



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

25 January 2022
12pm - 12pm

Chair: Lucia Rodriguez Pedroso

Agenda

1. Union General Meeting
2. SU Spring Election
3. LGBTQIA+ History Month
4. AOB

Apologies:

In attendance: Lucia Rodriguez Pedroso, Hisham Pryce-Parchment, Ankunda, Krizzel Mapaye, Rbeeza Mobeen, Lena Koch, Maxine Mallon, Alfie Makepeace, Ellora Singh

1. Union General Meeting

Jack: Our term 2 Union General Meeting will be taking place on Thursday 10th February. If anyone has anything they'd like to propose for this meeting please make sure you submit your proposal by 12pm Thursday 3rd February. The meeting will be held online again with the same external Chair as per our last meeting.

2. SU Spring Election

Jack: Nominations open for the SU Spring Election from Monday 7th February! If you're interested in running for a role you can start preparing your manifesto now, and if you know anyone you think would be a good fit for any of our roles please encourage them to apply! Students might ask you questions about your role or working in the SU; even if you're thinking of rerunning please give students honest and helpful answers and don't tell them you're thinking about rerunning as that could put them off - healthy competition is good. If anyone has any ideas for election engagement activities please do let me know! I'll be organising activities over the next few weeks and will be sending out emails to invite you all to take part, please do let me know if you'd like to be involved!

3. LGBTQIA+ History Month

A general discussion was had about the upcoming plans for LGBTQIA+ History Month, as led by Krizzel and Alfie. Krizzel encouraged all officers to plan events if they wanted to - there was no need to go through them first. Ankunda also raised that there will be a late licence, themed to Queer Prom.

4. AOB

Lucia: TELSOC (Teaching and Learning Student Outcome Committee) have approved how exams will run this year for UG and PG courses. All exams will now be an open book, 3 question, 24 hour exam. There will be centralised marking guidelines which will be available to all students.

Krizzel: Will the university support disabled students with these changes? A group complaint was lodged last year as the university didn't include SIDs and SIPs for exams.

Lucia: SOAS is saying that the 24 hour period given is inclusive of extra time as you should only be spending 3 hours on the exam. They tried to introduce 48 hour exams but this resulted in too many clashes for those students and other issues (e.g. some students can't do an exam on Saturdays). The timeframe for exams is set by the Office for Students so SOAS can't extend the exam period.

Lucia and Krizzel will take a report on this to SOAS Academic Board.

Arianna: Part-time students are confused about what fees they need to pay and when; reminders from the school would be useful. Some students have also had their fees raised

by higher than the safeguarded maximum increase percentage. *Lucia to chase this case with the school.*