**UEA Students’ Union**

**[BAME Liberation Society] AGENDA**

**[06/02/18]**

**[room 1, union house]**

7 students attended

**Section A: Updates and Reports**

1. **Officer Update**

Ethnic Minorities Officer is working really closely with the Welfare Officer, looking at areas of estrangement (from BME and International perspective) and mental health (cultural sensitivity). They are meeting with SSS next month on this mental health issue. Ethnic Minorities Officer has also been working on Never Ok with the hate crime reporting system.

1. **Upcoming elections and roles in the SU**

The presentation was delivered with some input from Ethnic Minorities Officer. No questions were asked and attendees were directed to the union website for more info.

**Section B: Items for Discussion**

1. **Mental health – plan to run focus groups this semester**

Ethnic Minorities Officer is aiming to get a minimum of 6-8 students together to talk about how their experiences of mental health at university as a BAME student. There will be at least three different sessions to get as many people as possible, hopefully by the end of Feb. Ethnic Minorities Officer expressed a need to get as many people to promote it as possible. The feedback will be used with SOC to push the university to make changes, though this might be long term and spill into next academic year.

1. **Asian Heritage Month**

Discussion was had around inaction in the Asian community at UEA, and a lack of visibility. Also a lack of awareness around issues of racism the community is facing. Theme will be “We Have Always Been Here”. The month will be made up of guest speakers, activities and so forth. Collaboration with other Asian cultural societies will be essential. There was an ask for promotion and help with this. Discussion was had over whether a month is too long for a first time, and about the timings of events to get as many people as possible.