

Minutes

2pm; Friday 28th October 2011

Present

C Lordache	Student Councillor
S Granville	Student Councillor
T Morrison	Disabled Students Councillor
A O'Shaughnessy	Vice President Democracy and Finance (Acting Chair)
I Reeves	Student Councillor

In Attendance

A Mukaka (Minute Taker) Democratic Support Coordinator

Apologies

O Oshunkoya (Chair) Vice President Communications and Engagement

Absent without Apologies

B Mettle	BME Councillor
F Wajah	International Students Officer
G Ganeshwaran	Mature Students Councillor
G Bosah	Postgraduate Students councillor
T Idowu	Students with Caring Responsibilities Councillor
S Lloyd-Knibbs	Women's Councillor
C Jordan	Student Councillor
O Uyi	Student Councillor

<p>11/12-02</p>	<p>Introductions AO welcomed the committee and noted that he is chairing the meeting as a cover for OO who is on leave. The committee did introductions. There was no matters arising as it was a new committee</p>
<p>11/12-03</p>	<p>Review of the Terms of Reference AO went through the Terms of Reference. TM asked the circumstances in which the engagement committee would consider other matters that the Executive or Student Council may consider appropriate, as stated in BYE LAW K (1 XII). AO responded that the Executive or Student Council might request this committee to investigate or monitor any deviation from CUSU strategic Plan. AO also defined Ex-officio as someone with the right as a result of their position to be on this committee. OO will bring back the Terms of Reference for approval in the next meeting as the meeting was not quorate.</p>

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11/12-04	<p>Engagement Update: AO opened a discussion on how they understand engagement and explained the purpose of the committee</p> <p><u>Disabled Student Councillor Update</u> TM updated the meeting on their development on a number of issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The accessibility to the new building ✓ Issues related to the services offered in CUSU ✓ TM made up some time to meet disabled students and listen to them ✓ TM is involved in the organization of 'International Day of Disabled People'. <p>Suggestions from Disabled Students :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) There should be a disabled arm within existing societies and disabled students activities should be organized in parallel with the 2012 Olympics. OO to discuss with Kat to see what the possibilities are for trying to involve disabled students in sport. OO to look into getting disabled students activities going on in parallel with the Olympics. OO will report back in the next meeting. b) The promotional literature of the university facilities should also have a focus on disabled students. AO suggested TM to discuss this request with the University Disabled Office. c) SU account should be linked to the University's. OO will investigate integrating the University login system into the new CUSU website. d) Previous requests from students with visual impairments still haven't been responded to. AO suggested TM to check with Lorna Carson if they can get assistance. TM will also discuss the issue of students with visual impairment with EL and will ask EL to prepare a paper to send to TALC <p><u>Students Councillors Update</u> EG and SG discussed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Students not knowing what promotions are on Campus. This has to do with the fact that they are not signed up to our emails. Suggestions were made to establish a promotion platform at the end of a lecture or to set up SU virtual notice portal where one can get information similar to Rss feeds. OO

	<p>will look into methods of events or campaigns advertisement at the end of lectures and how best this can be done.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Influence of SU on International students considering joining Coventry University. SG suggested that SU should send out emails to all students who have admission to Coventry University to encourage them to join the Students' Union and tell them about the benefits. ✓ CI suggested creating a notice board at students Halls where students can post or get information such as spare rooms for rent etc. OO to look into including CUSU promotional materials inside the induction pack and add notice boards on Halls <p><u>Barriers to engaging with students</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The committee requested there should be more training for Course Reps and more information about student council should be available. OO will liaise with EL to look into the training package for Course Reps and will also provide information regarding student council. ✓ The committee suggested organising SU week and to have the lectures cancelled on that day. AO responded that there is similar events such as One World Week events in February and Refreshers in January which both provide a platform for students to promote what they do. ✓ IR suggested an online portal to receive and respond to enquiries and link them directly to the Students' Union. OO will look into setting up an enquiry form on the website which directs the enquiries to SU. CU and have that link incorporated into Reps training.
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11/12-05	<p>AOB</p> <p>There was no AOB to discuss.</p>
11/12-06	<p>Date of next meeting: 2pm ; 25th November 2011</p>