



BOURNEMOUTH UNIVERSITY

Minutes of Executive (Scrutiny) Committee Meeting 5 December, 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), Whitney Idowu (WI), Naomie Lebe (NL), Ntobeko Sengwayo (NS), Rebecca Hughes (RH), Bonnie Milligan (BM).

Apologies: Syahirah Syamsul Kairi (SSK), Sarah Chelsea Lawrence (SCL), Ann-Marie Kankam (AMK)

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

1.1 AB Chaired the meeting.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1. Minutes: **Approved.**

3. Scrutiny: Full-Time Officer Reports

Calvin McKenzie (CM) took the chair

The chair provided a definition of the Scrutiny of the FTO's: this is to make sure that the officers are doing their job. Each person will have 15 minutes which will be timed, and the Committee can ask questions to make sure they are doing everything correctly.

If you have a question or want to say something please put up your hand.

Please do not interrupt anyone.

Lea Ediale: VP Activities: Report Papers were taken as read:

GH stated regarding the different workshops, where will these be advertised?

LE stated there are posters on the 2nd floor, also they should be on the website as well.



Abidemi Abiodun: VP Community - Report Papers were taken as read:

GH asked: On your safety on nights out video, where will you publish that video?

AA stated on SUBU website, and Facebook

JA and AA are working together on this project. Also busy times when people do go out to enjoy themselves is key. Also there is a student who wants to work with them as they were given an emergency alarm which really helped them. Also working with the Police on campus, to provide each student a safety alarm, and working with the church on campus, as they have volunteers that help. Also water bottles and flip-flops are handed out to those wearing heels.

Lenrick Greaves: VP Education - Report Papers were taken as read:

GH asked about the process of becoming a student advisor.

LG stated that there is a meeting scheduled to discuss this issue. Only department reps can vote in that election. In the New Year when the meetings are held a lot of this will be ironed out. Student advisors is actually a BU thing but LG is helping with the training. If anyone is interested let LG know.

MH in point 5 you said that Wednesdays would be free for students, how long will this take to happen?

LG stated it won't be this academic year. But this is really difficult to bring in across the board for students. We are working on this.

LE stated that the previous officer on activities was working on this a few years ago, so this has been worked on for quite a while.

Joanna Ann: VP Welfare and Equal Opportunities: Report Papers were taken as read:

RB: stated I know the mental health zone doesn't exist anymore, what is being done in its place?

JA: It was felt that the work that was done was doing what the advisors were also doing, as at the end of the day we are not trained physiologists. Right now exploring other ways that students can be helped. It is important to be effective.

MH stated point no.3 is a fantastic idea which will really get students engaged.



JA stated you don't have to leave it to the scrutiny to scrutinise me, if you have any questions then please contact me.

Ade Balogun: President: Report papers were taken as read.

GH stated looking at the sanitary care I was just wondering how this would be advertised?

JA: stated we did a launch in October, November, we also have them in reception, but have had to look at how this will work in Lansdowne, as they were uncomfortable giving the products out, so we will have a stall in the New Year., and doing a survey to get in house statistics.

AB stated this campaign will also go online at Easter. There will also be posters.

MH stated one quick point about the whole student debate, will this be like a championship?

AB stated have you actually been to any of our student debates before?

MH: No

AB: stated it's more about educating, with guest lecturers in house.

TL stated it is worth other campaigns collaborating on this as it gets people talking. It's a win win situation.

BM: As we are going to have a scrutiny special every term, could everyone in general come with one question for each FTO. **Action:** Everyone

4. BSM Motions - Results

Adeyinka Balogun, President: Gave everyone an update on the motion results. (breakdown).

Votes

4.1.

Original- SUBU should lobby BU to ensure that it becomes compulsory for academic staff to provide learning materials in advance of teaching sessions.

Amended to: SUBU should lobby BU to ensure that it becomes compulsory for academic staff to provide learning materials in at least 48 hours advance of teaching sessions.

Accept- 105

Reject- 5

Abstain- 8

Total-118 Motion Passed.

LG: Meeting with Jane De Vekey to take this motion forward **Action: LG to meet with JDV**



4.2.

Original- SUBU should lobby BU to ensure that the length of teaching days and sessions are time appropriate

Amended to- SUBU should lobby BU to ensure that the length of teaching days and sessions are time appropriate, with consultation from students

Accept- 75

Reject- 24

Abstain-16

Total- 115

LG: Same practice but incorporated with students reps, as it is easier for us to collect information and recommendations as to which policy will be the best.

