

**Meeting** Union Council  
**Date** Thursday 15 November 2018  
**Time** 7pm – 9:30pm  
**Location** Lecture Theatre 2  
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### Key Points

- **Endocrinology society, Norwich MedTech society, Psychiatry society, Italian society, and Rounders, Save2Save society, and Clinical Specialities society** were approved
- Union Council hosted an open discussion on **Accessibility: making the SU more accessible**
- Passed the following policy:
  - **Censure of Postgraduate officer**

### Voting Members Present in the Room

**Saket Jalan** (Postgraduate Committee); **Andrea James** (Postgraduate Committee); **Anush Rajagopal** (Postgraduate Committee); **Charlotte Hallahan** (Postgraduate Committee); **James McLean** (Postgraduate Committee); **Amy Atkinson** (Student Officer Committee); **Chloe Crowther** (Student Officer Committee); **Hannah Murgatroyd** (Student Officer Committee); **Henry Bowen** (Student Officer Committee); **Jim Read** (Student Officer Committee); **Oli Gray** (Student Officer Committee); **Martin Marko** (Student Officer Committee); **Rob Klim** (Student Officer Committee); **Ryan Jordan** (Student Officer Committee); **Sophie Atherton** (Student Officer Committee); **Thai Braddick** (Student Officer Committee); **Zoe Freeman** (Student Officer Committee); **Mitchel Chan** (Singaporean); **Jude Beckett** (Quiz); **Abdullah Akhter** (Pakistani); **Danai Nesbitt** (Occupational Therapy); **Liam Self** (Music); **Ellie Robson** (Feminist book club); **Michael Eldar** (Economics); **Sophie Bunce** (Concrete); **Selwin Fernando** (Chemistry); **Jack Jones** (Biology Society); **James Willcock** (Assassins); **Temi Ogunniyi-Adeleke** (African-Caribbean); **Elizabeth Payne** (Gymnastics); **Tansy Jones** (Ballet); **Tharsiga Yogarajah** (Karate); **Aamna Khan** (UEA Rag); **Eliza Gurner** (Tap); **Eleanor Armstrong-Mortlock** (Trampolining); **Kavan Fallows** (School Convenor); **Paige Green** (School Convenor); **Roo Pitt** (School Convenor); **Zinnia Bugg** (School Convenor); **Rebecca Foreman** (Non-binary & Womens' Network - open place); **Abbey Doorman** (Disabled Students Liberation Society - Open place); **Emilia Bugg** (Disabled Students Liberation Society - SPLD and Autism Spectrum Place); **Lewis Martin** (Mature Students Assembly - Council Rep); **Yosef Mustafa** (Clinical Specialities); **Jaspreet Cheema** (Endocrinology); **Adriel Fung** (Norwich MedTech); **Ilaria Del Frate** (Italian); **Folasade Akinsanya** (Saved 2 Save)

### Voting Members Present online

**Oliver Varco** Squash Club, **Marietta Xagorari** Korea Society

### Chair

Elliot Folan

**Deputy Chair**

Dan Box

**In Attendance**

X Levantis (Campaigns & Democracy Coordinator) J Clare (Head of Campaigns and Policy), Toby Cunningham (Deputy Chief Executive)

The chair opened the meeting and conducted a quorum count.

Quorum Count 1: 36 Union Councillors were registered as being in the room, plus 1 online.

Quorum Count 2: 36 Union Councillors were registered as being in the room, plus 1 online.

Quorum Count 3: 41 Union Councillors were registered as being in the room, plus 2 online.

**2305\* Membership**

The chair noted that the members of the meeting were those notified to the Campaigns & Democracy Coordinator, by 12pm on Monday 5 November 2018 who together with the Student Officers make up the Council.

**2306\* Remit of Union Council**

The chair noted that pages 5-8 of the SU [Bye-Laws](#) outline the functions and responsibilities of the Union Council and are available.

**2307\* Standing Orders Governing the Conduct of Union Meetings**

The chair noted that the standing orders governing the conduct of SU meetings are on pages 13-18 of the SU [Bye-Laws](#).

