



BOURNEMOUTH UNIVERSITY

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting 20 November 2019

Present: Adeyinka Balogun (Chair - AB), Samantha Leahy-Harland (CEO - SLH), Charlotte Morris-Davis (CMD), Abidemi Abiodun (AA), Lea Ediale (LE), Lenrick Greaves (LG), Joanna Ann (JA), Mohamed Hamad (MH), Calvin McKenzie (CM), Georgia Hill (GH), Jodi Nwasike (JN), Ann-Marie Kankam (AMK), Rowan Bratchell (RB), Nora Maganga (NM), Sarah Chelsea Lawrence (SCL), Toluwa Atilade (TA), Tatiana Lutgens (TL).

Apologies: Syahirah Syamsul Kairi (SSK), Whitney Idowu (WI), Naomie Lebe (NL), Ntobeko Sengwayo (NS), Rebecca Hughes (RH), Bonnie Milligan (BM).

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

1.1 AB Chaired the meeting.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Noted:

S5.5 GH stated 'it was a good idea to provide a welcome pack'

S8.6 LE stated 'busy with Refreshers Fair'

11.8. JA asked about the two voting addresses mentioned for students: These are students home addresses and student addresses.

SLH: Request for an action log to be included so that we could have an update.

2.1. Minutes: **Approved.**

3. Executive Committee Meeting Schedule

3.1. A discussion took place on the dates for the meetings to be held.

3.2 If any member cannot make 5 December Scrutiny Special through to February 2020 Meetings - Send an apology.

3.3. Amend 4th February meeting to 5th February 2020 - **Approved**

3.3 Meeting dates after 20 February 2020 meeting will be discussed at a later date. **Approved.**



4. BSM Agenda

4.1. LE BSM Agenda items have been moved. **Accountability section** (6, 7, 8, 9) now at the end. Motions are being dealt with first. LG stated reason for move is students leave after the comfort break, so priority to move motions ahead of accountability, as we need to be quorate for the motions to be approved. Discussion followed. **Approved**

4.2. Discussions took place as to which executive member would present each item on the agenda.

4.3. CMD stated all invited to BSM Run through tomorrow, Thursday 21 Nov. 4-5pm. (Includes: Formalising what role Exec will be doing). This was in everyone's calendar. LE stated lots of opportunity for Exec to get involved.

4.4 CMD asked if there is anyone interested in attending the run through but cannot make it: **HM** cannot make it but would have liked to attend. **TL** stated interested but has lectures all next week. **AB** said anyone that can't make it, but would like to be involved please send an apology as this would show your interest in the meeting.

CM and **AMK** to present Executive Committee Report.

10 minute break

5. BSM ORDER OF MOTIONS

5.1. AB stated that we would now be going through the order of the motions for the BSM, and prioritising which ones will be taken forward. SCL asked if she could read one of the motions out (Zainab: Water fountains) as the student who put this forward suffers from anxiety. AB stated this is something that can be done. SCL confirmed is happy to do this.

5.2. Each motion was discussed in detail.

5.3. AB asked for the top 3 motions that should not be accepted to go forward based on preference 1 – 10.

10 minutes break to read through motions.

5.4. It was mentioned that there is 2 cup motions. CMD clarified by stating that students were able to submit motions and 2 different students submitted motions on cups, so looking to see what options available to make this 1 motion.



5.5. JA stated we already have a policy on plastic cups. You have to pay to use the one used cup. If we are saying give every student a cup this doesn't make sense as you have to think about SUBU as we are not going to make anything from it as unless they have a cup they will not come into Starbucks to get a drink.

5.6. SCL stated did mention a motion but this was not received due to problems with Wi-Fi when submitting. This motion was about having academic support for students even if they are not suffering from mental health conditions. CM stated: All courses should have a room for themselves. As in computing they have a room open for 24 hrs per day. So this should be the same for each course. Second motion: A notice board for SUBU that says everything that is happening. A bulletin board or a screen.

