



Get Vocal! Minutes

14th November

1pm – 2pm

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Get Vocal! is an informal discussion space between the SU co-presidents and the student body. Discussion points are brought by the co-presidents for student feedback and input, and student-led questions and discussions are also welcomed.

Get Vocal! agenda:

1. Brunei Gallery Strategic Review
2. UG Curriculum Review
3. SOAS SU Events
4. Questions?

1. Brunei Gallery Strategic Review

The Brunei Gallery is having a review of how they run exhibitions and what the space is used for. The SU hasn't historically been involved with the gallery or the events hosted there. A number of questions were brought to the students in attendance:

- What do you think about the name of the gallery / re-naming the gallery?
- How visible is the Brunei Gallery? Do you know what's happening there?
- What would encourage students to get more involved in the Brunei Gallery and attend exhibitions?
- How could students benefit more from the Brunei Gallery?
- How would students feel about using the Woolfson gallery for a student exhibition month?

Answers from those in attendance were noted.

2. UG Curriculum Review

The school is currently holding an undergraduate curriculum review, evaluating the content taught and methods of teaching and assessment being used across all undergraduate courses at SOAS. A "core" credit bearing module incorporating decolonising, the climate emergency and consent is being looked into.

The floor was opened for questions and suggestions.



- Essays and exams over-dominate assessment methods
- Need to diversify assessment methods to include more presentations
- Issues with the number of student auditors in classes
- Issues with student rep visibility to raise such issues

3. SOAS SU Events

Discussion was had about the types of events run at SOAS SU and what people would like to see.

Main points raised:

- Informal setting to speak to lecturers
- Winter formal / ball
- Varsity

4. Questions?

No additional questions were raised