

Women's caucus, 27.2.2017

1. Women's+ officer election name

- All in favour of changing the name of both officer and caucus name initially, but then further discussion about the possibility of a non-binary officer running for the position.
- It was highlighted though that the role of the women's+ officer would still involve going to women's caucus so there would still be women-based representation.
- Overall, therefore, all in favour with changing the name to Women's+.
- Caucus would like to have noted the concern of no attendance of Women's officer at caucuses so far; caucus would appreciate greater communication before councils with policies being put forward: even if they don't make quorate they would still appreciate consultation.

2. Events: are they inclusive

- Generally all feel safe. One member said that they feel the LCR is quite male-heavy given that UEA has more female than male students.
- Good feedback of gender neutral toilets

3. Sanitary products

- One member said that Some should be available in the female toilets
- One member showed concerned with sanitary products being a 'free for all' and people will take lots in one go. Suggestion that they go in machines but that don't need any money.
- One member said that Nightline give out free condoms but with a card, but another member said that the issue is that women may not want to ask staff for sanitary products using a card.
- How would the different types of sanitary products be made available?
- Would having them in the shop be weird because of the other types of items available in the shop?
- One member raised the fact that many toilets dont have sanitary bins: potential of taking a motion to council to lobby for better provision.
- One member said that the library toilets have bins but they are outside the cubical.

4. AOB

- One member asked whether there is a women's caucus group chat? Another member confirmed that there is but it only has the council reps and chairs in; but that if anyone else wanted to be added in this could happen.
- Discussion about reports of how councillors vote: councillors present said that it's very difficult to compile reports – quite hard to read the documents that are sent out, or to remember exactly what or why they voted