

# ***The University of Wolverhampton Students' Union***

## ***Union Council***

### ***Minutes***

**Meeting held Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 Students' Union Board Room, (MD061), City Campus at 5pm**

#### **1. Attendance & Apologies**

Katie Billingham	Chair	Present
Dave Anson	Academic VP	Present
Alex Blower	Activities VP	Present
Tracy Crutchley	Burton SHaW School Rep	Present
Elizabeth Goldsmith	SSPAL School Rep	Present
Luke Hill	STECH School Rep	Present
Richard Hoult	Sports Committee Rep	Present
Selina Hussain	Communications Officer	Present
Laura Anne Jones	LSSC School Rep	Present
Colin Laing	UWBS School Rep	Present
Hasan Kurtarici	LGBT Students' Rep	Present
Ellen Marshall	Welfare VP	Present
Raj Pageni	SAS School Rep	Present
Bally Singh	Compton Campus Rep	Present
Eleonora Traina	Events & Activities Officer	Present
Sue Webster	Environmental Officer	Present
Joanna Zielinska	International Students Officer	Present
Melissa Caramba-Coker	Compton Officer	Apologies
Ken Harris	President/Chair's Aide	Apologies
Ashley Holdcroft	Students' with Disabilities Rep	Apologies
Colin Laing	UWBS School Rep	Apologies
Amanish Lohan	Telford Campus Officer	Apologies
Darpan Shah	City Campus Rep	Apologies
Raja Muhammad Subhan Anwar	SHAW School Rep	Absent
Robert Graham Beale	Part Time Students Officer	Absent
Jamie Campbell	SAD School Rep	Absent
Louis Cox	Local Communities Officer	Absent
Michael Davies	SEBE School Rep	Absent
Jasmeet Dhir	Walsall Campus Rep	Absent
Daniel Jones	BME School Rep	Absent
Scott Petrie	SED School Rep	Absent
Pirjanth Vijayakumaran	Telford Campus Rep	Absent
Luke Gilbert	Chief Executive Officer	In Attendance 5pm - 5.20pm
Hazel Monger	UWSU Staff	In Attendance
Delores Williams	Secretary	In Attendance

#### **1b. Approve the order of the agenda**

AB (Activities VP) made a request for agenda item 10 to follow agenda item 3. The Chair and Union Council members agreed to the revised order of the agenda.

## **2. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 2nd March 2011 were approved as a true and accurate record by the majority subject to an amendment in agenda item 7 to include CL (UWBS) as submitting a School Rep report to Union Council.

**Action:** The secretary to make the amendment to the minutes and re-circulate to Union Council members.

## **3. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

## **4. Byelaw Amendment**

Byelaw 16: Disciplinary Procedure for Officers and Representatives to Union Committees

AB (Activities VP) proposed for a Byelaw addition to Byelaw 16: **Disciplinary Procedure for Officers and Representatives to Union Committees** to include “*when a vote of no confidence in any student representative with a seat on council is received, council may subsequently vote for that member to be suspended from any duties within their role pending a disciplinary panel*”

The Chair invited members to vote on the proposed addition to Byelaw 16.

**Resolved:** The proposed addition to Byelaw 16 was **unanimously approved** by Union Council members.

## **5. Finance**

February Management Accounts

LG (Chief Executive Officer) presented the February month end management accounts to Council and reported that the Union was performing better than expected and had accumulated some healthy reserves. LG (Chief Executive Officer) updated that the VAT liability was still ongoing and negotiations with HMRC to reduce the current £18k liability was in progress.

Strategic Aims & Objectives

LG (Chief Executive Officer) circulated to Union Council members a draft document outlining the Students' Unions strategic aims and objectives and encouraged any input from members.

LG (Chief Executive Officer) was not present for the remaining agenda items.

## **6. Executive Committee Minutes**

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February & 28<sup>th</sup> February 2011 were received for information purposes.

## **7. Executive Officers' Reports**

The Chair invited Executive Officers present to summarise on Executive reports submitted followed by a vote on approval of the reports.

**Resolved:** Written Executive reports received from AB (Activities VP), DA (Academic VP), ET (Events & Activities Officer), EM (Welfare VP), JZ (International Officer) and SH (Communications Officer) was **unanimously approved** by Union Council members.

The Chair invited members of Union Council to vote on the approval of the Executive Officer reports received in the absence of KH (President) and urged Union Council members to email any questions directly to KH (President).

