



Minutes of the GSA Executive Committee meeting held on Friday 20th March at 16.00 in W/135

Present:

Dan Carr (President)
Dan Horsfall (Welfare Officer)
Richard Rhodes (Internal Officer)
Tom Flynn (Treasurer)
Richard Mitchell (Events Officer)
Jay Walker (Press & Publicity Officer)
Kath Mildon (Sports Officer)
Samik Datta (Sports Officer)
Rubab Satti (Overseas Officer)
Chitvan Bochiwal (Overseas Officer)
Rachel Hope (Events Officer)
Kitty Wicker (Events Officer)

In attendance:

Tom Scott (YUSU President)
Charlie Leyland (YUSU Academic and Welfare Officer)
Tom Langrish (YUSU Chair of Union Council)
Ben Humphreys (YUSU Welfare Officer-elect)
Peter Medley (YUSU LGBT Officer-elect)

Apologies:

Eva Fairnell (Part-Time Students' Officer)
Ian Darlington (Graduate Representative to Senate)

New constitution

Richard Mitchell, Tom Flynn, and Daniel Carr gave a presentation on behalf of the Governance Working Group, outlining the major features and changes of the draft for the new GSA constitution. Questions were then taken, and the Executive agreed to endorse the principles underpinning the new constitution, subject to the following changes being made:



1. The wording of the schedule on membership of Association Council needed to be changed, to clarify whether one person can represent multiple categories of membership.
2. There should be a Postgraduate Who Teaches representative, a Racial Equality representative, and a Women's representative on Association Council. It should also be stipulated that each of the relevant representatives shall 'usually sit' on the appropriate committees to the groups they are representing.
3. The Facilities Officer's workload should be folded into the Finance Officer's role, and coordinating GCRCs should be the duty of the Services Officer.
4. The Communities, Charities and Volunteering Officer, and the Communications Officer, require full job descriptions.
5. The Welfare, Equality and Diversity Committee requires full exposition in the Constitution.
6. The quoracy for the Board of Trustees should be 6 members, including at least one principal officer and one external trustee.
7. There should be a voluntary Campaigns Officer position created.
8. The duty to represent students at academic appeals should primarily befall the Academic Affairs Officer and the Welfare Officer, with the President also performing this role 'as necessary'.
9. All representative positions on Association Council should be provided with relevant welfare training.
10. Schedule 6.1(c) should be tidied up.
11. The Chair of Association Council should be elected from ordinary members, not from Council itself.

The following questions for were also raised, to be further explored:

1. Should principal officers be allowed to opt out of Trustee status?

Other Matters

1. The Executive agreed to grant honorary life membership to Tom Langrish, for his contribution to our recent elections and the process of drafting the new constitution.



2. The Executive agreed to grant honorary life membership to Will Pyman, for his contribution to GSA sport during his time as an Officer of the Association.