



## Get Vocal! Minutes

26<sup>th</sup> September 2019

4pm – 6pm

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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. SU priorities
2. Student consultation on new director appointment

### 1. SU Priorities

The co-presidents (Maxine, Peadar and Youssra – Valeria was absent) presented the educational and non-educational priorities for the coming year. Discussions were had on the basis of these priorities.

#### 1.1. SU governance structure

A discussion was had about what the current governance structure of the SU is, and what issues exist with this current model.

#### 1.2. Countering the cutting of modules on Africa

A discussion was had about the reduction in modules relating to Africa observed at SOAS, including reasons for the reductions, and the affect these reductions have had on both student education and experiences. Understanding was provided as to why this is an SU priority and what is being done going forward.

### 2. Student consultation on new director appointment

As SOAS is looking to replace Valarie Amos, the Director of SOAS, the co-presidents looked for student consultation on what the student body want from the new director / what type of person the new director should be. Discussions were had around the ideal candidate's background (academic/non-academic, marketing experience (?), evidence of activism (?), representation, etc), and the values that we attribute with SOAS.

Consultation on the topic with the student body will continue further as the co-presidents are involved within the appointment of the new director.