**Minutes**

**Thursday 10th November 2022**

**Zoom**

**Members**

Upwards of 100 members present, including:

Kazim Golzari (KG) – SUBU Summit Chair

Omuwa Ayomoto (OA) - SU President

Norah Deka (ND) – VP Education

Chike Dike (CD) - VP Welfare and Community

Neha Geer (NG) – Student Rep

**In attendance**

Mata Durkin (Secretary/Democracy and Campaigns Coordinator)

Kayleigh Heckford (Democracy and Campaigns Manager)

Emma Davies (Student Opportunities Manager)

Kerry Dean (Head of Student Participation)

Sarah Corder (Student Voice and Insight Manager)

Jane De Vekey (Head of Student Voice and Policy)

*Please note: Due to technical difficulties on the night, the votes cast at the meeting were unable to be verified. An online vote was opened for 5 working days the following week, with 115 voting members (XX student rep – XX% of total voting participants). Therefore, the results noted in these minutes are not from the meeting itself, but from the online vote.*

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# Welcome and Introduction

## The Chair welcomed the SUBU Summit participants and deemed the meeting quorate.

## The Chair introduced the agenda and set out the operational points and the procedures to be followed during the meeting. This included that the results of all votes would be announced via email following the meeting to ensure that only votes cast by voting members were counted and not during the meeting itself.

## Minutes of Previous SUBU Summit

## The Chair invited members to read over the minutes which had previously been circulated and a vote was taken

# Approve:  105

# Reject: 0

# Abstain: 10

## **Minutes Approved**

# Trustee Board Update

# Presented by KG

# Key points noted:

# The Trustee Board cycle of meetings continues in January. The Board were recently updated via email of the great start to the first term of the academic year through the following report which was shared with all Board members via email.

# The President's Report shared with Board members is available in the papers shared before the meeting.

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# Full-Time Officer Reports

# President’s Report

# OA presented

# Key points noted:

## Manifesto: Work with BU to improve the arrivals process for international students

## Ran training session for buddies (with some delay

## Developed a handbook to help students through the programme. This was very well received.

## Will be running the programme again for January inductions.

## Manifesto: To continue to work with BU and Careers BU to increase the visibility on all employability opportunities for all students

## Careers BU ran a careers fair for HSS students in Lansdowne.

## Manifesto: To focus on creating a cycle that involves guiding all students with an Alumni Future Series, that involves career development after graduation.

## Looking into this with the Alumni team and Careers BU

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# Vice President Education Report

# ND presented

# Key points noted:

## Manifesto: Boost an active community by tackling student loneliness, through the maintenance of the student buddy schemes

## Buddy scheme has been launched and buddies have been paired up.

## Manifesto: Improve staff-student rapport, encourage students to feel open to communicate with staff and increase frequency of academic advisors’ meetings

## No further update

## Manifesto: Ensuring education is accessible for all students

## Working with academic operations to see why there are barriers for staff.

## Manifesto: Work with the library to ensure all library books are available online and for students to be explicitly taught on how to write research papers and essays

## Working with library to produce videos and raise awareness of workshops and skills sessions.

# Vice-President Student Opportunities Report

# Due to absence from FAA, ED presented

# Key points noted:

## Manifesto: Increase student satisfaction through clubs and societies

## Attended 3 society sessions and increasing communication with clubs and societies.

## Continuing to support the President’s Association

## Manifesto: Supporting employability opportunities

## Now attends monthly meetings with CareersBU and working on a spring careers fair.

## Manifesto: Creating an Injury Support Hub

* + Attends monthly meetings with SportBU to get updates on the progress of the injury hub.

## Manifesto: Giving more funding opportunities for sports for students

* + Free transport to Chapel Gate has now been set up!

# Vice-President Welfare and Community Report

# CD presented

# Key points noted:

## Manifesto: Work with BU Residential Services to effectively improve the students’ housing experience by making it more accessible

* + Working with BU international students working group to discuss communication and signposting for accommodation pre-arrival

## Manifesto: Further develop SUBU’s allyship programme to represent more marginalized communities

## Working with Comms and our Liberation Officers to create video content to reintroduce students to the concept of being an ally.

## Manifesto: Work with BU to prioritise student safety on and off campus

* + No current updates

## Manifesto: Collaborate with BU wellbeing team to reintroduce students to wellbeing services that champion healthy menta health practices

## Working with SUBU advice to support students with the rise in the cost of living.

## Looking to hold an event on men’s mental health in Semester 2.

* Manifesto: Introduce new International Students welfare programmes to enable easy integration into the BU community
  + Completed buddy scheme training and matched new students to buddies
  + Working on international student webpage with Comms..

## The Chair invited the participants to speak further with the Full-Time Officer in different discussion groups.

# Student Ideas

# The Chair introduced the ideas up for discussion and invited the SUBU Summit participants to self-select discussion groups.

# The groups were invited to amend some, none or all of each proposal.

# The Chair advised participants they could swap discussion groups half-way through.

# Policy Discussions:

# SUBU to lobby BU to provide Python coding workshops

# Should SUBU support UCU’s industrial actions, including strike action?

# Discussion Group Amendments:

## *SUBU to lobby BU to provide Python coding workshops*

* Added point 3 to Ideas for Solutions – ‘In person sessions preferred – hybrid option as well.’

# Added point 4 to Ideas for Solutions – ‘Workshops suitable for all levels.’

# Added point 5 to Ideas for Solutions – ‘Available for all students including PGR students’

# *Should SUBU support UCU’s industrial actions, including strike action?*

# No amendments made.

# Speeches and Vote:

# SUBU to lobby BU to provide python coding workshops

# Speech for: NG

* This will benefit all students, regardless of faculty.
* Python is a very hot language right now.

# Speech Against: None

# Call to vote

# For: 96

# Against: 4

# Abstain: 15

# **Passes**

## Should SUBU support UCU’s industrial actions, including strike action?

# Speech for: OA

* Want to know how students feel about the industrial action, and whether they support it.

# Speech against: OW

* Not speaking against, but will be abstaining as there isn’t a lot of information.

# Call to vote

# For: 56

# Against: 29

# Abstain: 30

# **Passes**

# Any Other Business:

# The Chair asked if there was any other business.

# The Chair thanked everyone for attending this meeting, and stated that the results of the vote would be emailed to all participants within the next 48 hours once all votes had been validated.