

Student Council Minutes

5pm Tuesday 26th March 2019 | BLG07, University Building

Executive Officers	Initials	Meeting 08.11.18	Meeting 2 24.1.19	Meeting 3 26.03.19
Kristina Perelygina (President)	KP	✓	✓	✓
Tuna Kunt (VP Education)	TK	✓	✓	✓
Nazia Bharde (VP Activities & Development)	NB	✓	✓	✓
Abdul Khokhar (SMCSE SRO)	AK	✓	X	X
Surra Mehdi (BME Officer)	SM	X	X	X
Nicole Hernandez-Vazquez (Disabled Students' Officer)	NH-V	X	X	X
Danil Kocherga (International Students' Officer)	DK	✓	X	X
Egor Chetverikov (Cass SRO)	EC	X	X	X
Ruqaiyah Javaid (Health SRO)	RJ	✓	✓	X
Ricky Emery (Law SRO)	RE	A	✓	✓
Edward Armitage (Sports' Officer)	EA	✓	✓	X
Fatema Dhanani (RAG Officer)	FD	✓	A	✓
Annette Yunus Pendrey (Ethics & Environment Officer)	AYP	✓	A	✓
Paty Nascimento	PN	A	X	X
Tara Quegnin (Women's Officer)	TO	X	A	A
Maimuna Bushale	MB	✓	✓	✓

Student Councillors	Initials	Meeting 1 08.11.18	Meeting 2 24.1.2019	Meeting 3 26.03.2019
Albena Haytova (Student Council Chair)	AH	✓	✓	✓
Wenyu (Katrina) Tian (Cass Student Councillor)	WT	✓	P	X
Daria Sharapova (Cass Student Councillor)	DS	✓	✓	X
Usama Zaid (Cass Student Councillor)	UZ	✓	A	X
Rahul Jugnarain (SASS Student Councillor)	RJ	✓	✓	A
Anne Onwusiri (SHS Student Councillor)	AO	✓	✓	A
Muhudin Mohamed (SMCSE Councillor)	MM	✓	X	✓
David Wahba (SMCSE Student Councillor)	DW	X	✓	✓
Alberto Cespedes Gongora (Law Student Councillor)	ACG	X	X	X
Giulia Tonetti (Law Student Councillor)	GT	✓	A	P
Jorja Pitt (Law councillor)	JP	-	✓	✓
Saqlain Riaz (SASS councillor)	SR	-	X	✓
Abdurrahman Tamimi (SMCSE Councillor)	AT	-	X	✓
Siddeeqah Ahmed (SHS Councillor)	SA	-	✓	✓
Sadia Siddequi (SHS Councillor)	SS	-	✓	✓
Dren Matoshi (SASS Councillor)	DM	-	X	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)
Nabil Yousuf	NY	Democracy Assistant

1) Welcome and apologies

Chair opened the meeting and informed those present that there was a new motion added and one of the motions were removed.

2) Minutes

The minutes from the previous Student Council on 24TH January were approved.

3) Declarations of Interest

No new declarations.

4) Confirmation of matters for any other business

None

5) Items specially brought forward by the Chair

Item 10 was removed and a new motion for environment had been added.

Items for Decision

Motions

6) Allow catering costs for additional funding

(paper: SC-021)

Speech for: DM presented budgeting issues for society events. Conveyed that currently the board of trustees have not agreed to make catering part of funding events. Many events don't have drinks available for this reason. Suggested that through the board, the system should be renewed to allow catering costs to be included in funding. Perhaps the system of amount of people ratio to the amount of food being purchased.

RE: A ticketing system synced with the catering costs would be a good idea

KP: Board of Trustees have nothing against this as you mentioned chair moved to a vote

votes for: 8

against: 0

Abstentions: 0

Decision

Student Council **approved** the Motion. It now becomes policy of the Students' Union.

7) Diversity course content for International Politics

(paper: SC-022)

Speech for: DM conveyed that currently the diversity of the course content is very limited, especially in relation to numerical modules. Particularly suggested Econometrics. Encouraged the introduction of diverse modules.

Question KP: Previously there were some numeric modules? do you want an even deeper learning of it?

Answer DM: It's a very basic level, similar to what you would learn at AS level.
chair moved to a vote

votes for: 7
against: 0
abstention: 1

Decision

Student Council **approved** the Motion. It now becomes policy of the Students' Union.

8) Environmental Policy (pages SC-023)

Speech for: AY expressed the need to renew the existing environmental policy, expiring the following week.

Main provisions included:

- Limit plastic Waste
- NUS Clean Impact Awards
- Sustainable food consumption
- Encourage the use of Public transport where possible for business purposes.
- Limit unnecessary travel.

