

### Emergency SU Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

<b>Time:</b>	13:00-13:20
<b>Date:</b>	23/03/18
<b>Location:</b>	Russell Room
<b>Exec Present:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comfort Enoch-Moye – POC Officer <b>[CE]</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>• 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>• Rachel Hau-Yu Tam – Postgraduate Taught Officer <b>[HT]</b></li> <li>• Peadar Connolly Davey – LGBT Officer <b>[PD]</b></li> <li>• Nisha Philipps – Co-President Democracy &amp; Education <b>[NP]</b></li> <li>• Dimitri Cautain – Co-President Welfare &amp; Campaigns <b>[DC]</b></li> </ul>
<b>Chair:</b>	<b>CE</b>
<b>Others Present:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hannah Short – Governance and Communications Coordinator <b>[HS]</b></li> </ul>
<b>Apologies:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blanca Serrano – Academic Affairs Officer <b>[BS]</b></li> <li>• Tawsin Ahmed – Anti-Racism Officer <b>[TA]</b></li> <li>• Fran Floris – Women's Officer <b>[FF]</b></li> <li>• Danny Edwards – Sports Officer <b>[DE]</b></li> <li>• Sophie Bennett – Sports Officer <b>[SB]</b></li> <li>• Robyn Waite – Postgraduate Research Officer <b>[RW]</b></li> <li>• Mehdi Baraka – Co-President Activities &amp; Events <b>[MB]</b></li> <li>• Katouche Goll – Disabled Students &amp; Carers' Officer <b>[KG]</b></li> <li>• Tania Raquel Assuncao Martins – Mature Students' Officer <b>[TM]</b></li> <li>• Halimo Hussain – Co-President Equality &amp; Liberation <b>[HH]</b></li> <li>• Daryan Omer – Campaigns Officer <b>[DO]</b></li> <li>• Jonny Morrison - - Accommodation Officer <b>[JM]</b></li> </ul>

Agenda	Who	Discussion/Action
Update about bursary scandal	<b>CE</b>	<p>Access agreements, which were written in previous years, outlined that SOAS only had 152 bursaries available this year for students in hardship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This is unacceptable given that they accepted 3-400 students who are eligible for the bursary</li> </ul>



		<p>DC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Had just spoken to John Hitchman (SOAS Student advisor immigration &amp; finance)</li> </ul> <p>Apparently moves to garner funds to go into hardship funds has always been led by the SU</p> <p>UCU docked wages were possibly going to go into hardship funds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ However it makes sense for the funds to be used for something more immediate (like bursaries) than hardship funds, as hardship funds have to be applied for post-situation</li> </ul> <p>Some students have been reading Deborah Johnston's (pro-director learning &amp; teaching) email about strikes &amp; UCU docked wages going into hardship funds and approaching the school about receiving hardship funds on the back of the strikes</p> <p>CE</p> <p>The fund of docked wages is expected to be roughly 80-300K —&gt; depends on the amount that is declared</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Calculations about repayment of bursaries appear to be inconsistent in school emails vs. Deborah's emails with CE &amp; LS</li> </ul> <p>We shouldn't conflate the impact of the strike on students vs. hardship bursaries</p> <p>In the past strike money has been put into hardship funds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ but hardship funds are often unspent</li> </ul> <p>CE is on the steering group for 2019/2020 to decide Access Agreement for future years</p> <p>NP</p> <p>Process point - following exec vote on this, we should contact and communicate with UCU &amp; UNISON about this</p> <p>Vote for the S.U. to support docked wages from the UCU strike to go into excellence bursaries as opposed to hardship funds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Unanimously passes</li> </ul> <p>DC has been speaking to the school about docked wages in general to ensure transparency – he will mention this</p> <p>CE &amp; LS also want to be included in that communication with the school</p>
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