**2308 Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 1 November 2018**

The chair introduced the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1 November 2018.

The chair asked Union Council for comments. No comments were raised, the chair moved council to a vote on whether they accepted the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting.

The votes were as follows:

Options	% Vote	Total
For	87%	38
Against	0%	
Abstentions	13%	

Union Council approved the minutes.

**2309 Notice**

The Chair gave an update on the format of Union Council motion proposals. The Chair informed Union Council that it is good practice to include summary at start of motion.

**2310 Appointments**

The Chair noted the re-opening of nominations for the following Union Council Representative roles. The Campaigns & Democracy Officer was invited to give information about the positions open for nomination.

### **UEA / uea(su) Change the Culture Taskforce**

Places for up to nine Councillors.

Timetable to be worked out: will be meeting several times over the year.

### **uea(su) Appointment and Human Resources Committee**

One vacant place to be filled by a Union Councillor.

Meets four times a year.

### **Democratic Procedures Committee**

Four vacant places to be filled by Union Councillors.

Meets four times a term and has a strategy all-day meeting in the summer.

Union Councillors were invited to nominate themselves for the following vacant positions by the end of the meeting. The Chair confirmed that the election for these positions would take place from midday Fri 16 Nov to midday Mon 19 Nov.

#### **2311 Matters Arising**

The chair asked for any matters arising and none were raised.

#### **2312 Club, Society and Peer Support Group Constitutions**

The Deputy Chair introduced the constitutions of student groups requested for approval by Union Council.

The standard Constitutions were received from:

- a) Clinical Specialities Society**
- b) Endocrinology Society**
- c) Norwich MedTech Society**
- d) Psychiatry Society**
- e) Italian Society**
- f) Rounders Society**
- g) Saved 2 Save**

The Deputy Chair noted that before new Societies, Clubs and Peer Support Groups are submitted to Union Council for approval, the Societies Executive considers them and makes recommendations.

The Deputy Chair noted the following recommendations made by the Societies Executive Wednesday 31 October 2018:

<b>Proposed society</b>	<b>Exec Recommendation</b>	<b>Context</b>
<b>Clinical Specialities</b>	Due to soc exec's medical rep position being vacant,	Exec thought their focus on careers could overlap

	they did not feel qualified to make a recommendation	with Medsoc significantly and might work better as a sub-group.
<b>Endocrinology</b>	Yes	Many medical specialty societies already exist on campus and are very successful.
<b>Norwich MedTech</b>	Yes	Some overlap with computer science because of their focus on coding, but different enough to be their own society as they are focused on coding in a medical context only.
<b>Psychiatry</b>	Yes	Many medical specialty societies already exist on campus and are very successful.
<b>Italian</b>	Yes	Cultural societies are important and popular on campus
<b>Rounders</b>	Yes	Very popular sport, cheap to join, doesn't require much equipment.
<b>Saved 2 Save</b>	No	Exec felt this was too similar to the work of Christian union and other Christian societies on campus

The Deputy Chair proposed voting on all societies recommended for approval by Societies Executive to be voted on as a block. These were Endocrinology Society, Norwich MedTech Society, Psychiatry Society, Italian Society and Rounders Society.

The Deputy Chair asked if there were any questions for the proposers of the recommended groups. No questions were raised, the Deputy Chair moved Union Council to a vote.

The vote was as follows:

Options	% Vote	Total
For	90%	40
Against	2%	
Abstentions	8%	

Endocrinology Society, Norwich MedTech Society, Psychiatry Society, Italian Society and Rounders Society were approved.

The Deputy Chair then moved to the discussion of student groups who did not receive recommendations from Societies Executive.

First the Deputy Chair took consideration of **Saved 2 Save** society. The Deputy Chair invited the Rep for the Society to speak for the Society.

**Folasade Akinsanya** spoke for the Society explained that Saved 2 Save is an established community organisation focused on the salvation of believers and non-believers. We make connections with Christian organisations outside campus, in the community and also support them to the capacity that was can for example organising Prayer meetings in the N&N hospital.

