

Minutes

Meeting:	International Student Assembly
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Union of UEA Students Purpose:

“To enrich the life of every UEA student”

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Voting Members present:

Malaika Jaousidha (Committee Chair), Oksana Shlonimskaya (Committee Member), Jean Roating (Committee Member), Sheri Lau (Committee Member), Ting Ni (International Officer), Yinbo Yu (Activities and Opportunities Officer), Anastasija Sahovksa, Tian Xiong, Ningxin Chu, Chipso Banza, Rohan Patriaik, Samuele Chimellato, Alex McCorkle, Rajesh Kumar, Tany Phan, Julian Canlas, Westley Barnes, Tarun Sridhar, Vo Trong Khanh, Junyu Zhang

Apologies:

Kittanya Tiptanawadee (Committee Member)

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 Minutes from previous meeting

Minutes approved

3 Report from International Student Officer

Ting shared about the upcoming NUS Conference, and Go Global. Stated that both would be discussed further in the meeting.

4 NUS International Students' Conference elections

Jean acted as committee chair for this section, as Malaika was running for the conference. Yinbo explained what the conference was, and the voting process. Each individual running would have one minute to give a speech, and each person would vote at the end of the speeches. In order, the students running were Malaika Jaousidha, Julian Canlas, Karim Hadaya (not present, but wrote a statement via email), Westley Barnes, and Rajesh Kumar. After all the nominees gave their speeches, all voting members cast a ballot to elect the top three students to attend the conference as observers.

5 ID card scheme

Malaika suggested that ID cards be provided by the Union for purchasing items on campus that involves official documentation. That way, International students don't have to carry their passports when buying cigarettes or alcohol, or going to the LCR, risking losing a necessary document. Yinbo clarified that the problem is connected with the federal law and not UEA. There are specific guidelines around official documentation. He suggested this could be a good point to bring up at the NUS International Students' Conference, as this is a national problem that all International students face. Westley asked how we could guarantee the entire nation would start accepting new ID cards. Malaika said that that is why they want to make it brought to a national level.

6 Discussion

- **Recommendations for incoming officers**

Suggestions:

- Julian said there should be more introduction about the SU and International Assembly.
 - Westley suggested a walking tour that covered the various aspects of the Union, including the LCR, events held on campus, etc.
 - Tany suggested to include INTO students more
 - Yinbo clarified the relationship with DOS and INTO during Induction week, and the Union's role in that week
 - Malaika suggested action point: 10 minute presentation about the Su to INTO and the first induction
- **Go Global week**
 - Breanne explained the event and how the week/event evening are planned out. She asked if anyone would like to be involved with organisation and/or participation. A few people expressed interest.
 - **Events**
 - Jean presented about the BBQ
 - Concern was expressed about the trash
 - Yinbo suggested to change the date from the 16th of April to the following Friday or Saturday, so it is included in the Go Global week.

- Question about alcohol, if students can bring their own (Julian)
 - Yinbo said he would double check about this rule as it is by the lake.
- Another suggestion was made about bringing a football and speaker.
- **Future events**
 - People seemed happy with the current plans

7 Open Discussion

- Malaika asked if anyone had anything to discuss in the open discussion.
- Rajesh suggested accommodation contracts be six months that can be extended, instead of full years. Or perhaps if give three months in advance, they could get break contract without paying. Yinbo suggested to bring this to the Post Graduate Assembly, as this was primarily a post-grad problem.
- Julian suggested a workshop for International students about CVs, applying for internships, and the job search in Europe
 - Yinbo said that Career Central runs these types of workshops. He suggested maybe the Union could help better advertise these events.
 - Another suggestion was made to ask Career Central if they can create a list of companies that will sponsor International students
 - Another suggestion was made to have better preparation for non-European students to be more employable after uni

8 Concluding statements

Malaika asked if anyone else had anything to add. No one did.

9 Time, date and place of next meeting

6pm, Monday, 11 April 2016

Room 1, Union House