**Union Exec Meeting 13th January 2021**

**Agenda**

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| *Time* | *Item* | *Person(s)* |
| 1600 | Roll Call | All |
|   | Apologies |   |
|   | Sabbatical Officer Updates | Sabbatical officers |
|   | PT Officer Updates | PT officers |
|   | Lockdown 3 | ? (/All) |
|   | Union Council 28.01 | Chair/All |
|  | AOB |   |

**Roll Call**

Dafydd Jones (Chair) Jawad Ahmad (JA), Arran Rangi (AR), Saad Khan (SD), Paige Dawson (PD), Annas Mazhar (AM), Harry Shepard (HS), Safa-Atiya Ahmed (SA), Onome Ogwuda (OO)

**Apologies**

Balraj Purewal (BP), Hamad Khan (HK)

**Sabbatical Officer Updates**

HS – writing to accommodation providers about the refunds and contracts. Web page on SU website with petition

SA – Anti domestic violence reporting project, with the university and relevant unio people. Working to make a consent training course available to students. Planning a phone bank for student support during the lockdown.

JA – Will be working with university on the no-detriment policy and on creating a safety net system and help stop people who have been affected by the lockdown not progressing. “Why is my curriculum white” campaign is being re-started, JA working with the Uni to pressure for de-colonisation. Working on student experience.

PD – Lecturer expectation on citations in take-home exams has been inconsistent could there be a consistent approach on this, that is also clearly communicated?

JA – is this to do with LHS? All areas should have citations to ensure integrity.

**PT Officer Updates**

PD – Had a podcast for LGBTQ history month, but unable to do in-person recording. An online solution has been found. Due to time, the podcasts may go into March as a result. Only requires sign-off from student activities.

HS – Offers to help with marketing.

AR – Sustainability committee will be up-and-running soon. Green Week meeting with all of the people in the University next week to organise.

HS – Have you successfully got people to join?

AR – Not many, but only a little advertising has been done.

SA – Will you have the committee on the website, like the Disability and SA?

AR – Nadine Al-Kudcy is assisting with this.

OO – Not much to update, with the exam season. Will be returning to do things on Instagram to promote businesswomen on campus, and clubs and societies.

AM – Disability Group was going to be set up, but this is being delayed. Will be on interview panel for the recruitment of a disability coordinator.

OO - Women’s history month activities for March are also being arranged.

HS – Does anyone else have any other awareness months?

SA – Has organised some suicide awareness training sessions and would like to ask if anyone of the PT officers would like to attend?

Chair - plans

**Lockdown 3**

HS – Conversing with university on the tuition fees.

AR – Would like to bring up rent strikes, would like to help coordinate a rent strike for Aston students, have a call with students about what they need to consider and if the SU can support.

HS – would like AR to e-mail and would like to discuss with students if there has been discussion on possible consequences.

SA – Will bring something up about union council in other business.

HS – Do not e-mail (to AR), will put something in a WhatsApp chat.

AR – Would like to make sure that all of those who would like to do a rent strike know the risks of doing such a thing individually, and that the students need to organise themselves.

**Union Council 28.01**

Chair – Next council will be on the 28th of Jan at 1600. Get motions in 22nd.

HS – There will be a motion on housing.

AR – Environmental Motions on may be presented but may be best left to the next council.

**AOB**

HS – Would like to meet with the club and soc committees about support for the clubs and societies. Have a meeting with AM.

AM – Please send through a couple of dates, organise with the other reps.

PD – Has been working on helping to identify an individual who was sending homophobic abuse to an LGBT+ Society group chat. These people have been reported to the police.

SA – Deadnames on Blackboard still being dealt with?

PD - A document has been created to help those who would like to change their names on university systems.

All – Discussed songs of the fortnight.