

Executive Committee Minutes

12pm Wednesday 8 October 2017 | Student Hub, Students' Union, Tait Building

Members	Initials	Meeting 1 10.10.17	Meeting 2	Meeting 3	Meeting 4	Meeting 5	Meeting 6	Meeting 7	Meeting 8	Meeting 9
Kristina Perelygina (President – Deputy Chair)	KP	✓								
Tuna Kunt (VP Education)	TK	✓								
Nazia Bharde (VP Activities & Development)	NB	✓								
Abdul Khokar (SMCSE SRO)	AK	x								
Surra Mehdi (BME Officer)	SM	x								
Maxime Comminge (LGBT Officer)	MC	x								
Tarah Ouegnin (Women's Officer)	TO	P								
TBC (Disabled Students' Officer)		N/A								
Danil Kocherga (International Students' Officer)	DK	✓								
Egor Chetverikov (Cass SRO)	EC	✓								
Maimuna Bushale (SASS SRO)	MB	✓								
Ruqaiyah Javaid (Health SRO)	RJ	✓								
Ricky Emery (Law SRO)	RE	✓								
TBC (Graduate School Officer)		N/A								
Edward Armitage (Sports' Officer) (Chair)	EA	✓								
Fatema Dhanani (RAG Officer)	FD	✓								
Annette Yunus Pendrey (Ethics & Environment Officer)	AY P	P								

Key: "✓" = Present, "A" = Apologies given, "N/M" = Non-member, "P" = Partial attendance, 'X' = Non-attendance

In Attendance	Initials	Reason and Meeting Section
Angelo Weekes	AW	Representation Manager (Advisor)
Skye Golding	SG	Wellbeing and Insight Coordinator (Committee Secretary)
Manoj Kerai	MK	Activities and Events Coordinator

Part One

1) Welcome and apologies

KP opened the meeting and welcomed the committee. AYP apologised that she would be leaving 15 minutes early.

1a) Declarations of Interest

NB, TK, MB, RJ, KP all running for NUS delegate. RJ is Communications Officer for the Palestinian Society. EC and DK President of CASS Russian Speaking Society.

1b) Confirmation of matters for any other business**2) Nomination & Appointment of Chair and Deputy Chair**

Kristina to be Deputy Chair according to byelaws. EA and DK put themselves forward. EA supported by TK, DK by EC.

Candidates were put to a vote. 5-1 with 5 abstentions, in favour of EA. EA is new Chair.

3) Minutes

As this was the first meeting, there were no minutes to approve.

Items for Decision

4) Motions**a) Signatory membership of United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Accord.**

AYP explained that the UN SDGs are a call to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure peace. The University is a member of the EAUC which established the SDG Accord, which universities can sign to pledge to work towards the SDGs, but is not yet a signatory. The motion would mandate the Union to lobby the University to sign the accord.

Decisions

The Executive Committee **endorsed** the motion unanimously. AYP was encouraged to bring for discussion and Union Council a second motion, suggesting the Union too sign the accord.

Items for Discussion

5) Increasing Access to Sport

(paper: EC-005)

NB introduced her plans to increase the number of hard to reach students accessing sport, in particular women of colour.

FD highlighted that Women's Football has a membership of mostly international students, and pointed to their personal approach and habit of approaching new members through word of mouth. Said Wednesday sports night made people feel excluded.

RJ said that Muslim women need women-only spaces so they feel able to remove religious dress that can impede exercise, and suggested alcohol-free socials.

KP suggested that people may not access sport as it has too competitive an image, and we should promote sport for pleasure.

EA said leisure sport does exist on Saturdays and that sports halls and studios can be made private for women-only sessions. Highlighted This BUCS Girl Can campaign in late November. EA and NB are discussion Thai Boxing for Muslim women.

Suggestion that CASS students don't engage. FD suggested this was a culture problem rather than a marketing issue and said we need to work at a school level.

NB has idea to encourage societies to centre a charity event around sport. TO stressed this must be optional.

Action: All Programme Reps to push sport.

6) Sexual Harassment and Sexual Misconduct.

TK introduced. TK & NB sit on SHSM working group with colleagues in the University and a drafting a policy on Sexual Harassment. City Bar identified as a problem area in Student Lifestyle Survey. TK wants to do something before policy is ready. Current reporting and support structures ineffective.

EA suggested student leaders receive consent training from Rape Crisis UK.

TK invited further suggestions via email.

7) Leadership Elections 2018 - Autumn

AW gave update. Nominations closed today. Struggled to find postgraduate and SHS councillors. Briefings this week. Campaigning begins on Thursday and voting runs from Monday 15th October – Friday 19th October. Results Friday 5pm. All to encourage students to vote.

8) The Leadership Award

MK explained award and recommended committee signed up. FD asked if there was a funding pot for candidates to run events. MK to confirm. RE completed the award last year and found it useful when completing law firm applications.

Meeting schedule and times to be agreed.

Tuesdays at 6pm. AYP to Skype in due to caring responsibilities. Meetings to be every three weeks, not every four as stated in the byelaws.

Standing Items

9) Officer Reports

a) Kristina Perelygina

- Working on building communities. Wants to push liberation and meet monthly with Liberation Officers.
- More events outside City Bar, in Courtyard Café.
- Union on Tour – wants to have 300 conversations with students this year and gather feedback.

Action plans for other officers are online.

10) Any Other Business

11) Date of the next meeting:
Board Secretary:

Tuesday 30th October 2018, 6-7:30pm
Skye Golding – Wellbeing and Insight Coordinator