Question: Does it effect students free printing?

Answer AY: Said they will work alongside VP Education for an increased use of recycled paper, non bleach paper to have less impact on environment. That will prevent limiting students to from printing.

Question SR: How would you measure if travelling is unnecessary?

Answer AY: The policy is in place to encourage, doesn't give any means of measurement of actions.

RE: Maybe a daily limit to printing for students would be helpful or perhaps a yearly credit.

chair moved to a vote

votes for: 9
against: 0
abstention: 0

Decision

Student Council **approved** the Motion. It now becomes policy of the Students' Union.

9) The Union opposes Islamophobia (pages SC-024)

Speech for: SA – Presented that Islamophobia had risen since the New Zealand attack by 700% according to a report. Female Muslims were the most vulnerable and Muslim students are branded as extremists in the field of activism. Suggested that Islamophobia awareness month should be permanent policy of the SU. Statements should be issued for commitment to Muslim students and staff should be trained for tackling Islamophobia.

Question KP: Who would train the staff?

Answer: SA: A group I have mentioned in the motion would carry out the training.

Question: SR – Isn't it already an established SU campaign?

Answer: SA – No, it is a campaign by the NUS but not City Students Union.

chair moved to a vote

votes for: 9

against: 0

abstention: 0

Decision

Student Council **approved** the Motion. It now becomes policy of the Students' Union.

Executive Officer Reports

10) Full Time Officer Reports

a) Kristena Perelygina – President

- Working with trade union
- questionnaire for students who teach, how it impacts their life
- Worked on Postgrad Up campaign to improve Postgrad experience on campus – was a success
- Launching Gender Pay Gap campaign – workshop will be next Tuesday
- Union on Tour info and issues are on the website

b) Tuna Kunt – VP Education

- Carried out the Lecture Capture Survey – working with LEAD to revisit lecture capture policy. Also gave a presentation to education committee regarding the importance of Lecture Capture.
- Working with student reps – and their attendance at the programmes – it has improved
- SHAG week was a success. Raised money and had a NHS bus testing for STD's
- Was working around sexual harassment and attendance monitoring
- More water fountains around.
- Working on handover to new VP Education to make everything better

c) VP Activities and Development – Nazia Bharde

- Working on handover to Rania
- Mental health pocket guides will be given during study well
- Looking at logistics for Carrot Awards
- 125 fun day being worked on, will entail celebrations and food
- Demonstration for New Zealand victims was a success
- preparing to put a freedom of information request for attainment gap – working with SU to receive information from university

- Spoke to SASS Dean about allowing non subject students to use instruments as it has a link with mental well being. Dean assisting to set up a meeting with the Head of Music department

Question: Sadiqa – what happened to the motions passed last meeting?

Answer: KP – Answered regarding the policy of external speaker time which was passed and said that University was informed, provision of policy started from the union side but university has to carry out their process.

TK – Regarding the abolition of evening exams, there will be no evening exams in the coming exam period.
she also added that there needs to be a longer discussion on next year and the year after.

Question: Sadiqa – Have you published this anywhere? and how do we make sure the policies are actually implemented?

Answer: AW – you can always contact officers to ask for progress. Also praised students for raising questions regarding performance of the union.

KP: We should include item for what officers are doing for policy changes in the future.

RE: University has to agree to make the changes where appropriate, approval from meetings doesn't always mean it will definitely happen

11) Part time Officer Reports

a) Fatema Dhanani – Raising and Giving Officer

- Was working towards 2 final RAG events; Comedy night and Musical Bingo
- preparing to handover to new officer

b) Ricky Emery - SRO – Law

- preparing to hand over to next officer
- An event they worked towards got nominated for National Event Award

c) Annette Yunus – Ethics and Environmental Officer

- Working towards the plastic campaign which will entail a stall near the café informing students about the harmfulness of plastic and encourage them to use less plastic
- Holding a competition and winner will receive a plastic less prize
- Handing over to next officer
- Working with university regarding the pace of their responses
- Proposed to be a signature member of the UN environment accords

Any Other Business

12) A number of events were advertised by RAG Officer, these included:

- Drama Society annual performance
- SU Awards – also mentioned that cultural societies can share food in these events
- Revise Well
- Student Surveys
- Academic Impact Awards

AW – Asked to students to submit comments when they nominate teachers as they are very important to measuring quality of teaching

Chair expressed their passion for their role and mentioned they would love to be involved next year

AW – As soon as next term starts, elections for NUS Delegate and Student Councillor Roles will be open.

Next meeting:

October 2019