

# Minutes

Meeting:	International Student Assembly
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## Union of UEA Students Purpose:

“To enrich the life of every UEA student”

## Minutes of the International Student Assembly

**26 January 2016**

### Voting Members present:

Malaika Jaousidha (Committee Chair), Oksana Shlonimskaya (Committee Member), Kittanya Tiptanawadee (Committee Member), Jean Roating (Committee Member), Sheri Lau (Committee Member), Ting Ni (International Officer), Anastasija Sahovksa, Yinbo Yu, Tian Xiong, Ningxin Chu, Chipo Banza,

### Chair:

Malaika Jaousidha

### In attendance:

Tony Moore (Democracy and Governance Coordinator), Breanne Schnell (International Student Support – Student Staff)

### 1 Statements from the Chair

Chair welcomed everyone, and started the meeting.

### 2 Introductions

All students introduced themselves. Breanne Schnell, the new International Student Support, introduced herself. She will be a student lead for Go Global and assisting with the International Assembly meetings.

### 3 Minutes from previous meeting

Yinbo noted that CGTB Officer should be changed to LGTB+. Minutes approved after change made.

### 4 Report from International Student Officer

Ting reported that she would like to see more support for European and American students. One way to do this is through Go Global. She also noted that she would like to target activities and support for those student populations.

## **5 Report from Yinbo**

He also noted that Go Global is different this year, and will take place in the spring instead of earlier in the year. The date is April 21<sup>st</sup>. He explained that this event is an opportunity for students to showcase their culture and engage international students, and would like to get many societies involved.

Yinbo also discussed the NUS International Students conference happening in mid-March. Two students can attend the conference.

He also reported that Student Officer positions were opening up. Yinbo's goal is to get more International students to run for officer positions. Tony stated that International students can take a year off for the full-year positions, and that the Union can work with their visas.

## **6 Discussion Topics**

### **• Induction Week communication**

Malaika wants to improve communication to International students during Induction Week about the Union and the support.

Some suggestions were:

- International Student Officer present during Induction week (Malaika)
- A 10 minutes presentation to explain the Union in either the Induction week, or the week before when International Students arrive (Breanne)
- An explanation about what "wrist bands" and tickets mean for Freshers Week. Malaika felt that was unclear and confusing for International students. Several other students agreed they didn't understand that when they received the information. (Malaika)
- More inclusive language for International students (instead of calling it Freshers Week). Not all International students are Freshers, and those events may feel limiting to only First-Year domestic students. (Breanne)
- Calendar to consolidate events either aimed at International Students or all events put on by Union (Kittanya) Ting agreed.

### **• Officer Elections**

- Yinbo explained there are part-time and full-time Officer positions. He discussed the visa requirements, and how it works with being either a part-time or full-time officer.
- Tony said to make sure to look ahead at the campaign schedule, as it is very busy. Yinbo agreed, but said it was a rewarding experience.
- Information will be coming out next week. There was a lot of interest from the group.

- **Discussion opened up**

Malaika asked if anyone had anything else to add. The discussion returned to Induction Week, and if it would be possible to add a calendar of events at the end of a timetable or email. Some members thought this would be too difficult to achieve, as the Union puts on many events. But others thought some form of calendar would be helpful for International students to let them know what is going on.

### **7 Open Discussion**

Malaika asked if anyone had anything to discuss in the open discussion. No one did.

### **8 Time, date and place of next meeting**

6pm, Tuesday, 23 February 2016

Room 1, Union House