



Graduate Students' Association Council Meeting Minutes - Wednesday 10th February 2022

Date: Thursday 10th February 2022

Time: 5:30pm

Location: Zoom

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Attendance</u>						
		15.1	25.0	10.0	15.	17.0	17.0	23.0
		2.20	1.20	2.20	03.	5.20	7.20	8.20
		21	22	22	202	22	22	22
Sabbatical Officers								
President	Viviane Yuxin Cao							
VP Wellbeing and Community	JiaYing Tan							
VP Academic	Ekansh Kapoor							
Part-Time Officers								
Chair of Council	Aaryan Singh Bisht							
International Students' Officer	Ashish Garg							
Participation Officer	Ksenia Horoshenkova							
Sports Officer	Rachita IJ							

Volunteering Officer	Alonge Ifeoluwa Ololade	Green		Green				
Colleges Officer	Rohan Toke	Green						
PGT Students' Officer	Trisha Singh	Green	Orange	Orange				
MRes Students' Officer	Vacant	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
PhD Students' Officer	Rajat Sharma	Orange	Green	Green				
BAME Students' Officer	Antariksh Kudal	Green						
LGBTQ+ Students' Officer	Evelyn Oldham	Green	Green	Green				
Disabled Students' Officer	Man Li	Green						
Women's and Non-Binary Students' Officer	Naschla Aburman	Green	Green	Green				
Student Parents Guardians and Careers' Officer	Alexandra Hold	Orange	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Distance Learning Students' Officer	Roheel Mahmood	Green	Green	Green				
Working Class Officer	Debayan Dey	Green		Green				
Religions/Faith Officer	Ike David Chimdindu	Green						
Sustainability Officer	Widya Hapsari	Green						

Online Learning Students' Officer	Barry McGuire							
Part - Time Students' Officer	Rany Bargouthi							
GTA Officer	Vacant							
Faculty Representatives								
Arts and Humanities	Daniel Lock							
Sciences	Rachitha IJ							
Social Sciences	Chenyang Song							

Agenda

1. Welcome & Apologies

In the absence of the Council Chair, the Clerk asked whether there are any volunteers to be the temporary Chair. As the Deputy Chair of the last week LGBTQ+ Students' Officer nominated themselves and it was seconded by other members. Evelyn Oldham took over the chairing responsibilities for the meeting and welcomed members of the group. Apologies were received from Aaryan Singh Bisht, Ashish Garg, Widya Hepsari, Alonge Ifeoluwa Ololade and Chenyang Song and the agenda was adopted.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting- 25th January 2021

- Women/Trans/Non-Binary Students' Officer raised the discrepancy they feel their title has and stated that 'LGBTQ' already covers Trans in its acronym. They also raised a question of why the consensus of having an emergency meeting is recorded in the minutes.
- The Welbeing and Community Officer mentioned that they have raised the title issue with a staff member over email and because that staff member was sick due to Covid, they were unable to resolve it or find an explanation.
- The clerk stated that the role started as Womens' and Non-Binary and the title was changed last year following a motion that was brought to council and passed. It is

reminded that they can bring that motion back with amendments or write a counter motion to change the title of the role.

The clerk also explained that even though verbally there was an agreement on having an emergency meeting to discuss the decision of the group on Industrial Action, council members did not follow the procedure on calling for one even though they were provided with the procedural information of how to call an emergency council meeting (they were provided with the relevant By-Law). Hence the Sabbatical Officers decided to act and call an extraordinary council meeting to provide council members with the opportunity to decide on the matter.

Minutes of the previous meeting approved to be a true record.

3. Matters Arising

No matters arising noted

4. Sabbatical Officer Scrutiny & Support

Due to the emergency of the meeting, Sabbatical Officers did not provide any officer report.

5. Information and Options Paper for Council Members on Industrial Action

This item is noted as read and the chair opened the floor for questions.

Womens/Trans and Non-Binary Students' Officer comments on the quality of the document but states that pension disputed was not provided on page 5 of the document. The Online Students' Officer notes that the UCU leaflet was from 2020, not 2021, and it is explained by the author of the paper that it is a clerical error. The officer also noted that the paper was thorough and very useful.

The Clerk explained that the paper opens up with the history of the dispute and it starts with pension issues - they do not want to repeat the same arguments down below as the document is quite lengthy already.

6. Motion to Support Industrial Action

The proposer of the motion talked through the motion and reasons for their proposal.

Womens/Trans and Non-Binary Students' Officer states that the pension dispute was not given enough weight in the proposal and the Online Students' Officer agrees and suggests that it might be slightly amended before voting.

There is a slight discussion about whether pensions are given enough importance in the motion and it is reminded to the council members that the current motion includes

pension and it can be elaborated in the statement that would be provided by the Sabbatical Officers if council members pass this motion.

The Chair moves the motion for a vote and 87% of members that are present in the meeting support the motion. The motion to support the industrial action is passed.

7. Any Other Business (AOB)

The working policy group is reminded and is told that there will be some progress on this by the next meeting. The chair ends the meeting.