



SU Executive Minutes

Time:	14:00
Date:	11/03/2015
Location:	B103
Exec Present:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kabir Joshi – Co-President Activities & Events [KJ] • Georgie Robertson – Co-President Welfare & Campaigns [GR] • Karmel Carey – Disabled Students & Carers' Officer [KC] • Ella Schwartz – Black Students' Officer [ES] • Wael Omar – Postgraduate Taught Officer [WO]
Others Present:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy Dawson – Governance and Communications Coordinator [AD] •
Apologies:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Suber – Co-President Democracy & Education [DS] • Hannah Slydel – Women's Officer [HS] • Tracey-Ann Munroe – Mature Students' Officer [TM] • Mohamed Taha – Postgraduate Research Officer [MT] • Luna Cottis – Entertainments Officer [LC] • Phoebe Fisher – Environment Officer [PF] • Ana-Luiza Olanescu – International Officer [AO] • Grace Wilcock – Campaigns Officer [GW] • Roisin Crowley – Disabled Students and Carers' Officer [RC] • Tom King – LGBTQ Officer [TK] • Tom Oliver – Accommodation Officer [TO]

Agenda	Who	Discussion/Action
1. Dinwiddy	DS	<p>GR informed the group that a complaint had been made by the Union. A reply had been received stating that Dinwiddy would look into discriminatory practices.</p> <p>GR had liased with the School and is hoping progress will be made.</p>
2. Accessible Toilets	KC	<p>KC stated that the Equality and Diversity Coordinator had raised the possibility of introducing radar keys for disabled students to use for disabled toilets.</p>

		<p>A discussion took place exploring numerous viewpoints. KC stated that if the group opposed it she would feed this back to the Equality and Diversity Officer. A survey is to be sent out to the wider School population to explore views.</p> <p>KC highlighted that only certain toilets would be locked (eg not ones with baby changing facilities)</p> <p>GR stated that if policing would be minimal and not every disabled toilet would involve the use of the key, the system may be successful.</p> <p>It was agreed that a wider survey would give the group a better idea of the views of staff and students.</p> <p>Action: KC to feed back to JS</p>
<p>3. SOAS Admin</p>	<p>GR</p>	<p>GR reported that the School was introducing a new interface whereby students can submit any admin query/request & it will be dealt with. The trial session had been pushed back 2 weeks.</p> <p>ES highlighted that this date was during the Easter holidays & would therefore be inconvenient for students.</p> <p>ACTION POINT: GR to feed back to the School and try to have a session whereby students will be able to attend.</p>
<p>4. Inclusive learning & teaching</p>	<p>GR</p>	<p>GR reported that in light of the accessibility and inclusivity forum and the recent DSA cuts, the School has introduced a project board with a budget, to look at ways in which the School will change its practice and respond with cuts.</p> <p>GR is looking to organise some workshops before the end of the year about inclusive learning & teaching. She asked for advice on when would be best for students' availability.</p> <p>KC suggested a few different workshops on</p>



		<p>different days of the week. GR suggested 3 workshops on the first week back.</p> <p>KC suggested asking a number of students to write a paragraph on their experience as a starting point for discussion.</p> <p>ACTION POINT: GR to take this forward with the School</p>
5. I love Consent	GR	<p>During Women's history month, GR is hoping to conduct an awareness raising campaign around consent. She asked for ideas. One suggestion had been to paint a mural in the JCR/Bar with people writing what consent means to them.</p> <p>KC & KJ highlighted the need for sensitivity around what could potentially be triggering.</p> <p>KC suggested using something that people write on, so that it can be monitored more effectively. WO suggested it is created in the bar.</p> <p>ACTION POINT: Exec to send any thoughts/ideas to GR</p>
6. Democratise SOAS and Student and Staff Forum	GR	<p>GR told the group about the student staff forum Wednesday 18th March 5pm. The forum will include the discussions about the manifesto, & campaigns including Justice for Cleaners, Fractionals, BDS, Fossil Free, Chris Gutkind's case & the CTS bill.</p> <p>ACTION POINT: Exec to help build momentum for the event & attend if possible.</p>
7. Exec next week	GR	<p>The Co-Presidents proposed that next week's exec meeting be cancelled due to the UGM on Monday and the stressful time of year for students.</p> <p>It was agreed that any pressing matters can be discussed via email.</p>

	<p>KC raised the possibility of having an exec meeting the following week if people are available.</p>
<p>8. Any Other Business</p>	<p>KC raised the issue of private timetables</p> <p>GR reported that the School currently unable to enforce this but she will keep pressing them for a solution</p> <p>KJ – general election debate. Chaired by Tom Oliver. 6.45. Presubmitted questions online.</p> <p>WO raised the format of UGMs and suggested it be set up as a circle. Co-Presidents to move forward with working group to look at inclusivity & accessibility in UGMs.</p>