

Union Council – 5th March 2020 – Minutes

UC01	<p>Housekeeping</p> <p>A. Code of Conduct B. Minutes from the previous meeting</p> <p>Chair and Deputy Chair welcomed members to the meeting, and thanked them for their attendance. Reminded members of the need to adhere to the code of conduct.</p> <p>B – No matters arising in regard to the minutes.</p>	5 Minutes
UC02	<p>Reports</p> <p>A. Trustee Board Report B. Student Officer Committee (SOC) Report</p> <p>A – CPerry rose to present the report, stating that trustee board has not yet met, and will meet in two weeks time.</p> <p>B – EKorczynski presented the report from SOC, updating that SOC continue to work on their priority campaigns, believed Go Global Week was a success and confirmed that Go Green Week is still being planned.</p>	
UC03	<p>Full Time Officer Reports</p> <p>CPerry took their paper as read, and talked briefly about the ongoing industrial action. Stated that the officer team remain in dialogue with the union and university about the strikes, and encouraged members to make any concerns known.</p> <p>APerez took their paper as read, and updated on university mental health day. Informed councillors that they had participated in a QnA with the Vice Chancellor before council.</p> <p>ATrew took their paper as read.</p> <p>MMarko was on annual leave – and thus did not present their report. Chair gave members time to read the report, and then took questions <i>in absentia</i>:</p> <p>LMartin stated that MMarko had been mandated by Postgraduate Committee to attend the strike picket lines, but had questioned the democratic legitimacy of the Committee to do that. Asked why MM did this.</p> <p>SAtherton was not present. Similarly to above, Chair gave members time to read the report and then took questions <i>in absentia</i>. No questions were forthcoming.</p>	

UC04	<p>Approval of Societies</p> <p>Chair gave members a moment to read the proposal for the society, and then commenced voting on it.</p> <p>The vote passed by a majority of 82% approve, 4% reject, and 13% abstain.</p> <p>EKorczynski asked why a proposal to form Extinction Rebellion society had been rejected by Societies Executive, on the grounds that it was too similar to Sustainability Society.</p> <p>APerez responded that all XR need to do is reapply with clarifications.</p>	
UC05	<p>Policy Papers</p> <p>We Have Beef with Food Hygiene</p> <p>BPinsent rose to support the motion, explaining that with Brexit driving concerns around food hygiene and safety, it is a good time for the union to reaffirm its commitment to maintaining high standards.</p> <p>With no speech in opposition to the motion, Chair moved a vote on the motion.</p> <p>This passed, with 80% approving, 0% rejecting and 20% abstaining.</p> <p>Sweatshop Free Universities (Amendment to 'Sweatshop Free UEA – Electronics Watch – 1558' passed 2014, retained in Policy Lapse on 23rd January 2020)</p> <p>LMartin rose to support the motion, explaining that it was necessary and possible for universities and unions to buy ethically.</p> <p>Chair moved a vote on this, with 79% approving, 10% rejecting and 10% abstaining.</p>	
UC06	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>ED'amery rose briefly to speak about the ongoing democracy review, and directed members towards the section on the website should they want to find out more.</p>	
UC07	<p>Date, time and place of next meeting: 30/04/20 – 6-9:30PM – LT2</p>	