



Exec Committee Meeting Minutes

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| Time: | 18:00 |
| Date: | 27 th November 2013 |
| Location: | 116 |
| 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] - Tom Post Graduate Taught – Caterina Inverso [CI] Connor Youngberg – Post Graduate Research [CY] Vic Casambros – Governance & Communications Coordinator [VC] Binto Bali – Anti Racist Officer [BB] Vithyah Chelvham - Womens Officer [VCh] Jivan Mohanty – Disabilities Officer [JM] |
| Apologies: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace Wilcock – Mature Students Officer [GW] Larni Phoenix – Accommodation Officer [LP] Shahrzad Jahanbani – Entertainments Officer [SJ] Kabir Joshi – Black Officer [KJ] Resham Akhtar – Womens Officer [RA] |
| Absent: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ahmed Chaudhry & Muhaymin Maneka – International Officer [AC] & [MM] |

| Action/Discussion | Who | When | Notes |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SOAS Accessibility Survey KC & JM <p>Points from survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many people don't consider themselves disabled (SPLD, Mental Health) Some people have issues around the word disability People unhappy with treatment from some teaching staff, not following learning agreements <p>Is there a possibility of a name change?</p> <p>MZ wants to thank KC & JM for all their work on this.</p> | | | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> mixed gender prayer rooms KC & JM <p>Is there any that can be used?</p> <p>LE - there is one at Vernon Square and IOE</p> <p>DE – getting new rooms at Russell Square would be very tricky.</p> <p>BB – Need to look at what space will the Senate House North Block have?</p> | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deferred/Leave of Absence students KC & JM <p>Students feel left out due to not receiving any emails. Coming to lectures/submitting essays.</p> <p>LE to look into this with Registry</p> | LE | 5th Dec | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intercollegiate Halls KC & JM <p>Certain things like Quiet hours aren't being enforced.</p> <p>Students had contacted officers but were given the "you're ruining the fun" attitude.</p> <p>Talk to ULU about this?</p> | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student & Staff Forum GR <p>Talking about staff strike next week & beyond.</p> <p>Justice for cleaners strike in new year</p> <p>Students demands of Management</p> <p>Make governance of SOAS More Democratic</p> | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Strike Dec 3rd GR <p>Same demands as last time</p> <p>Can exec promote this to students they talk to.</p> <p>JB – There has been a few complaints from</p> | | | |

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| students about the Union Supporting the strike. | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Debt Sell Off GR <p>Meeting about this is after the Student Staff Forum</p> | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Save ULU Protest GR <p>DE – trying to get hold of Michael Chessum about staffing the referendum.</p> <p>LE – Can exec help staff the ballot box?</p> | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occupation in Birmingham & Success DS | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOAS Union position on the CDBU DS <p>LE – set a date for next student staff forum and hold in a lecture theatre.</p> | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities for International Students LE <p>Looking at holding some events over Christmas, are any Exec members able to help?</p> <p>Hopefully hold before 23rd so people can make friends and self-organise.</p> | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NUS Conference Policy TK <p>Planning to set 8 policy headlines that students can contribute ideas to. Going to talk to students about this at UGM</p> | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOAS Festival JB <p>JB – asking exec for some dates</p> <p>GR – Middle of Term 2?</p> | | | |
| Any other business | | | |
| Time & Date of next meeting | | | |