4.3.

Original- SUBU should increase funding and improve the application process for societies particularly for training that would benefit them after university

Amendment- SUBU should consult students when arranging its' new funding structure.

Accept- 58

Reject- 44

Abstain- 13

Total- 115

LE Stated priority will be the funding system.

4.4.

Original-SUBU should lobby the university to ban smoking on campus

Amended to- SUBU should lobby the university to ban smoking and vaping on campus other than in designated sheltered smoking areas.

Accept- 77

Reject- 25

Abstain- 6

Total- 108

AB stated that we needed to discuss who is going to police this motion. Looking into the policy and will get back to the committee. **Action:** To look into the policy and report to Committee

RB asked how this would be carried out.

BM stated there was a meeting held to discuss all the action plans, so this is being discussed.

TL: stated smoking at bus stops as it is illegal, so how would this work. Main two places people complained about was bus stops and outside Poole House. Signs won't stop people from smoking but it may make them think.

RB: stated you can't enforce this if you don't have signs.

LE: stated researched BU's policy – they have to be 5 feet away from the entrance of a building.

BM: stated as TL said the entrance is not 5 feet away. So there is a problem enforcing this.



RB: stated another issue is that the Disabilities Campaign need to be consulted on this, as if the shelters are somewhere inaccessible or far away this will not be good for students.

All agreed.

5 BSM Motions continued

Adeyinka Balogun, President

Motion 5

SUBU should provide every student with a sustainable coffee cup and not to serve coffee to anyone without a reusable cup

Luci Phalp (could not attend).

Vote taken to put forward to the next BSM: Approved

Action: To be taken forward to next BSM. Department to inform LP

Motion 6

SUBU should lobby the university to build more water stations across the campus and make them more visible

Sarah Chelsea Lawrence (could not attend).

Action: SCL to be asked for more information

Motion 7

SUBU should act as a middle man between estates and societies to facilitate a space to be used for green walls/environmentally friendly functional art

Christopher Wilmoth

Open for discussion: - An in depth discussion took place.

CW: These could be placed in direct sunlight or inside and would provide a healthy aspect as plants are known to be beneficial. It is living art that is very popular and used around the world.

Vote taken to put forward to the next BSM: Approved

Action: This motion is to be taken to the next BSM



Motion 8

SUBU should lobby the university to stop the use of single ply toilet tissue paper across the Talbot Campus.

(THIS MOTION HAS NOW BEEN WITHDRAWN)

6. Re-thinking BSM

Rowan Bratchell - Trans and Non-Binary Officer:

We've been doing BSM according to pretty much the same outline for years - and it rarely runs smoothly. I know that the democracy review is happening this year and exec will be consulted about changes to BSM, amongst other things, and I think while BSM is fresh in our minds is the ideal time to discuss so that we have some ideas ready. Some questions I think are worth discussing are:-

1. Should proposers attend a pre-BSM briefing, to know what to expect?
2. Does it work to squeeze two separate issues, motions and accountability, into a two hour session? Would they be better dealt with separately, especially considering more time to debate would align with the values of BSM?
3. What location do we feel is ideal for BSM?
4. Did the chairing style work effectively?
5. Is there a better way to control the room, in terms of noise and decorum?

Open for discussion: - An in depth discussion took place.

IZ stated that there are always weaknesses to events like these and we have to accept the fundamental nature of a dynamic where you have 150 people wanting to debate and motions are being discussed in real time. Also technology will invariably let you down so it is important to acknowledge this. Having attended other University's BSM's we can be proud of what has been achieved.

IZ raised that for the first time, in a long time, a full democracy and governance review, is being undertaken by an external consultant and we have a person coming in. Basically you will be able to feed into that process tangibly exactly how BSM works and how all of our structures work. If you can make it tomorrow, then please come along and speak to Nick.



RB stated that the Scrutiny Special should be made accessible to every student. A discussion followed about the effectiveness of the scrutiny.

AB asked if anyone had any questions as regard the BSM.

CM stated that on the communication side in general, advertising what is going on I feel like this could be a lot better, there is a lot of things happening that students don't know about. There is new technology, new Apps that are not being accessed. So need to keep up with the times by accessing these new media. So the advertising to let people know needs to be better.

