Motion 'Development of Sports Facilities on Campus', which passed by a majority</p>
<b>Passed</b>	A vote was held on the Motion 'Development of Sports Facilities on Campus', which passed by a majority
<b>10/11-15</b>	<p><b>Reports and Questions</b></p> <p>There were no further reports or questions to Officers</p>
<b>10/11-16</b>	<p><b>Closing Remarks and Announcements from Chair</b></p> <p>Sam Cleaver thanked everyone for their attendance and participation in the meeting</p>