



## **UUSU Student Executive**

**Meeting Date: Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**Time: 9:00am – 10:30am**

1. Minutes from previous meeting
2. Matters Arising (No matters arising)
3. Chairs Communications

Noted that we were in middle of leadership elections 2022, we will not be attending National Congress due to the election dates running over the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> March. Strike action discussion to follow later in the meeting
4. Officer Updates

VPE – Work on SoHS ongoing, timetable update due next week, alongside accommodation and F&Q's set to be in final draft by 2<sup>nd</sup> March. VPM and VPE moving focus on transition paper, away from travel bursary to more of a focus on transition support and the bursary. SVC has received significant praise and special mention to Naomi Browne the Academic Rep Coordinator and our Faculty Reps.

VPM – Worked on communication in line with our mandate to engage with USS and UUK, letters were sent and response has been received from UUK, further discussion will follow on next steps. Ongoing work with Compass on implementing asks around nightlife venues. Noted the successful passing of the Student Housing Co-Op Policy.

VPJ – Refocused our approach with the university around unwanted sexual experiences, outlined that we cannot necessarily be the creators and representatives of students in potential breach of the charter. Met with the PSNI in ongoing work to rebuild confidence in the PSNI, focus going forward on some listening initiatives and and smaller focus groups.

Pres – Noted the engagement with the university on strategic direction, that VC wanted to present to us, opportunity was taken to engage and feed in.

7% Increase in Res Life costs to accommodation, noted with the increase some students may only have £200 of their loan left after paying their accommodation fees, looking at actions to take forward. Ongoing delivery of Travel Cards, around 2000 applicants in total used the scheme.
5. Portfolio Updates

VPM – Green week will be running from 28<sup>th</sup> March to 1<sup>st</sup> April, confirmed funding for societies to run events as well, finalizing plans around tools and equipment on the wellbeing garden.

VPJ – Attended EDI Steering Group, updated on new incoming officer role, got brilliant response. Additional funding to spend with requirements being determined with staff members.

VPE – Attended Women Lead – spoke at the conference after attending in the past, spoke around imposter syndrome

6. Policy Updates

7. Leadership Elections 2022

GPC Provided update.

8. UCU Strike Action

VPM – Received call from BBC Radio Foyle, around student feeling on strike action, reply was determined to be we are still determining feeling on campus and on the ground and how much disruption has been felt.

Pres/ SVM – Survey was launched last semester, planned to launch survey at end of this period of strike action, based on similar questions from prior, to determine correlation of feeling. Timing is incredibly important. Like for like comparison after end of this period of strike action. Increased push next time to ensure that as much data is gathered from students

VPM – Question if we can get data on cancelled lectures and impact from university leadership.

Pres – Data is being gathered and meeting coming up to discuss mitigations and ongoing situation.

Ongoing discussion around policy and communication strategy.

Actions – Meeting with UCU Leadership, draft of survey to students, developing fact file. Collate what UUSU has done in engaging with relevant stakeholders. Engagement with NUS-USI.

VPE had to leave, meeting officially ends.