**City University London Students’ Union**

**General Meeting**

5.30pm, Thursday 9th February 2017

B200, University Building

Minutes of the General Meeting.

**In attendance:**

**Chair** Issy Cooke (Women’s Officer of Union Executive Committee) (IC)

**Officers** Yusuf Ahmad (SU President) (YA)

Zain Ismail (SU Vice President Education) (ZI)

Sheikh Hassan (SU Vice President Activities and Development) (SH)

**Apologies:**

Apologies were received from the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Union Executive Committee. The meeting was asked to elect a chair for this meeting. There was 1 candidate and Issy Cooke was elected.

**1. Introduction**

The Chair welcomed those in attendance, highlighted the Union’s policies on ‘safe space’ and conduct, stated the agenda for the meeting and explained the methods of participating.

71 attendees were present.

**2. Governance Update**

YA delivered an update on the changes to the governance of the Students’ Union, explaining that as of August 2017 the Students’ Union plans to change to a Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee. YA outlined the implications and highlighted the key changes. The Articles of Association were made available online for members to read ahead of the meeting. No objections were raised and no questions were asked.

**3. Officer Reports and Questions to Officers**

**President’s Report:**

YA updated the meeting on his activities since the Annual General Meeting, which included work on addressing complaints raised around lockers on campus, increasing microwaves next to the canteen, conducting a food survey, the Graduate Library closure and fixing lifts in the University.

**Vice President Education’s Report:**

ZI updated the meeting on his activities since the Annual General Meeting, which included work on the Keep Calm Study On campaign, initiating a Brexit Essay competition, putting together a Student Leadership Conference with SH, and working with the chaplaincy on exam times and PhD students who teach.

**Vice President Activities & Development’s Report:**

SH updated the meeting on his activities since the Annual General Meeting, which included Back to Uni Week, Refreshers Fair, putting together a Student Leadership Conference with ZI, and charity projects, including a second RAG Week.

Questions to SI included:

* Why the SU had stopped the monthly night at SWAY – SH answered that the nights were not going to be financially viable, and that it was uncertain if enough tickets would be sold. The SU would consider nights that would be likely to break even or make profit.
* Late Night Licenses – SH reported that he was planning 2-3 late nights in March and April and that he was working on small steps with the local authority.
* Possibility of partnering with other Night clubs – SH explained that the SU is partnered with Novus Leisure and that that deal contains a wide variety of clubs around London.

**4. Student Proposals**

**1st Policy: Sodexo Monopoly Catering**

The proposal was presented by the proposer Ricky Emery (RE) and focused around the SU advocating to allow societies the option to seek food orders from alternative suppliers if the price offered by Sodexo was too high for the event.

There were no speeches against. The proposal was moved to a vote.

The proposal was clearly passed.

**2nd Policy: Opposing Prejudice in the Media through Education**

The proposal was presented by Daniel Dawson (DD), Sofia Quaglia (SQ) and Vincent Wood (VW) and focused around discussing issues in the media but overturning the ‘ban’ of certain papers being sold as passed in the Annual General Meeting.

There were no speeches against. The proposal was moved to a vote.

The proposal was clearly passed.

**3rd Policy: Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS)**

The proposers withdrew the policy.

**4. Notices:**

The Learning Enhancement Awards: nominations due to close and ZI encouraged students to nominate any staff or Programme Reps who had made a difference to their time at University.

Brexit Essay Competition: ZI encouraged students to enter submissions to the competition by 27th February.

Leadership Elections: YA promoted that nominations were open for the Leadership Elections in the Students’ Union, and encouraged students to stand for the positions.

**5. Conclusion of the Meeting**

The Chair confirmed the end of business and thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was closed at 6.30pm.

**6. Date and Time of the Next Meeting**

To be announced.