

### SU Executive Minutes

<b>Time:</b>	17:00-18:00
<b>Date:</b>	17/10/17
<b>Location:</b>	B101
<b>Exec Present:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hamish Anderson – Academic Affairs Officer <b>[HA]</b></li> <li>• Comfort Enoch-Moye – POC Officer <b>[CE]</b></li> <li>• Tom <a href="#">AnaBalderstone</a> – LGBTQ+ Officer <b>[TAB]</b></li> <li>• Lavinya Stennett – Working Class Students' Officer <b>[LS]</b></li> <li>• Valeria Racu – Working Class Students' Officer <b>[VR]</b></li> <li>• Fran Floris – Women's Officer <b>[FF]</b></li> <li>• Sophie Bennett – Sports Officer <b>[SB]</b></li> <li>• Robyn Waite - Postgraduate Research Officer <b>[RW]</b></li> <li>• Anna Gretton – Environment Officer <b>[AG]</b></li> <li>• Pauline Ankunda – Entertainment Officer <b>[PA]</b></li> <li>• Jess Kumwongpin-Barnes – Trans &amp; Gender Identity Officer <b>[JK]</b></li> <li>• Max Gleissner – Campaigns Officer <b>[MG]</b></li> <li>• Halimo Hussain – Co-President Equality &amp; Liberation <b>[HH]</b></li> <li>• Nisha Philipps – Co-President Democracy &amp; Education <b>[NP]</b></li> </ul>
<b>Others Present:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hannah Short – Governance and Communications Coordinator <b>[HS]</b></li> <li>• Peter Baran – General Manager <b>[PB]</b></li> </ul>
<b>Apologies:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dimitri Cautain – Co-President Welfare &amp; Campaigns <b>[DC]</b></li> <li>• Mehdi Baraka – Co-President Activities &amp; Events <b>[MB]</b></li> <li>• Daryan Omer – Campaigns Officer <b>[DO]</b></li> <li>• Tawsin Ahmed – Anti-Racism Officer <b>[TA]</b></li> <li>• Danny Edwards – Sports Officer <b>[DE]</b></li> <li>• Blanca Serrano – Academic Affairs Officer <b>[BS]</b></li> </ul>

Agenda	Who	Discussion/Action
1. Complaint lodged against S.U. by Jewish Society President	NP	NP outlined history of 2015 BDS referendum/ campaign to explain context of email, as well as situation around Mark Regev event & Academic Senate motion related to events organisation. Also Emergency Motion @ UGM on 13th October related to Academic Senate motion which was passed. An email was sent by head of Jewish Society to SOAS trustees complaining about anti-semitic behaviour, including disregarding Jewish days of importance (e.g. in the organisation of the UGM), and keeping up the offensive BDS sign in the window of the S.U. office (while not displaying any other sign).

		<p>→ Sabbs going to have more conversations with Khulan about things to figure out appropriate next steps</p> <p>→ sign is going to stay up (because BDS is an educational campaign, and related to a situation that directly affects students going to Israel &amp; Palestine)</p> <p>ACTION: <b>PB</b> to send all exec legal items in relation to BDS campaign so people have a better understanding of the situation</p> <p>ACTION: Set up a specific meeting in relation to BDS campaign &amp; how to deal with this</p> <p>ACTION: <b>ALL</b> put up other signs in S.U. windows</p>
<b>2. Ratify minutes from last week</b>	<b>HS</b>	→ <b>Minutes ratified</b>
<b>3. Doctoral School space situation &amp; letter</b>	<b>RW</b>	<p><b>RW</b> outlined situation in doctoral school related to space concerns. Doctoral school team is expanding, however they need more office space → they have decided to move them to a specific floor (First floor) previously used by doctoral students without consulting doctoral students. Students mobilised very quickly, and the move has been postponed for now and have offered some kind of consultation → <a href="#">however consultation appears to be only on the terms provided by the school</a>. Move was going to happen 18th, but <a href="#">is now</a> being postponed—<a href="#">possibly only for a week</a>.</p>
<b>4. N.U.S. Zone conferences</b>	<b>HS</b>	<p><b>TB</b> happy to go</p> <p>ACTION: <b>TB</b> contact <b>PB</b> to sort out transport &amp; reservation</p> <p>ACTION: Anyone else interested in going to the conference, please email <b>PB</b></p>
<b>5. Discuss Community Week of Action - when to have it</b>	<b>MG</b>	<p>→ Campaigns drop-in session poorly attended, so difficult to speak to campaigns directly</p> <p>Trying to decide when to host Community Day of Action Week of Nov 20th or 27th</p> <p>ACTION: <b>MG</b> to email everyone with more info</p>
<b>6. SOAS Undergraduate Philosophies Journal proposal</b>	<b>NP</b>	<p>→ Asking for £695 to publish a twice-yearly journal <a href="https://soasphilosophiesjournal.wordpress.com">https://soasphilosophiesjournal.wordpress.com</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SOAS Spirit &amp; RSA Journal of Postgraduate Research both get funding from the S.U.</li> </ul> <p>→ question about how much/ if they should be funded</p> <p>→ Point made about the precedent this sets for undergraduate department journals, particularly when the RSA journal has only recently secured funding of a lesser amount</p> <p>ACTION: Ensure we have participatory budgeting and the group could make a case for why they should have their journal published</p>

7. Officer Drop-in schedule on the web	HS	Officer drop-in times listed on the S.U. website <a href="https://soasunion.org/democracy/officerdrop-intimes/">https://soasunion.org/democracy/officerdrop-intimes/</a> ACTION: <b>HS</b> to update website with table of drop-in info so it is more reader friendly
8. Welfare @ SOAS (liberation survey update)	TB	→ <b>TB</b> , Ian Pickup & Dimitri are having a meeting soon, and will feed back to us following meeting ACTION: <b>TB</b> to send anonymous comments/ complaints received in survey to Susanna ACTION: <b>DC</b> to confirm date of meeting
9. Educational and Non-educational priorities (docs coming soon!)	NP	<a href="https://docs.google.com/a/soas.ac.uk/document/d/1ETN-igoGlvn-n3pek3Kpfw3galDOSqcfUv2_6Lr6pc/edit?usp=sharing">https://docs.google.com/a/soas.ac.uk/document/d/1ETN-igoGlvn-n3pek3Kpfw3galDOSqcfUv2_6Lr6pc/edit?usp=sharing</a> ACTION: All exec to read the document & have a think about content - if anything is missing/ weird
10. N.U.S. Liberation activist training day Oct 31st (registration for this event closes at midday on Monday 23rd October)	HS	<a href="https://tockify.com/nusevents/detail/13/1507762800000/1">https://tockify.com/nusevents/detail/13/1507762800000/1</a> ACTION: Interested people please email <b>HS/ PB</b>
11. How we organise and run exec meetings?	HS	Suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify timings for each agenda points &amp; date of action needed</li> <li>• Keeping things sharp &amp; snappy</li> <li>• Be aware that some topics may need longer discussions</li> <li>• Good to use shaky hands to demonstrate support for things</li> <li>• If we are going to meet about something later</li> <li>• When adding things to the agenda - organise according to priority/ importance</li> <li>• Email around relevant correspondence to exec before meeting</li> <li>• Good to figure stuff out when we are all here together - unlikely to discuss again at a later date</li> </ul>