**Big Student Meeting**

**Location: Lees Lecture Theatre**

**Date: 1/11/2018**

**Time: 18:30**

**Welcome and Introductions**

Chair of meeting: SUBU President, Abdurasheed Adeyinka Balogun.

BSM was deemed Quorate. The Chair took BSM through the meeting Agenda and introduced the Executive.

The meeting began with a tribute to SUBU Trustee and recent staff member who passed away tragically in October 2018.

**Geneva Guerrieri – Minutes Silence**

1. **Previous Minutes and Matters Arising**
2. AGM & Big Student Meeting dated 13.02.2018
3. Minutes Approved
4. It was noted that the Exec had passed IHRA policy passed over from the previous BSM.
5. **Explanation by the Chair Big Student General Meeting Procedures**
6. **Agenda** - Ground rules set out and explanation of how the meeting will proceed.
7. **Full Time Officer Reports, Videos and Questions**

**VP Activities – Lea Ediale**

**VP Community – Abidemi Abiodun**

**VP Education – Lenrick Greaves**

**VP Welfare – Brad Powell**

**VP Community – Abidemi Abiodun**

1. **SUBU Liberation Campaign Officer Information Reports**
* **Asian, Arab and Ethnic Students Campaign**
* **Black Students Campaign**
* **Students’ with Disabilities Campaign**
* **LGB+ Students Campaign**
* **Transgender and Non-Binary Student’s Campaign**
* The Women’s Campaign did not send a representative

**5. Proposals.**

**Proposal 1**

**Should SUBU facilitate the development of a student-led live chat listening service?**

Proposer deferred to next meeting

**Proposal 2.**

**Should SUBU invite independent letting agents (beyond BU Lets) to the up and coming Housing Fair as a way of improving the range of information and advice available?**

**Proposed by: Abidemi Abiodun, VP Community.**

Options:-

Making the Housing Fayre bigger and better by inviting external agents and further create a SUBU strategy/ policy that ensures:-

1. Students have all the information they’ll need when making housing decisions
2. Student interests are protected by working with council partners/ agents to ensure a range of accommodation choices are available beyond new private tower blocks
3. Do nothing
4. Abstain

Proposal outlined as of Agenda

For and against comments:-

It was felt that it is essential that Accommodation Agencies give students accurate information. Therefore it is important that students are given accurate information and that they are provided with the full picture to prevent them entering into situations where they are being disadvantaged due to lack of information. Also it was felt that it would be extremely beneficial to students if a support system to advise and protect students (when they are let down by letting agencies) should be provided.

The advice given here was that students need to know that they have that support. Therefore, any ideas as to how this information can be provided for students so that they have researched advice and support in these circumstances. For instance advice on Letting Agents fees and charges.

 **Move to Vote: Motion passed: Option A wins.**

 **Proposal 3.**

**SUBU should work more closely with the University to tackle a lack of attainment and a high drop-out rate amongst identified key groups in the University’s Fair Access Plan.**

**Proposed by: Lenrick Greaves, VP Education**

Options:-

SUBU to develop and implement a partnership policy offer with BU around:

1. Research and engagement with students in order to broaden the range of information available around student experience /decision making
2. Identify ways that peer support, e.g. through societies can support students and offer alternatives to dropping out of HE.

 Proposer deferred motion

 **Proposal 4.**

 **Should SUBU prioritise information and action around the UN**

 **Sustainable Development Goals up to 2030?**

 **Proposed by: Abidemi Abiodun, VP Community.**

Options:-

1. SUBU to conduct a review and conversation around how it’s activities, structures, societies, and stakeholders, can help deliver SDGs meaningfully.
2. Do nothing
3. Abstain

 Proposal outlined as Agenda

 **Move to Vote: Motion passed: A wins.**

 **Proposal 5.**

 **SUBU should adopt a policy in support of student sex workers and lobby BU**

 **to also adopt a policy in support of student sex workers.**

 **Proposed by: Kieran French, TNB Committee.**

Options:-

 SUBU should adopt (and lobby BU to adopt) policy that explicitly:-

1. Rules out the punishment and ostracisation of sex workers.
2. Opposes the possibility of student sex workers being expelled if their sex worker status came to light.
3. Neither SUBU nor BU need specifically offer support services for student sex workers.
4. Do nothing
5. Abstain

**Move to Vote: Motion passed:**

**Proposal 6.**

**Should SUBU support The Peoples’ Vote campaign?**

**Proposed by: Toby Johnson, SUBU Exec**

Options:-

1. SUBU to affiliate to the Peoples Vote campaign and work with other Sus across the UK to include students in a final say on the deal
2. Do nothing
3. Abstain

**Move to Vote: Motion passed:**

**6 Any Other Business:**

**None of substance: The meeting closed at 8.10pm.**