*Executive Committee*

*Minutes*

*24/1/2024 – SC504/Microsoft Teams - 4pm-5pm*

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| **Introduction** |

**Attendees**

Chike Dike (CD) - SU President and Committee Chair

Holly Tyack (HT) - VP Student Opportunities

Fatima Farha (FF) - VP Welfare & Community

Zainab Abdul-Obitayo (ZAO) - Disability, Accessibility & Neuro-Diverse Officer

Julnar Sharif (JS) - Asian, Arab & Ethnic Minority Officer

Gabriel Adelaja (GA) - Black Students Officer

Charlie Lavender (CL) – Trans, Non-Binary, Intersex & Gender Identity + Officer

Alex Caton-Bradley (ACB) - Faculty of Science and Technology Officer

Rohit Pakalapati (ROH) - Bournemouth University Business School Officer

Ashiq Khan (AK) - SUBU Summit Chair

Zach Braid (ZB) - Democracy & Campaigns Coordinator and Committee Secretary

**Welcome and apologies**

CD Noted apologies received from VP Education and Faculty of Media & Communication Officer

**Minutes Ratification**

Minutes from previous meeting were approved.

**Officer Updates**

Asian, Arab, Ethnic Minority Officer (JS):

* Recently completed their first network event which ran very successfully and saw a high turnout of international students.
* Currently speaking with international students to help identify plans and is using this information to plan further activities before the end of semester.

Black Student’s Officer (GA):

* Previously held a seminar for mental health and well being for members of the network and whilst not successful with the network, saw a high number of non-network student turnout which was great in terms of raising awareness.
* Held the black students Christmas party at the end of last semester which was an incredible success and is now looking to create a programme of events throughout the year.

Trans, Non-Binary, Intersex & Gender Identity + Officer (CL):

* Has been engaged in several meetings around LGBTQ+ History month and currently has 12 events planned for the month, with some collaboration with AUB.
* These events stretch from karaoke at Dylans to a clothing swap and fundraiser, the overall series of events looks incredibly promising. Alongside this they have completed several videos with SUBU comms to bring more awareness around the network.

Disabilities, Accessibility & Neuro-Diverse Officer (ZAO):

* Is currently assisting in the organisation of the events for LGBT history month.
* They are working on devising a newsletter to bring more visibility to the work that they have done since taking on this role.
* Additionally held a few conversations and speeches around disability awareness with students in the network.
* Following the previous committee, they are now working hard on building their approved disability fund.

LGBTQ+ Officer (EC):

* Officer not present so no report received.

Faculty of Media and Communication Officer (RS):

* Officer not present so no report received.

Faculty of Science and Technology Officer (ACB):

* Previously carried out an audit on student staff forums with an average of 26% attendance, focus is now shifting to the cause of this. As a result, they are working with SV+P at SUBU to devise a survey for students to identify the cause and also looking to open communication with BU so they understand the full scope of the issue.
* Has been working on previously approved summit policies and is pushing these at the FASECs to push BU on achieving them.
* Additionally, putting a larger focus on building academic societies.

Faculty of Health and Social Sciences Officer (YD):

* Officer not present so no report received.

BU Business School Officer (ROH):

* Is currently working with the faculty on his outstanding AI project and on the faculty level, everything is moving smoothly, however when discussing at FASEC it is clear they are not as caught up in terms of knowledge and needs further updating. Overall, the project is progressing well and is returning good results.
* Regarding timetabling issues, it was noted from BU that there are several issues regarding around timetabling and BU was open about this but noted not much would be done at this time.
* Additionally working on developing a wider community within the faculty rather than disparate departments, yet this is a much larger focus and will be the main priority moving forward.

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| **Action Log** |

No actions to review.

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| **Upcoming events** |

January

All Month – FTO Election Applications Open

31st January – Summit 2 Agenda Setting Meeting

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| **Items Discussed** |

1. SUBU x AUBSU Executive Committee (CL)
   1. CL noted open conversation with AUBSU executive team about holding a joint meeting to bring both teams together and focus on collaboration, particularly centred around attendance. Brought agenda item to gather thoughts of this committee on whether to commit to meeting with AUBSU or not.
   2. ACB questioned the relevance and CL responded that they are keen to engage more with our events and student facing activities and already do so and would like to see the same in return from SUBU and AUBSU events.
   3. CD encouraged conversation to happen but to identify the specific focus of the meetings in advance to allow the committee to identify if everyone is necessary or a select few relevant members.
2. FTO Elections (ZB)
   1. ZB noted that the FTO Elections are currently taking place and the applications are open, the committee were encouraged to explore nominating themselves due to their prior experience engaging and representing students. Additionally, ZB noted the NUS Delegate roles which can be applied to alongside or separately from a nomination of FTO Officer role. ZB encouraged the committee to engage with information sessions or to come forward with any questions.

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| **Items Decided** |

1. Policy Review (ZB)
   1. ZB introduced each policy and noted any updates from the committee on them before moving each item towards a vote.
      1. **Should SUBU lobby BU to provide a free replacement ID card? –** Recommendation to Lapse
      2. **Improve sustainability through bettering the plant-based options available on campus.** – Recommendation to Lapse
      3. **SUBU should allow for the creation of free clubs and societies.** – Recommendation Lapse
      4. **Should SUBU lobby BU to issue exam supplies cost-free?** – Recommendation to Lapse

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| **Items Noted** |

No items were to note

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| **Standing Items** |

**Any other business**

* ZB noted that according to the By-Laws, the committee was required to internally elect a back-up SUBU Summit chair in advance of the next Summit on the 8th February. The committee elected CL to take on this responsibility.
* ZB mentioned that Refreshers Fair is taking place on the 6th of February and invited the committee to be present to assist with the accessibility hour taking place between 10am and 11am.
* ZB mentioned that SUBU is running a debate between parliamentary candidates on important student issues in the Allsebrook theatre on the 15th February 2024 and invited the committee to attend.
* CD noted that a candidate for the NUS Liberation Officer would be interested in communicating with the committee to understand important topics in advance of their campaign launching.

**Details of next meeting**

* 7th February – F304/Teams – 4-5pm