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Meeting:	International Committee
Date:	14 <sup>th</sup> March 2017
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Purpose:	Record of Decision Making

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“Students transforming”

## **Minutes of the International Committee 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

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**Committee Members present:** Katharina Wodenitscharow (ECO), Oksana Shlonimskaya (CMP), Jean Roeting and Silvia Castro Torres (ENV)

**Chair:** Amanie Mathurin (DEV)

**Apologies:** Annie Bhila (LAW), Malaika Jaovisidha (HIS) and Silvia Harvey (International and Postgraduate Activities Coordinator)

**In attendance:** Muqaddam Malik (Assemblies Assistant)

## **ICS301 International Workshops for Leadership Race**

- Muqqaddam explained that the SU hosted a number of workshops to get internationals involved in the leadership race.
- The committee stated that the workshops were not as effective.
- Katharina noted that the workshop they attended was empty as only one person turned up.
- Oksana expressed concern that barely any internationals ran for any other positions other than those earmarked for internationals or a caucus group.
- Silvia also expressed dismay at the lack of internationals running for full time positions.
- Silvia stated that most would stick to the designated international roles as they see it as relatable.
- Jean stated with the support of the committee that they should lobby for the International Officer role should be a full time position as it caters to over 3,800 students in a diverse role.
- The committee stated that this should be lobbied for and can be effectively supported by the full time staff dedicated to internationals.
- Amanie stated that running for a FTO is difficult as well due to cultural implications.

## **ICS302 Overview of Committee Work of the Year**

- Oksana commended the guides and the make up in the shop but remarked that less was achieved over the course of the year.
- Jean hopes to have the International SU to host an event early in the year to teach the freshers and internationals in general on the assembly and committee alike.
- They stated that this is key to get internationals involved and to achieve more as a committee.
- Oksana still hopes to host a barbecue as the International SU.
- Jean and Oksana stated that there should be freshers in the committee so as to learn about the processes and give a fresh perspective.
- Amanie wanted to see more follow up in tasks as most of the work should not be delegated to Malaika as they handled most but not all of the concerns.
- Katharina suggested having certain committee members in working roles.
- Jean and Amanie want to make use of the global section of Concrete newspaper to raise awareness of the assembly, committee and their processes.
- The committee discussed the possibility of having a smoother

transition between academic years and suggested electing the chair prior to the summer break so they can establish a plan and an outline for work in the upcoming year.

- Katharina urged the committee to meet more often so as to effectively follow up on work.
- The committee stated that the progress being made on issues was too slow as solving the make up issue took over three months to solve but could have been achieved in a few days.
- Katharina stated that the composition of the committee should proportionally represent or equally represent the various regions i.e. one African, one Asian, one European etc.
- This would be beneficial as more diverse topics can be discussed.
- The committee suggested having focus groups instead of the committee to target certain topics in a meeting and target societies to bring their members to the assembly.
- The committee stated that most students feel represented by their society as opposed to the international assembly.

### **ICS303      How to engage more internationals in the SU?**

- Amanie stated that she engages with the SU because they work in the union.
- Jean concurred and stated that they were impacted by the society engagement rather than the support staff and the committee.
- The committee stated that the issue is also that majorly students seem to focus solely not their education.
- Silvia suggested that the ISS should engage more with the SU to get larger crowds for both and to effectively engage.
- Silvia hopes to work collaboratively as the international committee with cultural societies.
- Jean stated that ISS worked closely with the SU but the union was not consistent with their engagement.
- Amanie stated that this issue was raised in the BME caucus as they felt that the SU worked for BME out of compulsion rather than desire.
- Jean and Amanie stated that there needs to be ease of access and ease of processes in the SU so as to increase involvement.
- The international committee stated that there should be internal changes in the SU to open it up for more internationals to get involved.

### **Time, Date and Place of Next Meeting**

5pm, TBC, Bookable Room 5.

