



Graduate Students' Association Council Meeting Agenda and Papers - Tuesday 15th March 2022

Date: Tuesday 15th March 2022

Time: 5:30pm

Location: Zoom

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Attendance</u>						
		15.1 2.20 21	25.0 1.20 22	10.0 2.20 22	15. 03. 202 2	17.0 5.20 22	17.0 7.20 22	23.0 8.20 22
Sabbatical Officers								
President	Viviane Yuxin Cao	Green	Green	Green	Green			
VP Wellbeing and Community	JiaYing Tan	Green	Green	Green	Orange			
VP Academic	Ekansh Kapoor	Green	Green	Green	Green			
Part-Time Officers								
Chair of Council	Aaryan Singh Bisht	Green	Red	Red	Red			
International Students' Officer	Ashish Garg	Green	Orange	Orange				
Participation Officer	Ksenia Horoshenkova	Green	Green	Green	Red			
Sports Officer	Rachita IJ	Green		Green	Green			

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

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 council members would be happy for the Deputy Chair to chair the meeting and it was approved unanimously. Evelyn Oldham took over the chairing responsibilities for the meeting and welcomed members of the group. Apologies were received from Aaryan Singh Bisht, Antariksh Kudal, Alexandra Hold, Jiaying Tan and Rohan Toke and the agenda was adopted.

2. [Minutes of the Previous Meeting-10 February 2022](#)

The minutes of the previous meeting got approved without any amendments.

3. Matters Arising

No matters arising have been noted

4. Sabbatical Officer Scrutiny & Support

a. [Presidents Report](#)

The president provided a short verbal update of their progress from the previous council meeting on 25 January 2022 which was the last ordinary council meeting.

b. [VP Academic Report](#)

The VP Academic provided a short verbal update of their progress from the previous council meeting on 25 January 2022 which was the last ordinary council meeting.

c. [VP Wellbeing & Community Report](#)

Since the VP wellbeing was not present in the meeting, the report was taken as read and noted and there was only one comment about the length of the document. Council members felt that the report might be a little longer and detailed.

5. New General Business

a. [Amendments to Articles and By-laws](#)

The proposer of the motion provided a background of the work that was undertaken by the Governance and Policy subgroup and listed the changes that were made in the governing documents for council members information.

[The Online Students' Officer](#)

- [Link to the By-laws Document](#)

The Online Students' Officer explained the minor changes made in the bylaws and stated that all bylaws are collated into a single document, repetitions were removed and wording of the bylaws aligned.

- [Link to the Articles of Association Document](#)

As for the Articles of Association The Online Students' Officer outlined the minor changes made in the document. These are:

- Changing "company" to "association" for making the article accessible for members.
- The references to a certain "act" is clarified by giving the full title of the act so that it is not open for interpretation/confusion (ie Education Act, Charities Act, Companies Act)
- There can be "a maximum of 4" sabbatical officers added in order to avoid any changes in the near future and still meet the needs if any more sabbatical officers is required than the current number.
- Article 16 was changed and updated completely as it was not compliant with the law with regards to mental health.

- Student trustee elections - "Twice in a year" added so that not only September intake but also January intake can participate in the elections.
- There was work to get rid of gendered language over the last academic year, this time it is completely removed.

The deputy chair thanked the proposer and opened the room for comments. The VP Academic thanked for the changes and the clarity these changes provides not only for council but also for the membership in general.

The president praised the work undertaken and asked whether electing student trustees should be done only once in a year for ease of adaptation and training purposes. Pointing out the sector standards, the president addressed that they would like to get their salary reviewed and increased. The VP Academic stated their agreement and compared their salaries with Sabbs in other SUs nationwide.

Comments were taken but no amendments were proposed to change the current motion. The motion is divided into two for the voting purposes as the changes in bylaws and articles of association have different requirements of the number of votes necessary to pass them (2/3rd and $\frac{3}{4}$ respectively).

- b. [Academic Appeals - Allow second opinions in matters of academic judgement](#)
 - [Second Opinions: Academic Judgement and Taught Student Academic Appeals](#)
- 6. Any Other Business (AOB)**
- [Bookable slots with the Representation and Democracy Coordinator](#)