*Executive Committee*

*Minutes*

*3/4/2024 - F304/Microsoft Teams - 4pm-5pm*

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| **Introduction** |

**Attendees**

Chike Dike (CD) - SU President and Committee Chair

Norah Valerie Deka (NVD) - VP Education

Fatima Farha (FF) - VP Welfare & Community

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

Gabriel Adelaja (GA) - Black Students Officer

Ashiq Khan (AK) - SUBU Summit Chair

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

Hayley Butler (HB) - Liberation Network and Campaigns Coordinator

Jane de Vekey (JdV) – Head of Insight and Policy

**Welcome and apologies**

CD welcomed everyone and noted that the committee was not quite at quoracy, so any decisions made are subject to oversight at the next quorate meeting. Noted apologies from HT, ROH and RS

**Minutes Ratification**

CD opened discussion on any amendments to the minutes, none were received, and the minutes were provisionally ratified.

**Officer Updates**

President (CD):

* Not a lot has happened recently due to spring break and a lot of students and staff being away. However, has met with Pro-VC of Student Experience to discuss work on cost of living for students, and CD is looking to push BU to take a more active approach in supporting students with this.
* Received report from recruitment agency on the CEO vacancy, noting we have received a very healthy amount of applications with interviews taking place in the middle of April.

VP Education (NVD):

* Has been working with BU on their Access and Participation plan, which is required of them by the OfS which will be brought for discussion at the next three Committee Meetings.

VP Student Opportunities (HT):

* Officer was not present and no report was provided.

VP Welfare and Community (FF):

* Working with university to implement a landlord system, with the only current concern being cost.
* Working on a few student ideas, involving transport and then an idea on introducing a fees tab students have access to and is awaiting information from BU Finance team.

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| **Action Log** |

No actions to review.

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| **Upcoming events** |

CD noted the below events in the Month of April:

April – AAEM History Month

* 10th – Student Members Meeting Agenda Setting Meeting
* 11th – Student Members Draft Agenda Published
* 12th – 15th – SMM Amendment Period
* 15th – Student Leader Election Nominations Open
* 18th – SMM Final Agenda Published
* 19th – 24th – SMM Proxy Voting
* 23rd – Student Pride
* 25th – Student Members Meeting

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| **Items Discussed** |

1. Student Pride (HB)
   1. Noted Student Pride is an annual event, in its 9th year, taking place on Tuesday 23rd of April and SUBU will be inviting some charities and LGBTQ+ businesses and will be running a clothing swap. The intention is to create a fun and vibrant event, with local performers and parade to allow students to celebrate pride with their friends before going home for summer.
   2. The afterparty will be held at Pride Bar in town.
2. End of Year Exec Celebration (HB)
   1. HB noted that the end of the year is quickly approaching, and SUBU are looking to organise officers end of year celebration, noting previous discussions have been on doing another escape room much like the start of the year. Open to suggestions on dates and activities.
   2. CD added that it would be nice to do it two-fold and have time for officers to relax and then do an activity.

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| **Items Decided** |

1. No items were decided.

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| **Items Noted** |

1. Student Leader Elections (ZB)
   1. ZB noted that the Student Leader Elections are happening soon, where we elect next years Part-Time Officers, Clubs and Societies Committee Members and Nerve Committee members. Nominations open on the 15th of April, so any officers wanting to re-run or change roles then they should think about this early.
2. NUS Student Loan Petition (ZB)
   1. ZB noted that the NUS are currently running a petition to the government to make changes to Student Loans to better support students. The petition is half way there so needs as many votes as possible. ZB noted the link will be distributed with the minutes.

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| **Standing Items** |

**Any other business**

* ZB and JdV delivered information on BU’s current process of redesigning their Access and Participation Plan (APP) and will want feedback from the Executive Committee on the 6 intervention strategies being suggested. 3 of these will be discussed at the next committee meeting, the final 3 will be discussed in the meeting following that. The presentation from this point will be included in the email to officers with minutes.

**Details of next meeting**

* 17th April 2024 – F304/Teams – 4-5pm