**Students’ Union Executive Meeting, Tuesday 8th December: 12 Noon**

*Present: Issy Cooke, Yusuf Ahmad, Umar Yunas Chaudhery, Marlis Kornrumpf (Chair) Elizabeth Frumson, Mariam Khawaja, Samira Salasel, Clemence Rouaux, Lucie Repova, Mariam Malik, Hadia Chaudhry.*

*Apologies: Astrid Crowley, Dimitri Dolor, Ramsha Khan.*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| *Action* | *Responsible* |
| Exec members to indicate interest in conference attendance (ongoing – please contact Craig if you haven’t) | *All Exec* |
| Find out more about Cass study abroad and placement issue (Unknown – report back) | *UYC* |
| Check progress with Michelle Preston of Ambassador Survey (unknown – report back) | *IC* |
| IC to circulate Ambassador survey (To Do) | *IC* |
| Create Peer Sharing Working Group | *MK* |
| Bring Tait Level 1 plans to next meeting | *IC* |
| *Set up Meeting between Environment and Ethics Officer, and Head of Sustainability* | *IC* |
| *Set up Liberation support meeting* | *CS* |
| *Revise Environmental Policy* | *MK* |
| *Arrange Green Paper Meeting* | *CS* |

1. Chairs’ Business: MK raised the issue of establishing a peer sharing programme for skills not provided through the University including things like database or Excel. Exec agreed that it would be worth investigating what was possible. MK was actioned to set up a Working Group.

2. AGM Follow Up: Exec discussed each of the policies passed by the AGM and how to take these forward. An update on these will be produced and published on the website by the end of term.

3. Carrot Mascot: SS noted that Sports Teams have questioned if the Mascot can be changed. Exec clarified that the Carrot is the mascot of the SU and sports teams are free to change their mascot should they wish.

4. Safe Space: MK raised the need for a quiet space for students to distress. IC highlighted one such space within the Health service, although this has limited capacity. IC was actioned to bring along plans for Tait Level 1 development to the next meeting to examine if there might be any possibility of finding space in the development.

5. SU/student relationship with University Staff: MK highlighted experience of a recent University committee where student representation was requested but had no role to play or opportunity to input. IC noted a need to review SU representation on various committees and discuss with Committees their needs and expectations with a view to making sure effective use of students’ time.

6. Recycling Facilities: MK outlined a need to rationalise recycling bins, provide more information to students and to set up a clothes bin for Charity. IC was actioned to set up a meeting with the head of sustainability in the University to discuss these.

7. Election ‘Slates’: Exec discussed whether slates should be allowed or continue to be banned. The policy which had led to slates being banned in elections had recently lapsed. Exec agreed that there was no need

8. Officer Projects:

 9. Rules for Prayer Rules: this item was deferred until the next meeting.

10. Remaining Policy Lapse (Held over from Last Meeting):

* **Liberation Group Policy:** Exec agreed to allow this policy to lapse, but for Liberation Officers, Exec and the SU to consider how it is engaging liberation groups currently, and can do so better in the future. Action: CS to set up meeting with IC, Liberation Officers and new staff member in the new year.
* **Environmental Policy**: MK to bring back a revised policy.

7. HE Green Paper: It was highlighted that a response to the Government Green Paper is due in by the 15th. Exec agreed to arrange a discussion/Focus Group meeting to feed into this: Action CS to arrange.

8. Date of the next meeting: **January 26th**.