



Union General Meeting Minutes

Time:	17:00 – 19:00
Date:	5 th February 2014
Location:	JCR

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Minutes from previous meeting
3. Matters arising from previous UGM and update
4. Report from Sabbatical Officers
5. (Optional) Report from executive officers
6. Presentation of SU accounts
7. Motions:
 - i. Update Schedule 6 "Sports and Societies"
 - ii. Update Schedule 7 "Communications and Media"
 - iii. SOAS Spirit Constitutional Reforms
 - iv. Repeal the injunction on protests at SOAS
 - v. Support the J4C Strike
 - vi. Rearrange Union office space
 - vii. J4C Mural for the JCR/BR Smoking Area
 - viii. Support Tube Strike
 - ix. Solidarity with protestors in Egypt
8. Emergency Motions
 - i. Fractionals for Fair Play Campaign
 - ii. Justice for Mark Duggan

Ref#	Action/Discussion	Notes
2	Minutes from the previous meeting The Chair went through the minutes that have been published on the Union Website. There were no objections raised.	Minutes signed off as accurate
3	Matters arising from previous UGM and update There was a vote to confirm the automatic resignation of the International Officers.	PASSED

<p>4</p>	<p>Report from Sabbatical Officers David:</p> <p>Q. Is there any progress on having e-voting for UGMS A. Hopefully something will be brought to the next UGM</p> <p>Johann: No Questions</p> <p>Leah: Q. A recent email went out to students saying panic attacks wont count towards mitigating circumstances A. This is something I am looking into, continuing the work of Alex from last year.</p> <p>Q. Is there anything being done about the £10 Charge for letters of support for mitigating circumstances A. It's something we are working on. One solution maybe to try and create a Hardship fund to help this.</p>	<p>PASSED</p> <p>PASSED</p> <p>PASSED</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Report from executive officers</p> <p>An update on work was given by the following officers:</p> <p>Emily Judson – Environment Officer Kabir Joshi – Black Students Officer David Suber – Academic Affairs Officer Tom King – LGBTQ Officer Georgie Robertson – Campaigns Officer Grace Wilcock – Mature Students’ Officer Karmel Carey – Disabled Students’ Officer</p>	<p>All PASSED</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Presentation of Union Accounts</p> <p>The Union General Manager, Peter Baran, presented the Union Accounts and talked through the headline figures explain what they meant and took questions from the floor.</p> <p>Q. Can Clubs/Societies apply for money from last years profits A. Yes, to an extent. You can apply to trustees if you have an idea for a capital spend.</p>	<p>PASSED</p>
<p>7.1</p>	<p>Update Schedule 6 “Sports and Societies”</p> <p>Speech for – David East Speech Against - None</p> <p>Moved to the Vote</p>	<p>PASSED</p>

<p>7.2</p>	<p>Update Schedule 7 “Communications and Media”</p> <p>Speech for – David East</p> <p>Amendment Proposed - Mohammad Tahboub (565605) Speech Against Amendment – David East</p> <p>Vote For Amendment – 40 Against Amendment – 36</p> <p>Speech Against Amended Motion – Florence Roumer (539797)</p> <p>Moved to the Vote</p>	<p>PASSED</p>
<p>7.3</p>	<p>SOAS Spirit Constitutional Reforms</p> <p>Speech for – Tom King - 349872 Speech Against – Tom Oliver - 537871</p> <p>Motion Withdrawn</p>	
<p>7.4</p>	<p>Repeal the injunctions of protest on SOAS</p> <p>Speech for – Abigail Helena Dalby Bowler – 539486</p> <p>Point of Information – Grace Wilcock We wont be able to just have protests purely because this motion passes</p> <p>Moved to Vote</p>	<p>PASSED</p>
<p>7.5</p>	<p>Support the J4C Strike</p> <p>Speech for – Dag Joel Johannes Svensson – 573768 Speech Against – none</p> <p>Moved to Vote</p>	<p>PASSED</p>
<p>7.6</p>	<p>Rearrange The Union Office Space</p> <p>Speech for – Abigail Helena Dalby Bowler – 539486 Speech Against – Leah Edwards Speech For – Tom Oliver – 537871 Speech Against – David East Speech For – Hannah Slydel - 541349 Speech Against – Johann Barbe</p>	