The representative went on to explain that the Society would encourage, equip and empower students on campus by sharing our experiences (Testimonies) which will help equip other students to deal with unpleasant/worrying situations they might come across whilst at University and beyond.

The Chair gave Union Councillors the opportunity to ask questions about the proposed society.

**Hannah Murgatroyd - Students with Disabilities Officer** raised concerns about the status of the organisation as they were not able to find anything when they googled Saved 2 Save. The Officer also had reservation about the wording and asked for clarification on the meaning of 'salvation of believers and non-believers'.

**Folasade Akinsanya Saved 2 Save representative** – explained that the society has no intention to enforce beliefs on others, but let others see how it can help them.

**Ryan Jordan Ethnic Minorities Officer** - asked why the group's activity cannot be part of the Christian Union's work.

*The Chair interrupted to remind Councillors that other Councillors beliefs could not be discussed during Union Council meetings.*

**Ryan Jordan Ethnic Minorities Officer** - continued to ask if Saved 2 Save can be incorporated into Christian Union as this would engage more students.

**Folasade Akinsanya Saved 2 Save representative** – explained that they do not want there to be a clash of interests with other societies and believes they can co-exist with their own vision.

**James Willcock Assassins society** – states that Christian Union is affiliated to a national organisation with its own mission and that they as a Christian Union member understand that this society want a separate society for their group.

**Aamna Kahn UEA RAG Society** – asked about the legitimacy of Saved 2 Save as a national organisation as they had checked the UK Charity Register and could not find Saved 2 Save, and ask how long they have been established.

**Folasade Akinsanya Saved 2 Save** – explained that Saved 2 Save is an established charity registered this year or last year, however they do not know about the specific information for this bit of the organisation.

The Chair moved Union Council on as their role is to consider the proposed Society only and that Union Council was straying into discussion about Charity Law.

The Chair moved Union Council to a vote:

Options	% Vote	Total
For	35	43
Against	28	
Abstentions	37	

Saved 2 Save society was approved.

Next the Deputy Chair took the consideration of **Clinical Specialities**. Societies Executive stated that they could not make recommendation for this group as they did not feel qualified to make a decision while their medical representative position is vacant.

The Deputy Chair invited the Clinical Specialities representative to speak for the society, they stated that they were aware of some concerns of overlapping with MedSoc which is a predominantly a social society. The Rep informed the committee that the society was created on demand and as its successful elsewhere.

The Rep went on to say that Medical Specialities are not represented in smaller societies. Clinical Specialities would be an umbrella society to sign post students to different medical specialties. Kings' College London set up a society of this type and is one of their most successful student groups.

A question was raised by the *School Convenor for PPL*. The Convenor state that there are a number of medical speciality societies that do as described in setting up for career path. The Councillor asked if there is a greater question about MedSoc not fulfilling the role that clinical specialities is aiming to do.

Clinical Specialities Representative responded to state that if a student is not already aware of the speciality they would like to go into they are unlikely to attend. Clinical Specialities will be an umbrella society to provide a single service.

The vote was as follows:

Options	% Vote	Total
For	70%	43
Against	14%	
Abstentions	16%	

Clinical Specialities Society was **approved**.

## 2312 Reports from SU and University Meetings

The Chair asked if there were any reports from Union Council Representatives on University Committees. No reports were given.

## 2313 Student Officer Committee Report

### Reports from the Full Time Officers.

- **Martin – Postgraduate Officer:** Met with UEASU and UEA staff on expanding student employment on campus. PhD viva consultation considering fund application processing. Defended the Developing Teaching Skills program in Doctoral Training and Employability Group meeting. PG education conference planning.
- **Sophie – Campaigns & Democracy Officer:** Free Parking for first year paramedic students was achieved with the support of Para Soc. She is attending the Lessons from Auschwitz event that has been organised by the National Union of Jewish Students. Council will receive a verbal update in due course. The NUS extra/ Totum card discount is back in Shop(SU)!!
- **Jenna – Undergraduate Education:** Met with the Pro-VC academic and spoke about: Timetabling and room suitability and Mental health first aid training for academics. Met with the VC and exec team to talk about the SU and working together. More course rep training. Attended Senate (oversees

the academic experience for the University) as well as Attended Wonkfest (conference to see what other Universities are doing and changes in HE sector)