5.7. AB requested members to go through the proposals and choose in preference.

Open for discussion.

AB: 1st motion: **Have a link from Brightspace to SUBU under the 'useful links' login services. Open for discussion:** LE stated in previous years there were motions passed, that Exec said they were going to do anyway. **Action:** To work with the university to provide a link on Brightspace to SUBU.

AB: 2nd motion: **Lecturers should post learning content prior to Lectures and Seminars. Open for discussion:** LE stated this is one of two motions brought to the Exec based on the finding of research conducted by SUBU. If no one in Exec wants to present this then this will fall back on LE and AB to present it. **Action:** Approved: To go forward to BSM.

AB 3rd motion: **Teaching days and sessions are too long. Open for discussion:** JN stated they are too long and no breaks in between classes. Sometimes 9 – 7 with only 2 hrs break in the whole day. Not good for students or lecturers. **Action:** Approved: To go forward to BSM.

AB 4th motion: **Allow space on the campus grounds for green walls/environmentally friendly functional art that is in view of direct sunlight. Open for discussion:** JN stated did not understand this, what do they mean. LE stated the colours of green and yellow, has positive effects on your wellbeing. AB stated good to give fresh air. Proposer thought this would be good as we don't have much vegetation on campus.

AA: stated spoke with someone who knew more about this and it is something very different. The wall would have algae in it but it would be behind glass and have sunlight on it. It would be a different kind of wall. LE stated we need to agree as a student body if this should go forward, we are not claiming the legitimacy of it, just if it should go forward for debate. LE stated we need to understand it so we can explain it. LE stated either we can put this to the bottom of the list or ask for more information from the proposer. AMK stated,



decide now, scrap completely or take forward. 3 options. AA stated we need to find out what the proposal is first. AB stated put this motion one side and find out more information.

Action: Put one side for more information and return to at a later date.

AB 5th motion: **Should SUBU lobby the university to stop the use of single ply toilet paper across Talbot campus. Open for discussion:** LE stated yes, but not a priority.

Action: Approved

AB 6th motion: **Compost/food waste bins for residence buildings.**

Open for discussion. AA stated does not think this should go forward to BSM as this issue is about compost/food waste bins in flats, first of all the university does not control this area and secondly AA can take this issue up himself can take forward to the University Sustainability Committee. LE stated that the issue would have more credibility if it had the backing of the student policy. AA stated yes but they are not subject to do anything like this, it will be up to the managers as it is a private building whether or not they would do anything. GH stated there is only a certain part of the accommodation that is actually owned by the university. You can probably suggest it to those university owned ones but it is down to them. Except for the student village we don't actually own the other accommodation. SLH stated that as AA sits on the University Sustainability Committee this is very much the kind of thing that they really are hot on. So AA could lobby through that specific meeting. So take that as a specific action. **Action:** AA to take this up with University Sustainability Committee.

AB: 7th Motion: **More funding and easier application progress for funding for societies that provide training for members that benefit them past uni. Open for discussion.** LE offered background to the motion and discussion followed regarding the particular difficulties that arise with motions refer to clubs and socs funding. NM stated that the wording on the proposal needs to be fixed as the option that they have provided does not line up with the proposal. SLH stated can we ask for more clarity before this goes to the BSM. AB stated as the BSM is next week and we haven't got the time to convene, for now we will vote on this proposal to be placed one side and be revisited. CMD suggested that they have a meeting with the student tomorrow to reformat this proposal to align it more closely.

