



Exec Committee Meeting Minutes

Time:	18:00
Date:	15 th January 2014
Location:	B320
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] • David Suber – Academic Affairs Officer [DS] • Simon Campbell – Anti Racist Officer [SC] • Karmel Carey – Disabilities Officers [KC] • Post Graduate Taught – Caterina Inverso [CI] • Connor Youngberg – Post Graduate Research [CY] • Vic Casambros – Governance & Communications Coordinator [VC] • Binto Bali – Anti Racist Officer [BB] • Larni Phoenix – Accommodation Officer [LP] • Kabir Joshi – Black Officer [KJ] • Resham Akhtar – Womens Officer [RA] • Vithyah Chelvham - Womens Officer [VCh] • Emily Judson – Environment Officer [EJ] • Mustafa Zafar – Academic Affairs Officer [MZ] (Chair) • Georgina Robertson – Campaigns Officer [GR] • Tom King – LGBTQ Officer [TK]
Apologies:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shahrzad Jahanbani – Entertainments Officer [SJ] • Jivan Mohanty – Disabilities Officer [JM] • Grace Wilcock – Mature Students Officer [GW]
Absent:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ahmed Chaudhry & Muhaymin Maneka – International Officer [AC] & [MM]

Action/Discussion	Who	When	Notes
<p>Go Green week, February 2014 (17th-21st) (EJ)</p> <p>National Go Green Week falls within SOAS's Reading Week.</p> <p>SOAS will be holding a Go Green Week a week after other places.</p> <p>A fair will be held during the week.</p>			
<p>Meat free Mondays- publicity etc (EJ)</p> <p>2x per term. 20th Jan & 24th Feb.</p> <p>LP confirms she receives the Monday delivery and will keep an eye on the delivery.</p>			

<p>TK asked why its not a weekly event.</p> <p>LE – It’s a trial in conjunction with the school catering. In previous times it effected the union’s sales and income.</p> <p>KJ – Understands it affects the union’s money, but aren’t we mandated by the UGM?</p> <p>DE – Doing the trial opens the possibility of doing it weekly.</p> <p>LP – Can exec prepare something to tell the student body at UGM why it’s not weekly. Report back on finances etc.</p>			
<p>Meeting with Richard Black re: research funding (CY)</p> <p>CY is meeting with Richard Black, talking about funding issues.</p>			
<p>Peer support funding (LE)</p> <p>LE previously sent paper round and asked for any feedback</p> <p>LE confirmed that the initial round of funding will be coming from the Reserves.</p>			
<p>Democratise SOAS (GR)</p> <p>Next Meeting (Student Staff Forum) – 30/01</p> <p>Friday 24th – planning meeting 5pm – room 563</p> <p>Monday 20th – Open meeting in JCR 6-8pm</p> <p>Wednesday 22th – March on Senate House</p> <p>LE – can exec help give out leaflets for SSF.</p>			
<p>Justice For Cleaners (GR)</p> <p>Balloting to strike in end of February early March. They are asking for dates that would have minimal effect on students</p> <p>Need to raise £2000</p>			

<p>GR – putting motion to UGM to ask for a £1000 donation from the Students’ Union</p> <p>LE proposes a Wednesday</p> <p>There was discussions of not crossing a picket line vs ‘experiencing the filth’</p> <p>The strike would only affect Unison Members from ISS. Not UCU or on campus Unison members. Those staff would still need to come in.</p> <p>Cleaners will be writing to SOAS management about issues of the cold that happened on Christmas. They will be asking the union to support the statement once it’s been written.</p> <p>CY had received a complaint from a PhD student that the heating level was cold in the library.</p> <p>EJ pointed complaints from the other side where rooms are overly hot and heating on at unnecessary times.</p> <p>There will be a fundraiser party on 7/2/14 (day before reading week. A band has been booked. A Late licence is being applied for on this date.</p> <p>Cleaners have asked the union to reaffirm their support the campaign.</p>			
<p>Chairs (KC)</p> <p>There is a lack of chairs when students are needing to queue in certain offices.</p> <p>Feedback comes from the accessibility survey.</p> <p>Can chairs be added into the foyers on each level of the main building. Also in faculty offices.</p> <p>CY suggests portable stools/chairs.</p>			
<p>Disability recognition event (thing) (KC)</p> <p>Suggestions for a photo camappin with students holding white boards of their experiences.</p>			

<p>DE pointed out the NUS Campaign about coming out with a disability</p> <p>CY suggests an exhibition in the foyer</p>			
<p>Push for JCR events (LP)</p> <p>Try and hold events in the JCR each night. Gives something fun for people leaving the library later in the evening.</p> <p>Jam night doesn't have the same vibe as last year.</p>			
<p>Lecture capture (MZ)</p> <p>MZ met with college.</p> <p>SOAS has five lecture halls setup with the recording system (Panopto).</p> <p>School is looking at getting more licences when SOAS moves into the north block.</p> <p>MZ is encouraging to ask people to point out the system to their lecturers and ask them to use the system.</p> <p>CI has had lectures recorded but access to watch them back has been restricted to part time students.</p> <p>Usage is currently a pilot.</p> <p>TK suggests bring this up at the SSF. Find out why lecturers are against this.</p>			
<p>ULU Referendum (DE)</p> <p>Next week – Room is booked</p> <p>DE asks exec to help man the ballot box.</p>			
<p>Honourary Fellowships (TK)</p> <p>A previous UGM had policy to try and get the school to run a referendum on voting who will get</p>			

<p>a Honourary Fellowship.</p> <p>This could be tricky due to the confidential nature of the nomination and awarding process. Also the person needs to be present when its awarded.</p>			
<p>Any other business</p> <p>TK – UCU have announced the dates of they walkouts.</p> <p>CI – PG students are planning on bring a complain to the union about cancelled lectures due to last semesters strike action; and getting a topic removed from the exam. CY – Advices that they students use the school’s complains process.</p> <p>EJ – Bloomsbury sustainability hub. There is a chance for funding (up to £300 over two years). Will require feedback and help from exec later down the line due to this potentially being a huge project. Money from NUS Green Fund.</p>			
<p>Time & Date of next meeting</p> <p>Wednesday 22/01/2014 - B101 – 1700.</p>			

