



# Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

28th February 2020

3pm - 5pm

Chair: Youssra Elmagboul

## Agenda

1. Officer Check In
2. Action Point Update
3. Working Group Update
4. Strikes Check In
5. AOB

**Apologies:** Paulien Broens, Valeria Racu, Nidah Kaiser, Malena Antich, Miriam Amrani, Inaki Arrizabalaga, Oscar Ward, Annabelle Jones

**In attendance:** Youssra Elmagboul, Peadar Connolly-Davey, Maxine Thomas-Asante, Hasan, Nare Hakebyan, Imogen Krompf, Katie Saunders

**Quora reached!**



1.

### Officer Check In

**Imogen:** No updates, doing fine!

**Nare:** Working with Anabelle - decided WHM late licence title and sorting last minute things. 'Man I Feel Like a Womxn' event on March 6th. A number of events planned for WHM but would appreciate any more suggestions!

**Hasan:** Late licence was well attended despite strikes, and positive feedback about the number of POC and different groups! Looking to keep reaching out to different groups. Concerns over Friday 6th being the only non-strike day next week which might affect attendance in the evening. Feedback from the DJ that our speakers aren't good. A discussion was had about the order of the remaining late licences given the strikes.

**Maxine:** Working from home during strikes but have come in to spend some time on the picket. At a feminism workshop in Hungary next week so won't be in.

**Peadar:** Working from home. Have set up a DJ Society!

**Youssra:** Working from home - difficult to self motivate! Only two sabbs in next week which is a little stressful. Feeling okay-ish.

**Katie:** Doing a lot with strikes and marches at different unis.

**Action points:** N/A

2.

### Action Point Updates

Action points from previous meeting | Update

Peadar to speak with Youssra to find out about Womxns History Month late licence | Further discussions to be had

Sohane to transfer embodied allyship info to Inaki for Green Week | Tbc

Maxine to reach out to SOASkMeOut to speak about safer spaces policy | Ongoing

Jack to bring 3 options of exec expectations to be decided upon in the next meeting (March 6th) | Ongoing

**Action points:** N/A



3.

### Working Group Updates

No updates

**Action points:**

4.

### Strikes Check In

- Has been engagement on Padlet and attendance at open forums
- Have heard some positive feedback, especially as teach outs have been well organised
- Noted issues for masters students - only being at SOAS for a short time, finding the strikes very stressful
- Note not as much turnout at picket lines as expected
- Compared to previous strikes this time seems more calm
- Discussed importance of tackling misinformation
- Noted role of POC women organisers that was made invisible
- SU strikes booklet has been beneficial

#### Exam arrangements issue:

In lead up to strikes SU listed ways the school is mitigating, including that anything taught during the strikes wouldn't be assessed (understood from meetings with the school and repeated without correction from the school. However, it's since come out that anything delivered 'to adequate minimum standard' can be assessed, defined generally as Moodle, reading list, PowerPoint/notes.

The SU has been arguing on this definition and who decides it - it's not uniform across the school and is vague for any student who appeals. SU sent further email on these issues this morning. Noted that some lecturers have revised syllabi.

**Action points:**

All to communicate clarification to students



#### 5. AOB

Feminist picket on March 9th - Katie to share info

Due to strikes SU elections have been moved back so nominations, hustings and voting will be in the last week of term. Hard to create a buzz during strike weeks!

**Action points:**

All to encourage people to stand in elections and spread the word.