Action: CMD to speak with student

Action: Approved to take to the BSM

AB: 8th Motion: **SUBU should provide every student with a sustainable coffee cup and not to serve coffee to anyone without a reusable cup. Open for discussion:** CMD stated this was to be looked at in conjunction with the motion to: Provide low cost, reusable options as well as high quality and better designed cups. Encourage awareness around 'greenwashing' cup products. AA stated they are essentially saying the same thing as they are trying to get SUBU to ban coffee cups, as currently there's a 10p charge for the cups. So what is being said here is we ban the cups and the students have the option of buying the £1.00 Starbucks cup. GH stated, are they both the same as this one says to provide a low cost reasonable option whereas the other one says to 'refuse service to people that don't have their own cup. LE stated it would be better to put these two options together under one motion, but



have two options. KM stated where it says refuse service, if you forget your cup, you would need to buy another one just to get coffee. AA stated yes it is 10p at the moment but that will go up to 50p. AB we are voting to take this to BSM and have options A, B, C.

Vote taken: AB: executive decision. **Action:** Approved to merge the two motions and take to the BSM

Action: **CMD** to contact students

AB: 9th Motion: **UNIBUS pass should be free for all students or even a quota per month Open for discussion.** AA stated this motion is saying we should lobby the university to provide free bus pass service. Cost wise I don't know how this will be possible. AMK stated agreed, the university could not afford to do this as it's not practical. Also the university does not control the buses it's the More Company, and £250.00 is a discounted price already for students. GH stated they have implied that in the 1st year they got a free bus pass which is not correct as in my 1st year it was an option to include in rent, so this is an inaccuracy in the background information. LE stated, this is a teachable moment for the students to let them see why the bus passes are the way they are, as although no one agrees with this, it should go forward. AA stated he agreed with GH as 1st year students do not get free bus passes. LE stated I think we can take this to the BSM but not propose it as a motion, and tell them why we didn't carry it forward, that way we can educate. **Action:** To be taken to BSM and explained as we cannot do anything on this motion.

AB: 10th Motion: **Ban smoking on campus: Open for discussion.** AB stated that Alan James, the previous GM had told him that this motion had been approved before. LE stated there should be an amendment for designated areas to smoke, we should put this to BSM and add suggest amendments.

Action: Approved to take to BSM.

AB: 11th Motion: **Water fountains. Open for discussion: Agreed:**

Action: Approved to take to BSM.

AB: 12th Motion: **SUBU should make single use drug testing kits available to students to minimise drug related risk.** Discussion followed and it was decided that it was not appropriate to take this to the BSM at this time and further research should be conducted.

5.3. The final order for the motions were decided as follows:-

1. Lecturers should post learning content prior to Lectures and Seminars.

a. Jodi and Hamed to present

2. Teaching days and sessions which are too long- EXEC

b. Ann-Marie and Calvin to present

3. More funding and easier application progress for funding for societies that provide training for members that benefit them past uni



4. **Ban Smoking on Campus**
5. **No Disposable Coffee Cup Zone (with two options)**
6. **Water Fountains**
7. **Allow space on the campus grounds for green walls/environmentally friendly functional art that is in view of direct sunlight.**
8. **SUBU should lobby the University to stop the use of single ply toilet paper across the Talbot Campus**

Not taken to BSM:

Drug testing

Uni buses

Compost bins

Brightspace

6. UCU Update: SLH: Regarding the discussion that this group had at the last meeting. – The Executive priorities to protect the student experience to ensure that the students aren't adversely affected by the proposed industrial strike action. A proposed statement was read out. This statement would be released the next day to make clear SUBU's position. SLH has forwarded the details of the statement through to the University regarding the wellbeing of students and the Executives priority to protect the student experience and ensure that students aren't adversely affected by the strike action. First point to be agreed: Whether or not to release the statement as the formal position. A discussion was held as to whether feedback should be sought from the student body.

Decision Approved: Hold an online poll for 24 hours to gauge student opinions on the strike, allowing three options

1. Support the strike
2. To sympathise with the strike but not to take any action.
3. Take no action.



Action: Executive Committee to reconvene on Friday to discuss the outcome of the poll and the practical implications of it.

It was also noted that the strike may be called off.

SLH stated that she would keep the university updated as to what is happening and what the impact will be.

7. AOB. None

The Chair (AB) closed the meeting