Action: AB to send an invite out to set up a meeting between the SUBU Communications Team, the liberation officers and the Executive.

7. Drug testing kits

Rowan Bratchell - Trans and Non-Binary Officer:

Proposal: SUBU should make single use drug testing kits available to students to minimise drug related risk.

SUBU should provide these kits, available from NUS, in a safe and anonymous environment so that students can test for dangerous cutting agents such as PMA to minimise the risks associated with drug use.

Oliver Glasspool (original proposer) to attend the meeting

RB stated that after attending the NUS LGBT Conference in March there was a couple of motions on drug use. Drug safety was then discussed and the best way to introduce this to the Union. We think that making drug testing kits available for purchase in the students union would be a good thing to do.

OG stated that as students take drugs. According to the NUS drugs survey that was carried out last year. It was showed that there is a need for these kits. Factors to be considered would be anonymity of students. Also a safe space to provide the kits be it Student Advice or Well Being. If we are charging or free is something else to consider.

RB stated some stats of over 2,000 drug related deaths in the South West between 2009 and 2018 and 3,906 20-29 year olds in England died to drug misuse in the same period. This is a considerable problem. The drug testing kits test for things like NDMA.



OG stated RB is right the drug testing kits do test for cutting agents and the main component in the drugs. Such as NDMA or PMA which is very dangerous cutting agent that increases the risk of overdoses.

JN asked are you testing the drug or the human being.

OG: it's the drugs, it's testing to make sure that you aren't having cutting agents which increase the risk of overdosing, and minimising risks.

RB stated drugs have an inherent risk, and students take drugs, and these drug testing kits lower the chances of drug overdose.

JA stated is there another way that we can take this forward by raising awareness? Our concern is that we may be seen as semi endorsing drug use. Maybe we could have a stand or something similar to incorporate this into student safety on the same campaign?

RB stated that maybe it would be possible to do both. Maybe we could take this forward in some form. Maybe a steering group to be formed.

CM stated where would this testing be held?

RB stated this would be open to discussion. It's also important to provide information about drug misuse and addiction etc.

LG stated he was quite uncomfortable with this as we do not want to run the risk of looking as though we are endorsing drug use. It would be useful to have an amendment to merge it with the wellbeing campaign and give more information on the dangers of using drugs.

JA stated as suggested by RB we should have a steering group to look into this.

RB stated from our prospective it's not about endorsing, it's acknowledging the reality. This is about providing the students with the knowledge and information that they need to make their own decisions and minimise the risk. I understand how perception is important, that's why I agree that there is a much bigger discussion to be had on this subject.

TL stated we are also raising awareness on drug use and misuse. We are just saying it's important to keep students safe.

Further in depth discussion took place with input from AD.

Original proposal redacted.

Outcome: RB and OG to work with JA and AA to work on Night Safety Campaign which is to include an element of drug safety.



9. AOB

LE stated if anyone had anything else to say about the discussion earlier (about why no questions were asked) in regard to the Scrutiny. All of the FTO's have written their reports.

LG stated if everyone could weigh up the legitimacy of it and read the job descriptions.

IZ stated we need to support the Executive and give more information so that you then have something to scrutinise. As sending out a two page document is not working. We need to look at this.

AB stated this is the first time that this has happened but we need to check with everyone and feed all information back to the department to ensure that the Officers are in tune and this will feed into the reports for the next Scrutiny meeting.

RB stated when the reports were made available they were all numbered, this is really not accessible as we need to see which ones are the reports and the agenda. Also for all Liberation officers would it be a good thing to run these reports past our committees as well, to ask them for feedback and scrutiny questions.

LG asked if it was worth the Executive going through the reports themselves, so that they are more prepared when they attend the Executive Committee Meeting and to scrutinise the FTO's.

Action: Exec and FTO's to meet before the next Scrutiny Meeting to go over the reports.

**** Next Agenda item to confirm the date for this meeting.**

IZ: Reminder: Tomorrow, 4-5pm to discuss the Democracy and Governance Review

Show of hands for Focus Group attendance: 5

RB: Pronouns: As there have been times when people have been misgendered. It is important to use non gender language as much as possible. The Trans and Binary campaign are going to take this forward as something to work on.

BM: stated photos were supposed to have been taken tonight. So should this be made a next agenda item.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting Closed