

Student Council Minutes

5pm Monday 18 November 2019 | BLG07, University Building

Executive Officers	Initials	Meeting 18.11.19	Meeting 29.01.20	Meeting 24.03.20
Tuna Kunt (President)	TK	✓		
Saqlain Riaz (VP Education)	SR	✓		
Rania Salim (VP Community and Wellbeing)	RS	✓		
Aaron Carey (SMCSE SRO)	AC	X		
Danya Aamir (Cass SRO)	SM	X		
Dean Rowe (SASS SRO)	DR	X		
Maleeha Koreshi (SHS SRO)	MK	X		
Raha Ghadaksaz (Law SRO)	RG	X		
Soheil Ahmadi (Post Grad Research Officer)	SA	X		
Anne Onwusiri (Post Grad Taught Officer)	AO	✓		
Tanjin Huda (BME Officer)	TH	X		
Callan Jenkins (LGBT Officer)	CJ	X		
Kayleigh Morris (Women's Officer)	KM	X		
Ellie Foulger (Disabled Students' Officer)	EF	A		
Zainlariffin Zaki Dato Abdul Rahman (International Students' Officer)	ZA	✓		
Joshua Boddy (Sports' Officer)	JB	X		
Adna Isse (RAG Officer)	FD	✓		
Mohamed Omar (Ethics & Environment Officer)	MO	X		
Adam Hockenhill (Student Media Officer)	AH	X		
Maimuna Beshale (Societies Officer)	MBE	✓		

Student Councillors	Initials	Meeting 18.11.19	Meeting 2 29.01.20	Meeting 3 24.03.20
Joshua Clayfield (Student Council Chair)	JC	✓		
Dalma Komjati (Cass Student Councillor)	DK	✓		
Devishi Kumar (Cass Student Councillor)	DKU	✓		
Aklima Tasnim (Cass Student Councillor)	AT	✓		
Muskaan Baig (SASS Student Councillor)	MB	✓		
Saima Begum (SASS Student Councillor)	SB	X		
Massimilliano Boggia (SHS Student Councillor)	MBO	X		
Zahra Chalouache (SHS Student Councillor)	ZC	X		
Mamoun Bouchouit (SMCSE Councillor)	MAB	✓		
Noel Quadri (SMCSE Student Councillor)	NQ	X		
Vladimir Tarlev (SMCSE Student Councillor)	VT	✓		
Abdul Qudoos Sohal (Law Student Councillor)	AQS	✓		
Olivia Duffin (Law Student Councillor)	OD	X		
Daud Yusef (Law Student Councillor)	DY	✓		

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)
Edward Armitage	EA	Student Engagement Administrator (Secretary)

Part One

1) Election of Deputy Chair

The meeting held an election for the Deputy Chair (in the absence of Josh not being able to attend a Student Council meeting they will step in in his place). The nominees were: MB, VT, AQS and Dalma.

Each candidate was given 30 seconds to put themselves forward for the position and to explain why they are the best candidate.

After the hustings, Council decided to have a closed vote. Each person was given a piece of paper to write their choice.

RESULTS: MB (3 Votes), VT (2 Votes), Dalma and AQS (1 vote each). MB elected as the new Deputy Chair.

2) Welcome and apologies

JC opened the meeting and welcomed the new Student Council. Several members couldn't stay for the second half of the meeting. JC received apologies from EF, OD and NQ. No other apologies were given- JC emphasised this point to Council.

3) Minutes

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

4) Declarations of Interest

JC – member of the Pro Bono, Law, MUN, and Debating societies, as well as a member of the City Men's Rugby Club.

Dalma- Member of Feminist society and Carrot Radio as well as SU Leadership Team.

DY – member of Palestinian Society.

MB- member of the Islamic Society.

VT- no declarations of interest.

5) Confirmation of matters for any other business

MBE, AQS and DY all have policy proposals they would like to put forward at the next Student Council Meeting and would like to hear feedback about their ideas.

Executive Officer Reports

6) Full Time Officer Reports

Due to technical difficulties with the speakers, the videos of the full- time officers informing councillors of what they have been working on didn't work. An action was noted that an email will be sent round to councillors with a working version of these videos. If an observer would like to view the videos please email.

7) Part Time Officer Reports

No PTO reports were given.

Items for Decision

8) No items for decision.

Any Other Business

9) MBE's proposal is to get the SU to support the cleaning and catering staff so that they can become in house staff instead of contacted. If successful this means that the SU will stand in solidarity with Unison and means that staff will now have greater employment rights. Full support given from Council and no questions asked.

10) DY proposal essentially wants to submit a proposal for the SU to lobby the University to avoid having 3 or more lectures back to back in the same day. Reasons include that students can find their concentration diminishing if they have to sit and listen for a significant amount of time. The more tired students become the harder it is to be able to retain information.

Q1 Is there an alternative option to having lectures moved to different days as this is quite a big ask for the timetabling service to do?

Answer: Arrangements could be made to keep the lectures on the same day but implement larger breaks for students.

Q2 Do you think students would want to be in from 9 and finish at 6 if you implemented larger breaks in the day? If students have their lectures back to back, then they could be done quicker.

Answer: Whilst students might have a longer day, a timetable with more scheduled breaks would be more beneficial for their learning.

Q3 Is this proposal too good to be true?

Answer: DY disagreed with the statement and argued that if lectures couldn't be changed to a different day then adding breaks would be a good compromise. It is in the interest for the University to have a high satisfaction rating with the students.

Q4 How many hours a week are law students in?

Answer: 8-12 hours a week.

Q5 Do other students feel the same way about this issue and not just yourself?

Answer: This concern is common amongst students DY has spoken to. A point was made from a PTO that it is the job of the councillor to represent the views of the students and it is not their concern about the logistics of how the timetable is made, that is a concern for the university.

This proposal had 3 For, 1 Against and 1 person abstained.

11) AQS wanted to get the opinion of his proposal which was to acquire sleeping pods for students. He has seen other Unions get them and he thinks they will be beneficial for students to have them.

There was a significant point made about the cleanliness of sleeping pods. It was noted that this proposal has been raised before but struggled to gain support for this reason.

Another issue raised was that there might be a security concern for students and how would the use of the sleeping pods be regulated.

Another issue raised that there wasn't enough study space which they felt was a primary concern for

students rather than sleeping pods.

This proposal had 1 for, 3 against and 1 person abstained.

12) AQS wanted the opinion on another proposal. This one concerned providing cheaper accommodation for 2nd and 3rd year students. After 1st year (which is subsidised by the University), prices for student accommodation significantly increase in price (a figure of £1200 p/m was given). It can be difficult for international students to find private housing as they are unable to view a property if they are away or find a suitable area as they might not know the city very well.

A point was raised that security is also a big concern and student accommodation provides really good security but comes at a significant cost.

Unanimous agreement for this proposal.

13) Date of next meeting: 29/01/2020, 5pm in room ELG02.

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