- **Georgina – Welfare, Community and Diversity:** launched Sexperience campaign this week with external speakers from charities such as Leeway and the Terrance Higgins Trust. The campaign aims to break down the stigma around sexual health and to encourage all UEA students to be responsible for their wellbeing. 94 people signed up for a c-card, 36 people picked up sexual health testing kits. Is now on the university wellbeing strategy group which focuses on - mental health, physical health and spiritual wellbeing.
- **Oli – Activities and Opportunities Officer:** Working Group set up to propose a Week Zero from September 2020! Discussed with the VC how Movember donations can benefit research at UEA. Met with Essex SU to plan Derby Day 2019. Has launched a society fund: 'We now have two brand new grants available with up to £2000 for societies to apply for.' – Gray, O. (2018).

A question was raised by **Roo Pitt – PPL School Convener:** they stated that they wanted to thank the Campaigns & Democracy Officer acting on feedback for the SU shop.

Another question was raised by **Paige Green – EDU School Convener** asking how we are making students aware of 10% nus discount in the SU Shop.

The **Campaigns & Democracy Officer** responded saying that information about the discount had been promoted on uea(su) social media channels. The officer confirmed that they are happy to discuss further communication channels.

**Michael Eldar – Economics Society Rep** enquired how to apply for grant spoken about in report from full time officers.

The **Activities & Opportunities Officer** confirmed that all details are listed on the SU website where application forms can be downloaded. The Officer prompted Committee members to get in touch with them if they had any difficulties.

### Report on Part Time Officers

- **Students Take Action for Refugees (STAR) – Rob.** He is setting up STAR as a society. This is a collective effort and wants to involve as many students as possible. It will look to provide talks/films/events to promote UEA as a place which can help locally housed asylum seekers and refugees.
- **Movember Working Group – Oli, Rob, Harry, Amy, Hannah, Chloe, Georgina and Sophie.** We've raised £4000! We also have some events to tell you about: 27th Movember - Sports Challenge, LCR, 11:30-16:00. 29th Movember – Football Tournament. 30th Movember – Blue Bar Night!
- **Period Product Drive – Amy, Georgina, Hannah, Chloe, Sophie, Zoe.** Collectively organised and ran a period product drive in the hive last week. Half of the products that were donated are going to the charity 'The Homeless Period' and the other half to Ghana with a nursing student on their elective to help with period poverty.
- **Trans Awareness Week – Liam and Jim.** Organising Trans Awareness



Week! So far there has been a workshop – ‘How to be a Good Trans Ally’ and a screening of the documentary ‘True Trans’. Tuesday 20th November - Square, 5pm-6pm, Trans Day of Remembrance Vigil – do come along.

- **This Girl Can 19<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> November – Amy and Oli.** Worked with the University to promote a program of events to encourage women to get more involved in sport. You can find the full list of events on the SU website. 20th November, Congregation Hall, 19:30-23:00. Relaxation evening and film screening. 23rd November, LCR night – ‘Girls Just Wanna Have Fun!’
- **Working with International students – Borja.** Attended the International Student Leaders Conference in London which included workshops and discussions around Brexit and Visas for graduates. Been involved in a survey about accommodation expenses for Health Sciences students. Part of the reception of 17 Australian students who have come to UEA (in collaboration with NBS) to do a summative short course as part of their degree.
- **Making UEA more Accessible – Hannah.** Has been continuing to organise Disability History Month. Had a meeting about the information that students need about benefits and how the information provided can be improved. Closers being put on doors - bad.
- **Report from ethnic minorities officer:** asked to mention what he has been working on-emailing Georgina about campaign to create more intersectionality for people of faith, and do different thing in hive where students are asked what they want to do different in their lives

#### **2314 Trustee Board Report**

A verbal report from the Chair of the Trustee Board

Trustee board has not met.

