**Union Exec Meeting 14th December 2020**

Attendees: Harry Sheppard (HS), Jawad Ahmad (JA), Annas Mazhar (AM), Paige Dawson (PD), Dafydd Jones (Chair), Onome Ogwuda (OO) Balraj Purewal (BP)

Apologies

Safa Ahmed (SA)

**Agenda:**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| *Time* | *Item* | *Person(s)* |
| 1600 | Roll Call | All |
|  | Apologies |  |
|  | Sabbatical Officer Updates | Sabbatical officers |
|  | PT Officer Updates | PT officers |
|  | Union Council | Chair |
| 1645 | AOB |  |

# Minutes:

## Sabbatical Officer Updates

HS – Met with Alec. Some students want to get out of Unite contracts. Working on. Next term will be more clarified with blended learning, still not clear this term. Uni will put money into e-books, library opening hours extended.

JA – Speak week response presented, action communicated on Insta. Recognition that Uni has taken aboard some of what has been said. On-campus activities will display clearly as such on the TT. Why is my Curriculum White has 80-90 responses, will be discussed with H. Bartlett. Materials for exam week being given – clarification of exceptional circumstances for some students.

HS – are there any advice tips on SU website for exam period>

JA – Yes

HS – Have you seen responses for the campaign?

JA – Yes, but not gone as expected, fewer responses from BME students was not expected, must promote in this area.

BP – term has been difficult for societies, meet-ups have been difficult due to Corona restrictions. More virtual things being done to compensate. BP has been producing videos on disability with H Bartlett and marketing team. Disability in the workplace panel, and video created. Speaking with the enabling team. Video on disability by BP was second most viewed video after the remembrance day video. Has been engaging on social media with students and asking about how students are feeling about activities. Planning for second term. Concerns about employability re societies, promoting even online interest can be helpful for students.

## PT Officer Updates

PD – World AIDS day quiz raised £115, more than expected. Will also promote to future LGBTQ+ Officer. Will be trying to record podcasts, even without the ability to use physical equipment.

BP – interjected about podcast also that he is doing.

AM – AM and Nadine have been working on creating a guide for accessible document, will be asking university to provide an accessible writing guide for students, at present only staff may use. Wishes to use this for guidance in promotion for clubs and societies/committees. About to launch the disabled students’ committee.

BP – Disability web page

OO – Not much to update, started doing some Instagram, to help promote some of the women on campus who’ve set up business or other interesting things. Promoting societies. Term 2 some ideas, will be doing some employability with BP.

Chair – Union Chair discussed union council, wants to make some improvements.

HS – Suggested to the chair having a meeting on possible improvements to council.

## Union Council

PD – Thanked chair for running the meeting well.

BP – Thanked all officers for their work on this and during pandemic.

AM – AM and Max were speaking on motion being unamended, suggested having a rule.

Chair – There is no rule on unamended motions.

HS – We had agreed to have a meeting revisit issue concerned in the meeting.

## AOB

Chair – Time for the song of the fortnight.

All – Various songs of the fortnight were suggested.

HS – Pleased with work this term despite circumstances, also enquired about availability to help with refreshers.