



Exec Committee Meeting Minutes

Time:	18:00
Date:	13 th November 2013
Location:	286
Present:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leah Edwards – CP Welfare & Campaigns [LE] Johann Barbe – CP Activities & Events [JB] David East – CP Democracy & Education [DE] Mustafa Zafar & David Suber – Academic Affairs Officer [MZ] & [DS] Emily Judson – Environment Officer [EJ] Simon Campbell – Anti Racist Officer [SC] Karmel Carey – Disabilities Officers [KC] Georgina Robertson – Campaigns Officer [GR] Tom King – LGBTQ Officer [TK] Post Graduate Taught – Caterina Inverso [CI] Connor Youngberg – Post Graduate Research [CY] Chair Vic Casambros – Governance & Communications Coordinator [VC] Grace Wilcock – Mature Students Officer [GW] Binto Bali – Anti Racist Officer [BB] (Chair) Shahrzad Jahanbani – Entertainments Officer [SJ] Kabir Joshi – Black Officer [KJ] Resham Akhtar – Womens Officers [RA] <i>Faiza Amin – Reporter from SOAS Radio</i>
Apologies:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Larni Phoenix – Accommodation Officer [LP] Vithyah Chelvham - Womens Officer [VCh] Jivan Mohanty – Disabilities Officer [JM]
Absent:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ahmed Chaudhry & Muhaymin Maneka – International Officer [AC] & [MM]

Action/Discussion	Who	When	Notes
Action Point Catchup			
Carried over to next meeting:	LE	21/11	
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LE – contact Estates about First Aider for Vernon LE - Contact student advice & wellbeing about issues at Vernon Square. CC in KC			
Photography of Union Events			
School wants photos of UGM. LE felt this wasn't right.			
Exec agrees it will be down to societies who run the event to allow the School Photographer at			

events.			
<p>3rd Interfaith music festival funding</p> <p>LE Sent email about this.</p> <p>Request of ~£350 (flights, hotel, living costs) from organiser</p> <p>School are funding this (paid for BGLT).</p> <p>GR suggests helping her organise with current students (Music department/faith societies)</p> <p>DS did lasts years involve non-soas groups? May make this harder to pick up. EJ confirms there were externals</p> <p>GW work with her to hand over to current students + give us details of any external groups from last year.</p> <p>Exec agrees not to pay for this.</p> <p>LE to contact her back.</p>	LE	21/11	
<p>New Website Progress</p> <p>LE updated on the progress.</p> <p>Going to next trustee board.</p> <p>VC gave brief presentation about MSL</p>			
<p>Report on academic development committee</p> <p>DS gave his report</p> <p>SOAS happy with NSS Results, improvements in many areas.</p> <p>School asks union to help improve turnout of inhouse survey. (53% last year)</p> <p>KJ – asks exec to have discussions about NSS & possibilities of boycott. Reasons Why & Effectiveness</p>			

<p>Mitigating circumstances</p> <p>DE – Now Standardised across faculties.</p> <p>DE – send out Mitigating circumstances information to exec.</p>	DE	20/11	
<p>Debrief on day of action to save ULU</p> <p>SC – suggests putting out statement about police.</p> <p>SC to draft statement with GR then send to EXEC.</p>	SC		
<p>SOAS Accessibility Survey</p> <p>KC – plan to close it this Friday 15/11 (81 responses)</p>			
<p>Sale of GMO products in the Union shop.</p> <p>EJ highlighted comments from Facebook.</p>			
<p>What has happened to meat free Mondays?</p> <p>This is policy that was passed through UGM.</p> <p>EJ – speak to Khaled about this.</p> <p>Refectory refused to comply last year.</p> <p>LE – speak to Refectory staff about this issue.</p>	EJ LE	21/11 21/11	
<p>End of term party</p> <p>JB updated people on plans. <i>Wednesday 11/12/2013</i></p> <p>Venue (under ISH) Venue Capacity - 800 Venue cost - £1000 Ents Cost - £1300</p> <p>BB asks if it would be possible to sell out the bigger venue tickets.</p> <p>JB high turn outs for freshers party (sold out) & Halloween party (pre-sale sold out).</p> <p>GW – new venue may attract people.</p> <p>Is Tuesday possible?</p>			

<p>Exec agrees for the party to go ahead</p>			
<p>masters dissertation cap issue</p> <p>CI – changes would give advantage to part time students</p> <p>DE to bring up the issue at next academic board</p> <p>CY – remind students they can appeal.</p>	DE	Next AB	
<p>Department assemblies attendance by masters students</p> <p>CI – need to encourage attendance by students, work with reps.</p> <p>VC – add to JCR Board</p>	VC	15/11	
<p>Letter to Paul Webley about strike action docked payment</p> <p>PW – policy of 2011 says docked pay belong to the school.</p> <p>GR – Can we do more to promote promote the petition</p>			
<p>the ULU referendum</p> <p>DE – ULU are calling a month long referendum. 2nd – 6th December.</p> <p>DE – write motion for UGM about this.</p> <p>TK – why is this not done through ULU’s systems?</p> <p>DE – thinks there will be a better turnout.</p> <p>KC – Will there be a ballot box at Vernon Square?</p> <p>DE – Can be hard logistically, but can be looked into for one day as ballot will be open for a number of days.</p>	DE	22/11	

<p>Update from Democratisise SOAS meeting</p> <p>Planning an open meeting</p> <p>GR – to type minutes and actions points and send to exec</p>	<p>GR</p>	<p>20/11</p>	
<p>Where is the SU megaphone?</p> <p>Last seen during Strike.</p>			
<p>Quiz machine showing NUTS magazine</p> <p>Machine is being removed.</p>			
<p>Any other business</p> <p>EJ – Put in FOI Request to school about investments, asking about numbers of stocks & shares in companies. Part of the FossilFree National Campaign across several universities.</p> <p>SC – looking for people for no cops on campus working group.</p> <p>LE – need to remind people not to use smoking area before 1700 (due to smoke going into offices).</p> <p>LE – if anyone wants office hours/drop ins, let the sabbs know.</p>			
<p>Time & Date of next meeting</p> <p>B101 21/11/2013, 1700</p>			