**Resolved:** Written Executive Report received from KH (President) was **unanimously approved** in the absence of KH (President) by Union Council members.

**Noted:** Executive Officer written reports **were not received** from SW (Environmental Officer), RB (Part Time Students' Officer), LC (Local Communities Officer), AL (Telford Officer) and MC (Compton Officer). SW (Environmental Officer) provided a verbal report that was **unanimously approved** by Union Council members.

The Chair invited members to censure any members that Council felt were not fulfilling their role.

DA (Academic VP) proposed AL (Telford Campus Officer) receive a censure for non submission of Executive reports, non attendance to Union Council and non contribution.

AB (Activities VP) provided a speech against the proposed censure.

The Chair invited Union Council members to vote on the proposed censure **13 members voted in favour** of the censure, **one member voted against** the censure and **two members abstained** from voting.

The censure for AL (Telford Campus Officer) **was passed** by Union Council members.

EG (SSPAL School Rep) proposed LC (Local Communities Officer) receive a censure for non attendance to Union Council meetings and non performance in role.

AB (Activities VP) provided a speech against the proposed censure.

The Chair invited Union Council members to vote on the proposed censure **11 members voted in favour** of the censure, **two members voted against** the censure and **three members abstained** from voting.

The censure for LC (Local Communities Officer) **was passed** by Union Council members.

## **8. School Rep Reports**

The Chair invited School Reps to summarise on School Rep reports submitted followed by a vote on approval of the reports.

**Resolved:** Written reports received from CL (UWBS School Rep), LH (STECH School Rep) and RP (SAS School Rep) was **unanimously approved** by Union Council members.

**15 members approved** the written report received from LJ (LSSC School Rep) and one **member abstained** from voting.

LJ (LSSC School Rep) report was **approved by the majority** of Union Council members.

Written reports received from RSA (SHaW School Rep) and SP (SED School Rep) was unanimously approved in their absence.

Verbal reports received from EG (SSPAL School Rep and Tracy Crutchley (Burton School Rep) were **unanimously approved** by Union Council members.

**Noted:** School Rep reports **were not received** from MD (SEBE School Rep) and JC (SAD School Rep).

## **9. Policy Motions**

There were no motions presented.

## **10. Policy Amendments**

### Liberation Conference

EM (Welfare VP) provided a proposing speech in favour of the amendment.

EM (Welfare VP) provided a summation speech

The Chair invited Union Council members to cast a vote

The amendment was **unanimously approved** by Union Council members.

AB (Activities VP) and RH (Sports Committee Rep) was not present for the remaining agenda items.

## **11. Commendation Proposal**

SH (Communications Officer) provided a summary of the commendation proposal put forward for DA (Academic VP).

The Chair invited Union Council members to cast a vote regarding the commendation proposal.

The commendation proposal was **unanimously approved** by Union Council members.

JZ (International Officer) provided a summary of the commendation proposal put forward for KH (President).

The Chair invited Union Council members to cast a vote regarding the commendation proposal.

The commendation proposal was **unanimously approved** by Union Council members.

DA (Academic VP) provided a summary of the commendation proposal put forward for LJ (LSSC School Rep).

The Chair invited Union Council members to cast a vote regarding the commendation proposal.

The commendation proposal was **unanimously approved** by Union Council members.

DA (Academic VP) provided a summary of the commendation proposal put forward for LH (STECH School Rep).

The Chair invited Union Council members to cast a vote regarding the commendation proposal.

The commendation proposal was **unanimously approved** by Union Council members

**Noted:** The Chair acknowledged that DA (Academic VP) had received a previous verbal commendation and therefore a vote took to recommend DA (Academic VP) receive a life time honorary membership to the Students' Union.

**Resolved:** The honorary membership for DA (Academic VP) was **unanimously approved** by Union Council members.

## **12. Any other Business**

### Green Impact Bronze Award

EM (Welfare VP) informed that the Students' Union had been awarded the NUS Green Impact Bronze award.

### Policy Lapses

HM (UWSU) informed that some of the policies were due to lapse over the summer and reminded Union Council members to look at any policies that they wish to reinstate.

## **13. Chair's Closing Remarks**

The Chair thanked Union Council members for their attendance to the meeting and reminded that the last Union Council meeting before the end of term was Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.15pm.

**Date of next meeting Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2011, Students' Union Board Room, (MD061), City Campus at 5pm**