#### **2315 Reports from Representatives**

The Chair invited Reports from representatives, on issues not covered elsewhere in the Agenda; that Councillors wish to draw to the attention of Union Council.

Reports include updates on issues require support or action by the SU, or which are likely to be discussed at University Committee meetings on which the Union is represented.

**Report from Emilia Bugg** – Students with Disabilities Liberation Society representative (Open Place).

The Councillor reported that they have been working with Abbey Doorman and are aiming to write motions and push for more training for students especially if they are coming onto union council to help them understand intersectional liberation. The Councillor stated in their report the need for collaborative radical change through more research and talking to more students and staff.

#### **2316 Open Discussion**

The Chair invited the Campaigns and Democracy Officer to speak to this item. They explained what the Open Discussion is highlighting that at is core Open Discussion is an opportunity to talk informally and formulate policy for the future.

The Campaigns and Democracy Officer introduced the Open Discussion topic and spoke about the process of constructing a motion for Union Council.

The Officer introduced the analogy of a *Problem Tree* where the trunk is the problem, the roots are the causes of the problem and the leaves are the actions that be taken to resolve the issue. Handouts were distributed for people to work on in groups.

The Officer asked Union Council to consider:

**Accessibility: making the SU more accessible**

The Chair moved the to an Access Break.

**Section 4: Policy Making**

The Chair noted that an Emergency Motion has been submitted ahead of the start of the meeting. The Chair gave definition of an Emergency Motion. The Chair went on to state that they did not consider this item to be an emergency and made the ruling that the motion will not be heard.

**Jack Jones – Biology Society** asked if Union Council could know why the motion had been submitted.

The Chair and DPC confirmed that the item was not an emergency and that the meeting would continue to consider the motions submitted by the deadline.

The Chair clarified that the motion will not automatically be put onto the agenda of the next meeting and will need to be resubmitted if the Proposer and Seconder want the item to be heard.

**2317**

**Censure of Postgraduate Education Officer**

The Chair moved to the only motion of the meeting, Proposed by Lewis Martin (Mature Students' Assembly Council Rep) and James McLean (Postgraduate Committee).

The Chair invited the Proposer of the motion to make the Proposing speech.

**Lewis Martin, Mature Students Assembly Rep** – highlighted that no Councillor wants to propose a motion of Censure in any officer particularly a Full Time Officer. However they drew attention to the report heard at the first Union Council of the year, that the Postgraduate Education Officer bought a vote of no confidence in the Postgraduate Committee, who holds them to account and scrutinizes their work.

The aim of this was to have their accountable body removed. The Councillor further reported that this was unsuccessful and all members of the Postgraduate Committee remain in Office. In following meetings it was revealed that this was carried out intentionally by the Postgraduate Education Officer and their actions included informing the Chair of Postgraduate Assembly of their intention and requesting that the Chair did not reveal the motion of no confidence to the committee ahead of the meeting. The motion was revealed in the room and unleash it without prior warning.

Full time officers are custodians of SU and when an officer is intentionally not following the organisation's Bye-Laws means they are doing opposite of their responsibilities.

The Chair gave the Postgraduate Education Officer the opportunity to make the

speech against the motion as they were the subject of the motion.

The **Postgraduate Education Officer** raised a *Point of Order* and requested a Quorum Count.

The Chair gave the Postgraduate Education Officer the opportunity to speak for the Point of Order.

**Martin Marko Postgraduate Education Officer** – the officer stated that Union Council must have 40 people in the room to hold a meeting and they want to check there is that number in the room.

The Chair offered the speech against the Point of Order to the floor.

Lewis Martin Mature Students Assembly Rep – stated that there is only 1 motion to be heard in this meeting and to conduct the quorum count would waste time and delay debating the motion.

Options	% vote	Total
For	36%	39
Against	51%	
Abstentions	13%	

The Point of Order falls.

