



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

30th November 2021
11am - 1pm

Chair: Lucia Rodriguez Pedroso

Agenda

1. Officer Check In
2. AOB

Apologies:

In attendance: Lucia Rodriguez Pedroso, Ella Spencer, Hisham Pryce-Parchment, Ankunda, Arianna Simonetta, Grace Weston, Jacynthe Roesch, Alfie Makepeace, Rbeeza Mobeen, Lena Koch, Ellora Singh

1. Officer Check In

Lucia: Finalised the second cycle of student rep nominations and elections. We have almost 173 reps in place, which is the most we've ever had! Yesterday we had the Student Feedback Panel where reps raise issues directly with the school. We also had the UGM where I was Deputy Chair so I worked with Jack to train the UGM Chair (Ryan). In this meeting a motion was passed about online tutorials and students seem confused about how tutorials are taking place next term so I'm talking with senior management to work this out. Myself and Ella also attended SOAS' Trustee Board last week which was a 7 hour meeting! I'm also working towards supporting students during the upcoming strikes.

Ella: Strike prep work is taking up most of my time. Thanks to everyone who voted for the Strike Solidarity motion in the UGM last week. Yesterday we held a Strike Forum in the JCR which went well followed by an organising meeting in the evening. Today is lots of last minute strike organising (e.g. finalising teach out schedule) with Lena.

Hisham: I've been mostly catching up with admin stuff recently. I met with some officers yesterday to discuss term 2 plans and have been setting time aside to create some plans for term 2 and seeing how we can get more officers involved in plans next term. I've also been busy with strike preparations too. We're also planning to do something for the final day of the 16 Days Against SGBV (Dec 10th) - let me, Heather or Ella know if you'd like to help organise something around this.

Khadijah: I've been sorting out some room booking admin and making plans for term 2. I'm also organising the end of term late license with Felix and the Disabled Students Society.

Arianna: Still waiting for formal training in my role. Aiming to create a mailing list of part-time students to be able to best communicate with all part-time students. I'll also make a new WhatsApp group and Teams space for everyone to get to know each other online.

Lena: I've been busy with strike preparations such as organising teach outs. It's been great organising with students and seeing the enthusiasm everyone has. Aside from that there's been lots of interest in prison abolition and we've set up an abolition reading group. Into next term I'd like to campaign around divestment from the prison and border industrial complexes.

Rbeeza: We're [Rbeeza and Ellora] looking into events and dates for things we can do this year now our exams are over - will let you know soon!

Grace: We're [Grace and Val] looking to be more involved next term as currently we're both not on campus.

Jacynthe: Not much to update on as I've had essays to do. I've been circulating information about the strikes though!

Ellora: Spoke with Hisham, Ella and Lucia last week that myself and Rbeeza are planning some policy changes around student safety. We're also trying to plan things around the picket line this week / next term.

2. AOB

Lucia: There's nothing else on the agenda today as students are busy with deadlines and there are strikes later this week.

Ellora: What's the plan for Get Vocal?

Lucia: We'll have to discuss this after the strikes. I don't think there's enough dates after the strikes to host it this term. Maybe we can discuss what we want Get Vocal to look like so we can have our first meeting in Refreshers at the start of term 2.

Ella: We could try and fit it in before the end of term, but for this week our capacity will be limited due to strikes. I also wonder how many people would attend Get Vocal in the last week of term.

Ellora: We don't need to do it at the end of this term - just wanted to start the conversation so people know what it is and that's it's going to be happening.

Lucia: We'll add this to the agenda for our next meeting!

Get Vocal will be an informal town hall meeting where we can discuss things with students before things go to UGMs. We haven't had a Get Vocal this year but we've had Strike Forums which work in the same way. It'll be great to bring them back. We'll need to think of an agenda beforehand so they have structured discussions. I also agree that students may not attend if we hosted one before Christmas.

Ella: We'll be sending out an all student email today with details of the teach out schedule for the strikes - please share this if you can with students!