	<p>Amendment Proposed: Remove All Union Resolves & Replace with Exec to discuss Office Space.</p> <p>Moved to Vote</p>	PASSED
7.7	<p>J4C Mural for the JCR/BR Smoking Area</p> <p>Speech for – Hannah Slydel – 541349 Speech Against – Tom Oliver - 537871</p> <p>Moved to Vote</p>	PASSED
7.8	<p>Solidarity with protestors in Egypt</p> <p>Speech For – Sai Englert – 603915 Speech Against – Hugo Corden-Lloyd – 537715</p> <p>Moved to Vote</p>	PASSED
7.9	<p>Support Tube Strike</p> <p>Speech For – Tom King – 349872 Speech Against – None</p> <p>Moved to Vote</p>	PASSED
8.1	<p>Fractionals for Fair Play Campaign</p> <p>Speech For – Victoria Stadheim – 264167 Speech Against – None</p> <p>Moved to Vote</p>	PASSED
8.2	<p>Justice For Mark Duggan</p> <p>Speech For – Kabir Joshi – 296327 Speech Against – None</p> <p>Moved to Vote</p>	PASSED
8.3	<p>Accountability for UGM Motions</p> <p>Speech For – Adam Bar - 296340 Speech Against – Ed Ive - 558700 Speech For – Adam Bar – 296340 Speech Against – Leah Edwards</p> <p>Amendment to scrap motion and add action point:</p> <p>Setup review of UGM Motion outcomes to be presented at next UGM – dealing with accountability of individual sabbatical officers and implementation success, with student involvement.</p>	PASSED

	Moved to vote	PASSED
8.4	Disaffiliate from ISS Motion Speech for – Hannah Slydel - 541349 Speech Against – none Moved to Vote	PASSED
9	Any other business & Announcements	

Summary of actions

Motion	Actions
7.1	3.1) To update schedule 6 as outlined in the appendix.
7.2	This Union Resolves: 3.1) To adopt the updated schedule as outlined in the appendix.
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7.4	3.1) That the SOAS SU Exec seek a meeting with the director and acting registrar to push for the implementation of their promises in their email of 10th December 2013, that SOAS will lift the injunction on its building and continue to support legitimate protest. 3.2) That SOAS management offer legal advice to those students and staff who still face bail conditions as a result of their legitimate protest. 3.3) That the SOAS SU keep the student body updated of any negotiations of meeting that they have with SOAS Management on the issue of the injunction through all school email.
7.5	This Union Resolves: 3.1 To fully support the cleaners strike, and to continue to support the Justice For Cleaners campaign as a key Students' Union campaign. 3.2 To give £500 to the Justice For Cleaners society to enable the society to campaign to raise money for the cleaners strike fund, to cover the cost of living for the cleaners and their families during the strike days. 3.3 To give the takings from the Students' Union bar from two evenings to the cleaners' strike fund.

	<p>3.3 To continue to condemn ISS' intimidation of the cleaners, and SOAS management's role in permitting this unacceptable treatment of the cleaners on our campus.</p> <p>3.4 To take action in support of the cleaners if strike-breakers are brought in, both against ISS and SOAS management, for their denial of the cleaners right to strike.</p>
7.6	3.1) The Exec to discuss Office Space before the next UGM
7.7	<p>3.1) To support the Justice for Cleaners campaign creating a mural of the design attached below, which references the 1968 French protests and Latin American workers struggles combined with quotes relating to student and worker struggles.</p> <p>3.2) That this mural stays in place for two years before a different design can be submitted to the UGM.</p> <p>3.3) That the cost of the mural can come from the campaigns budget of the SOAS SU.</p>
7.8	<p>3.1) This Union Resolves: .to work with MENA Solidarity Network, other campus unions and student unions to establish a broad-based solidarity initiative to defend Egyptians under threat from the military regime at the earliest possible time.</p> <p>3.2) Making a donation of £200 towards solidarity campaign expenses</p> <p>3.3) Inviting MENA Solidarity to propose a speaker on Egypt for our next meeting</p> <p>3.3) Circulating solidarity appeals and information about the campaign to our members and encouraging them to participate in solidarity action writing to the Egyptian authorities condemning the military repression</p> <p>3.4) Writing to the UK government calling for the immediate suspension of all financial, military or other support to the Egyptian authorities which may be used to violate the rights of Egyptian citizens. In particular, we demand immediate cessation of all sales and transfers to the Egyptian government of weapons, ammunition, vehicles, cyber-surveillance technology and other materials for use against those who exercise their right to protest.</p>
7.9	<p>3.1) To write a message of support to RMT and TSSA</p> <p>3.2) To encourage our members to respect tube workers' picket lines.</p>
8.1	<p>3.1) To practically and politically support the "Fractionals for Fair Play" campaign.</p> <p>2. To facilitate the distribution of campaign materials to the student body where appropriate.</p>

	<p>3. To invite the campaign to speak at union events where appropriate.</p> <p>4. To support future actions taken by fractional staff in the pursuit of their campaign goals.</p>
8.2	<p>This Union Resolves: 1) Send a message of solidarity to the family of Mark Duggan at this very difficult time</p> <p>2) To sign the Mark Duggan Justice Campaign statement/ petition</p> <p>3) To support the family in their continuing fight for justice for Mark Duggan</p> <p>4) To invite a speaker from the campaign to an event at SOAS about the Duggan case</p> <p>5) To raise concerns about the Inquest verdict and deaths at the hands of the state with members of Parliament</p> <p>6) To give solidarity and support to the United Family and Friends Campaign</p>
8.3	<p>3.1) Setup review of UGM Motion outcomes to be presented at next UGM – dealing with accountability of individual sabbatical officers and implementation success, with student involvement.</p>
8.4	