The Chair returned to the Motion: Censure of the Postgraduate Education Officer. The Chair offered the speech against to the Postgraduate Education Officer who declined the speech. The Chair offered the speech to the floor.

**Anush Ganesh Chair of Postgraduate Assembly** made the speech against. Stating that the motion was based on lies and that the Postgraduate Education Officer did not allow agenda to be seen by others.

*The Chair interrupted the speech to ask Councillors not to accuse one another of lying.*

**Anush Ganesh Chair of the Postgraduate Assembly** went on to say that there were procedural failings due to lack of training which cannot be attributed to the Postgraduate Education Officer. The Councillors states that under Bye-Law 12 the Postgraduate Education Officer cannot be censured as they receive a salary from the SU and therefore constitute being a paid member. The Bye-Law states that members of staff cannot be censured. The Councillor also highlights that the proposer of this motion is not Postgraduate representative.

**Sophie Atherton – Campaigns & Democracy Officer** raises a *Point of Order* to clarify that Full Time Officers are members of the Students' Union not employees.

The Chair confirms that the subject of a Motions of Censure of Censure can only be elected officials who are members of the SU, the Chair confirmed that the Postgraduate Education Officer is both of these.

The Chair moved to a second round of speeches and offered the speech for to the floor.

**Lewis Martin, Mature Students Assembly Rep** – clarifies people are mistaken, Postgraduate Education Officer is accountable to Union Council. They confirm that everything that has been said about the Postgraduate Education Officer has been recorded during minuted of the meetings and that the minutes of this meeting will be published on the SU website soon.

The Councillor stated that agendas for meeting are posted online before meetings detailing all items to be discussed, other than when an emergency motions happen

to be submitted after the agenda deadline.

**Aamna Kahn UEA RAG Society** - raises a *Point of Clarification* enquiring why the minute files cannot be found on the SU website.

**Lewis Martin, Mature Students Assembly Rep** – respond explaining that the link has gone down, and that there has been a problem with website within the last couple of days and that they have raised the issue with the SU.

Chair offers opportunity for second speech against the Motion: Censure of Postgraduate Education Officer.

**Chair of Postgraduate Assembly**- said that minutes are available but not technically true. In postgraduate assembly there are 2 members who see agenda before assembly – both had seen both documents and see what was coming in agenda.

**Andrea James Chair of Postgraduate Committee** – gives a *Point of Clarification* stating that the Proposer’s level of study is irrelevant, they were present at the Postgraduate Committee and Assembly meetings as a member of DPC. The Chair of Postgraduate Committee confirmed they invited them to attend and they are reporting on what they observed.

The Chair stated that they will treat the previous statement as a third speech for the Motion: Censure of Postgraduate Education Officer. The Chair allows a final round of speeches and will then move Union Council to a vote. The Chair offers the third speech against to the floor.

**Martin Marko Postgraduate Education Officer** – asks for a *Procedural Motion*: due to a number of factual irregularities in the motion they would like the motion to be considered by another body; in this instance it be referred to DPC.

The Chair accepts *Procedural Motion* to refer motion to another body and asks the proposer for a speech for.

**Martin Marko Postgraduate Education Officer** – would like DPC to consider this motion as there are a number of mistakes and inaccuracies in the text.

The Chair offers the speech against to the floor.

**Charlotte Hallahan Postgraduate Committee member** – highlights to Union Council that this motion has already been approved by DPC, this must happen for an item to be on the Union Council agenda.

The Chair moves Union Council to a vote; to approve the *Procedural Motion* to refer the motion *Censure of Postgraduate Education Officer* to the Democratic Procedures Committee.

The vote was as follows:

Options	% vote	Total
For	13%	38
Against	61%	
Abstentions	26%	

The *Procedural Motion* falls.

The Chair confirms that the motion will not sent to DPC, Union Council continued to debate the motion. The Chair invites the third speech against the motion.

