

minutes

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“Students transforming”

Minutes of the International Assembly 22nd November 2016

Assembly Members present: Malaika Jaovisidha (HIS), Katharina Wodenitscharow (ECO), Silvia Castro Torres (ENV), Ikenna Enwereonu (LAW), Bobby Onanuga (CMP), Oksana Shlonimskaya (CMP) and Joanna Sie Yung (CMP)

Chair: Amanie Mathurin

Apologies: Jean Roeting

In attendance: Annie Bhila (International Student Activities Coordinator), Silvia Harvey (International and PG Activities Coordinator) and Muqaddam Malik (Assemblies Assistant)

IAA201 Statement from the Chair

- Chair thanked members for coming.
- The Chair put it to the assembly to discuss the previous minutes from the assembly and committee.
- The minutes were unanimously approved.

IAA202 Wider Range of Food Choice on Campus

- Amanie asked the assembly how they felt about the choice of food available on campus.
- Katharina pointed out the monotony on the food choices this year and the unavailability of 'Street Food' (the outdoor stand).
- The assembly expressed concern over the lack of diversity in the food and a lack of quality.
- Ikenna explained that his friend Faye who currently works in the bar only makes pizzas whereas they could make numerous dishes. The skills of the cooks are not being put to use.
- Ikenna suggested that ingredients shouldn't be a problem as they can be sourced locally of from Norwich and London.
- Malaika and Silvia queried whether this would be viable as it would be a long process for the various to integrate new menus and for the shop to stock more diverse products.
- Annie pointed out that it would be better to find external options as opposed to the SU Shop as their prices are extortionate.
- The chair explained that there was an idea for DESH World Foods on Magdalen Street to come to the university bi weekly and sell food in the Hive to cater to international students.
- Katharina spoke out about the specific isle in the shop stocked almost entirely with South East Asian foods that catered to a single demographic but little else for all other internationals.
- ACTION: Malaika will speak to the relevant persons about having external stalls for food on campus and the possibility of more diverse menus in the Campus Kitchen and INTO.
- The chair discussed the possibility of having a booklet released that suggests restaurants for internationals in Norwich.
- This idea was welcomed by the assembly who suggested for it to included restaurants and food shops for internationals to settle in easily.
- Annie and Silvia (IPAC) explained that there was a similar project already in the works and these could integrate into one.

IAA203 Range of Make Up in the SU Shop

- The chair introduced the topic of having a range of make up in the SU Shop to cater to multiple skin tones.
- Annie explained that this was an issue for many women of

colour as most are not catered for equally in the shop and do not have the convenience that others do.

- Katharina concurred with this point and further explained that the little make up that caters to women of colour was of a lower quality and not the standard 'Maybelline.'
- ACTION: Malaika is to investigate this and take it up with the shop.

IAA204 CareerCentral Feedback

- The chair asked the assembly for feedback on employment prospects via the university and career central support.
- Katharina stated that the outreach for internationals as a whole including European is very limited. The opportunities advertised do not cover a wide array. They stated that the talks are very helpful.
- Malaika asked how many people has attended the talks and events. The response was mixed.
- Bobby stated that the disparity of CC events between schools should be dealt with as it is a stumbling block for overall satisfaction with CC. This is because schools such as CMP have fewer events compared to ECO, DEV and NBS. And other schools have very good specific events such as LAW and ENG which have specific fairs for their schools.
- Oksana stated that there is an event held for CMP with external companies but it does not compare to the opportunities afforded to other schools.
- Katharina also raised an issue over the global opportunities and stated that these were heavily entered around South East Asia majorly Japan and little else for anywhere else.
- Silvia raised the concern that the talks for internationals were quite generic and do not offer genuine support such as a talk on working in the UK, turned out to only target entrepreneurs who would apply for a Tier 1 visa, thus neglect everyone else.
- Ikenna and Annie explained that the lack of global opportunities for internships and such was a major reason for the founding of the African Law Society which hopes to pass opportunities for work in Africa to its members as this was minimal or non existent in the Career Central.

IAA205 How Accessible are Societies/Clubs for Internationals?

- Silvia (IPAC) and Annie ran a short survey on this.
 - Silvia asked which clubs and societies the assembly were in and why there were/were not? And if they are inclusive?
 - Annie asked the committee why they
 - Amanie stated that they did not join the International Development Society because it is predominantly British and White and thus did not provide a new dimension to their experience.
 - Ikenna concurred regarding the Law Society and Silvia similarly concurred regarding the Environmental Sciences
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societies.

- The assembly expressed its concern around the effect of the drinking culture being inculcated into sports and societies as a reason for internationals steering clear.
- Oksana stated that there was an issue surrounding the Law Ball as it was the same night of the Go Global event and this could have affected the numbers of internationals.
- Muqaddam withdrew from his role to speak in the assembly as an International Student. They stated that the SU needed to find a balance in attending to different demographic groups citing the training held by the SU that catered largely to LGBT+ and Disability matters but did not cater to others such as Religious groups, Internationals, Other cultures etc. Silvia and Annie stated that this can be caused by the large number of people who are LGBT+ in the SU compared to the number of Internationals etc. This matter arose with the organization of the Black History Month events that were almost solely handled by the Ethnic Minorities Officer.
- Silvia referred to the issue and stated that there should be a change.

IAA206 Undergraduate Education Survey

- Malaika introduced the survey being run by the undergraduate education officer, Theo on different aspects of university experience.
- Silvia states the difficulty in collecting information due to limited methods available to the SU.
- The chair asked if any students had issues with referencing or any other aspects of coursework.
- The assembly stated that course representatives needed to be more visible and proactive in assisting students.

IAA207 Any Other Business

- Annie raised the concern of having events for internationals over the Christmas break.
- Silvia and Annie presented an idea to host a meal for international and postgraduate students over the Christmas break. This idea was well received. The assembly suggested inviting home students to the meal as well.

Time, Date and Place of Next Meeting

6pm, Tuesday 24th November, Bookable Room 5.
