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1) Free Hot drinks

Exec were confused about why this hadn't been implemented before. Group decided to take it to the Trustees.

2) SU urgent needs storage room

Bands from not equipped - music department equipment used to store stuff.

We need a keyboard

More space for music equipment

More security needed for equipment, signing out system?

Meeting with Seb, Luna, Kabir, Georgie, David to discuss how to better secure musical equipment.

3) SOAS Festival

Luna and Kabir will book rooms for the 14th -15th of March - All societies have been invited, not just musical societies.

4) UCU Marking Boycott - Union support for students

Response to a concern made on SOAS Rants, student supported staff in pensions dispute - however was concerned about their own rights.

— Part of the point, is to show students dissatisfaction to management. Advise students to do their work as well.

— SOAS management are not going to be hardline with staff, but maybe staff will give feedback but not marks.

— ADD could give feedback.

—Inform people at UGM about informal feedback from teachers and our position.

—FAQ sheet from the SU

— Should a direct response be made to SOAS rants, or a personal message? - Maybe public response addressing her concerns.

— We have already sent out info to student reps —- any info we give out must be absolutely accurate. Georgie will write this with UCU. — UCU will deliver their own communications through lecturers themselves.

We have to make sure all parties are listened to. There will be students who have their essays due, and yet their previous essays wouldn't have been marked. Especially monitor care for students with learning disabilities.

5) SOAS Goes to Calais

The Union will refund travel up to £20

We do not have responsibility of people who attend the demonstration

Tomorrow there is an event in the JCR at 6PM - an activist and migrant who is coming to speak.

Wednesday meetings to strategies

Arrestee Support is going to up and running soon - speak to Hannah - get numbers of solicitors in Calais.

6) Dem SOAS - working groups - update

GB has decided that they are going to have a wider governing body review next year.

AB is currently being reviewed - demsoas brought up that SOAS does not give stakeholders a democratic say in the governance of the School.

David is currently sitting on the AB review board - people have been opposed to changes in AB

This group will present a paper on possible changes to AB

In March two sabbatical officers will be allowed a say on to how the review should be structured.

What the campaign should be doing? - Trying a build a campaign around the potential input of the Students' Union, so that when the time comes we can have a stronger voice.

Exec officers can help by promoting the campaign to the various interests groups they are involved in. - Focus on decision making at SOAS —- people often care about their day to day more than ideology.

— Maybe focus on student interests in say Academics, liberation instead of more complicated language that concerns reviews and committees.

— Planning accessibility focus groups/ International students focus groups

— Survey to figure out problems?

— Governance review will probably survey students as well

7) SOAS Summer Festival Survey

D and K have been talking to people about the potential of SOAS Summer Festival - have been advised not set up a festival, as we will lose money in our first year

David has created a survey to ask students what kind of end of year festival they would like.

Could persuade the school to use the festival as a recruitment drive.

8) Student Reps

There is a list with more than 185 reps from all departments – they mostly focus on academics. This year we want to be more proactive with supporting them, improve communications with them. Exec can also have access to the Student Reps - create a bulletin for student reps.

Training for reps was well attended, also gave information about liberation and anti-harassment.

9) UGM on Friday and Next Trustee Meeting

Spread the word - submit motions etc

Trustee is important for operational workings of the SU.

10) Free Ed Demo - safe space - publicity - organisation

Know your rights workshop - staying safe on the demo

g50 is booked for people who want to support the demo by sharing stuff on social media.

SWP - make stickers with feminist messages to stick over SWP sign on their logos

Tom suggested having a phone number for anyone that might get lost. - Arrestee support will be up and running by then.

11) Class Officers

Hannah suggests that more representation is needed for working class students - create a class officer.

Debate over whether we need class in the title, or economic accessibility, need to encompass welfare for people that do not fit under class.

Talk to widening participation about the concept and people they deal with.

Class is a liberation issue, one of the mechanisms in which people are oppressed.

— public speaking

— other issues of coming from state school backgrounds into a university background

— monetary issues, student loans, deposits

Issue is a constitutional one.

Exec suggest further formulating the concept before it is put to a UGM

12) Liberation Co-ordinator

Discussion was postponed to be had between the liberation officers.

13) Update on insufficient evidence

Senior tutor stepped down after mitigating circumstances were decided by him.

Student in question will be informed through the Students' Union that her mitigating circumstances can be changed. She will be asked on whether she wants to be involved in the process of how to change things.

14) Dispute regarding Hysteria

Having not received a response from one of the people in involved in the dispute, exec agree to remind her about the deadline by which she was given to respond back to us?

Exec decide to send a reminder email.