**Roo Pitt PPL School Convener**– states that some of the supporting information does not match up what is in motion.

**Martin Marko Postgraduate Education Officer** - requests a Point of Order for clarification of **Union Believes 3**.

**Sophie Atherton Campaigns & Democracy Officer** – states that Union Believes 3 has been amended to describe the relationship between PGR students and the SU as *less than perfect* rather than *fractured* as it was originally described.

**Lewis Martin Mature Students Assembly Rep** – further states that there were numerous points where it was suggested that there was a wedge between Postgraduate Research and Postgraduate Taught students with effect on wider community.

**Andrea James Chair of Postgraduate Committee** – requested a *Point of Order for clarification* they state that the motion in question is a censure motion that centers around the Postgraduate Education Officer's attempt to no confidence the Postgraduate Committee

The Chair says that this fact is not in dispute.

**Anush Ganesh Chair of the Postgraduate Assembly** - asks a question about Union Believes 4. They say that no information is given about which Bye-Laws were broken therefore this cannot be taken as fact.

The Chair gave clarification that motion is aiming to define the Union's belief on the matter and that the statement is not accepted as fact unless the motion is passed and adopted as Union Policy.

**Martin Marko Postgraduate Education Officer** – submits a Procedural Motion to take the motion to parts, to remove Union Believes 4.

The Chair accepts the Procedural Motion to discuss:

*Union Believes 4: that the intentional decision to not follow procedures is far from best practice and undermines the integrity of both pgsu and the SU.*

The Chair grants the Speech for Procedural Motion to **Martin Marko Postgraduate Education Officer** who proposed the Procedural Motion.

**Martin Marko Postgraduate Education Officer** - says it that this consequence was not intentional and that this statement undermines their integrity.

**Sophie Atherton Campaigns & Democracy Officer** – states that it would be problematic to take it out of motion as it redefines the original belief of the motion to remove words *best practice*.

**Roo Pitt PPL School Convener** – requests a *Point of Clarification* to ask if Councillors are unable to call out others for lying does word intentional have the same connotations.

The Chair states that a belief is not a statement of fact. The Chair rules that as a speech in favour of the Procedural Motion to remove Union Believes 4.

The Chair offers the speech against the Procedural Motion to the floor.

**Lewis Martin Mature Students Assembly Rep** – states that the facts that support this belief are recorded in the minutes of meeting it took place in.

**Anush Ganesh Chair of the Postgraduate Assembly** – asks the Chair about acting retrospectively.

**Harry Bowen Non-Portfolio Officer** – asks the Chair to ask a question of clarification to the proposer of the original motion. The Chair grants the request. The Officer asks: Did the Postgraduate Education Officer break staff protocol? Did

the Postgraduate Education Officer keep the motion from the Postgraduate Committee ahead of the meeting?

**Lewis Martin Mature Students Assembly** – answers first question, yes this took place in a minuted meeting. The Councillor states they are unable to answer the second question as they would be in breach of the staff protocol.

The Chair clarifies what the Staff Protocol is and reads Bye-Laws 7 to Union Council highlighting that no public discussion on matters of employment or conduct of staff can be discussed by SU members.

The Chair moves Union Council to a vote on the Procedural Motion.

The vote was as follows:

Options	% vote	Total
For	16%	37
Against	68%	
Abstentions	16%	

Procedural motion falls.

The Chair confirms that there have been equal numbers of speeches for and against the Motion: Censure of Postgraduate Education Officer. The Chair moved to the summation speech, which was property of the proposer of the motion.

**Lewis Martin Mature Students Assembly** – summaries stating the the Postgraduate Committee exists to hold the Postgraduate Education Officer to account and they should never try to remove this function.

The Chair moves Union Council to vote the motion *Censure of Postgraduate Education Officer*.

The vote was as follows:

Options	% vote	Total
For	62%	37
Against	22%	
Abstentions	16%	

Motion *Censure of Postgraduate Education Officer* passes.

**2318**

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

The Chaired noted that the next meeting of Union Council will take place at 7pm on Thursday 29 November 2018 in Lecture Theatre 2.