

Executive Committee Minutes (Unapproved)

10/02/2021 | Microsoft Teams

Members	Initials	07/10/2020	28/10/2020	20/11/2020	09/12/2020	20/01/2021	10/02/2021	03/03/2021	24/03/2021	TBD
Saqlain Riaz (President)	SR	Y	P	Y	A	Y	Y			
Ruqaiyah Javaid (VP Education)	RJ	Y	P	Y	P	P	Y			
Shaima Dallai (VP Community & Wellbeing)	SD	Y	A	Y	P	A	Y			
Marium Sadiq (SRO: SHS)	MSA	X	Y	Y	X	Y	Y			
Chandra Rodrigues (SRO: SMCSE)	CR	Y	Y	A	A	P	A			
Tevo Kearney-James (SRO: SASS)	TKJ	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y			
Martin Stepanek (SRO: CASS)	MST	P	P	P	Y	X	X			
Tyler Austin (SRO: LAW)	TA	P	A	Y	P	Y	Y			
Abdul Qudoos Sohal (Postgrad Taught)	AQS	N/M	N/M	Y	Y	Y	X			
Soheil Ahmadi (Postgrad Research)	SA	Y	P	A	P	P	P			
Kayleigh Armstrong (Womens Officer)	KA	Y	Y	X	A	X	X			
Paulina Samasova (LGBT Officer)	PS	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Nafiso Mohamed (BME Officer)	NM	X	A	X	X	A	X			
Ellie Foulger (Disabled Students Officer)	EF	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Ameer Hamza Malik (International Students Officer)	AHM	X	Y	X	X	X	Y			
Syama Bibi (Societies Officer)	SB	A	A	X	X	X	X			
Ayana Zamanbekkyzy (Student Media Officer)	AZ	X	X	X	X	X	X			
James Zhang (Sports Officer)	JZ	X	Y	X	Y	Y	X			
Shadmann Islam (Ethics and Environment Officer)	SI	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Berke Boran (RAG Officer)	BB	Y	X	X	X	X	X			

Key: "Y" = 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)
Jonathan Otter	JO	Representation Assistant (Committee Secretary)
Raquel Marques	RM	Representation and Democracy Coordinator

Part One

1) Welcome and apologies

Register of officers in attendance taken and any apologies listed.

Apologies received from:
CR

2) Confirmation of matters for any other business

These are items not added to the agenda in advance that will be raised at the end of the meeting.

None

3) Minutes

The Minutes from the prior meeting will be approved or any comments/issues listed.

Minutes are approved.

4) Declarations of interest

SA – Nominee for President of Robotics Soc (bye election ongoing)
PS – Course Rep and President of LGBTQ+;
TKJ – Programme Rep;
BB – Member of Entrepreneurship Soc;
CR – Member of STAR soc and Robotics Soc;
SI – Member of Photography and Palestinian Soc;
TA – President of Drama soc, nominee for Finance Officer of Carrot Radio.

5) Items specifically brought forward by the Chair

These are items brought forward by the Chair of the committee to be discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

None

6) Big Ideas Platform

The Big Ideas Platform is a space for students to submit their ideas and students can vote for the ideas they want to see implemented.

RM –
BSL: An update from now a meeting between proposers and EF to discuss.
SHS Common room: Sabbs have met with SHS Senior academics to discuss.
Additional workshops: Sessions coming.
SMM: Meeting coming to discuss this big idea.
City Sport: We did not have much of a response from captains.
Crest Re-Design: Business School Dean has given approval for this to be voted on.

Items for Decision

7) Officer Project Fund - RM

The Officer Project Fund is a fund set aside for the Executive Committee to use on campaigns and events. Officers can bring project plans to the meeting, which will then be voted on and approved.

RM – If you haven't completed a project plan, we are going to show what the project plan can look like from former PGT officer.

Shows Officer Project plan example.

AW – If an officer wants to deliver a project, over the next few months, if you are in the elections, you can pause a project until the 1st March, if you are not, we are happy to work with you as soon as.

Action: Please complete a project plan by the next meeting.

Items for Discussion

8) Tuition Fees – SR

An update from SR on the current work being done on tuition fees and value for money for students.

SR – To discuss and open up about Tuition Fees. Met with Provost, the position hasn't changed, a tense discussion going on. Concerns that International students provide a massive chunk of the funding.

Has engaged with MPs and lobbying is being done to make a change. LSE has started a campaign called Students against Tuition Fees, we have a position on the advisory board, there are 20 Sus involved.

Looking to get as many students signed up to the campaign as possible, the angle is not to ask individual institutions for tuition fee refunds, as this is political and may lead to redundancies. We are going to target SFE and government.

Working on transparency from the University.

EF – Transparency is also important. This comes out from meetings with students and staff, if staff are transparent about what is being done, students can empathise.

SR – Also working on making Hardship funding more transparent.

9) CityBar - SR

CityBar is a space in the Tait Building currently run by Sodexo. City SU and SR are discussing plans for the space and potential ownership.

SR – A few discussions last year about student spaces in general. SU has put a paper together and to meet with PAF, Departments and CEO PG, to discuss bringing CityBar under SU Ownership.

Looking at using the common room in tandem with SU owned CityBar. Hoping to change the name too, may not appeal to everyone.

SA – Name change and making it cosier would be good.

EF – one big problem is the type of furniture is not comfortable.

SR – Accessibility is a big issue and will be considered.

SA – Prayer rooms are being opened. Keep city safe ambassadors are being asked to go in to check, but this is not necessarily possible for ambassadors (For example Male Staff in Female Prayer rooms).

10) Elections – Rep team

Spring Elections Continue, the nominations deadline is this week and voting will begin on 22nd Feb.

AW – Lots going on and good nominations coming in. Book a call, candidate development sessions going on and recommend a friend.

Poster booklet will be given to all voters, voters can receive an offer for Papa Johns with a 60% discount and tiered voting rewards.

Candidate briefing is on Monday. Question time is on the 22nd.

RM – PTOs should consider rerunning as it is much easier the second time and they can be successful with projects that are currently ongoing.

Standing Items

11) Officer Reports:

Each officer will have the opportunity to discuss their recent work and ongoing projects with the rest of the Executive Committee.

What have you been up to?

SA – Has been working on online teaching classes and helping city with the City ambassadors' schemes and there have been improvements on H&S. Robotics society is running Cube Sat competition.

SD – Been working on IHRA Definition, supporting rent strikers and helping them. Been working on MH and Cultural Competency – met with head of mental health dept. Doing EDI Steering group interviews.

RJ – No detriment, discussing options: Uncapped resit, 2.2 or below get resits, or all students that fail get resits. Looking at grade boundaries and adjustments. Meeting with SROs next week. Another push on digital inclusion.

SR – Naming Steering committee for Business school. Elections, number of 1-2-1 meetings via book a call. Being a second-year officer is a good experience. Recruiting a Lay Trustee for the trustee board and supporting PS on issues around LGBT Hate Crimes.

SA – What's happening for SU Awards?

AW – Elections deadline has been extended to 9am on Friday. Regarding SU Awards, looking into an alternative this year based on community recognition. AIA, discussing with academics and LEaD to look into alternatives.

TKJ - Is poster deadline also adjusted?

RM – Just the Noms deadline is adjusted to 12th Feb at 9am due to server maintainance.

TA – working with student engagement and JBS and working on CitySync programme and looking into BAME attainment projects such as Black solicitors Network. Doing work around EDI and Queer Lawyers. Looking into external speaker deadline.

TKJ – meeting with officers, reps and timetabling to discuss timetabling issues. 4 Graduates coming in to talk to psychology students in a month, trying to get Professional Alumni to come in.

MS – SEC coming up soon so figuring out if captioning is being checked up on, including Closed Captions on last years content.

PS – LGBT community have reached out for support based on online harassment, working with Students Union, signed official report of harassment. Launched a survey to LGBT students to see if

they are aware of harassment and if there is harassment support. Results appear to show students are not aware of support at the moment. Events going on at the moment.

EF – EF and EDI team held conversation about how student centre should approach students with a disability, people in the room felt able to ask questions, which means people should be confident to ask important questions. Looking into how people with Autism suffer from tone policing from others. Happy to answer questions, can't speak for everybody, but would be willing to answer questions.

Any Other Business

12) Any Other Business:

Any items that were not added to the agenda ahead of the meeting but were raised at the beginning of the meeting.

SA – would like to propose an officer meal if that ever is possible after lockdown.

13) Date of the next meeting:

3rd of 4th March TBC.

Board Secretary: Jonathan Otter – Representation Assistant