# MINUTES

# General Meeting

# 11/11/2021

There will be a meeting of the Students’ Union General Meeting on **Thursday 11th November 2021** from **5:00pm via Microsoft Teams.**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

* 1. Members Present

Nela Cadinanos Gonzalez NG Union President

Alyson MacKay AM VP Communities

Sophie Charlton SC Sport President

Calum Brown CB VP Education

Caitlin Turner CT Sustainability Officer

Lewis Shaw LS Equalities Officer (Disabled)

Anuoluwapo Adegbola  AA International Officer

Sanhita Gokhale SG Arts Officer

Juliette Oliveras JO Sports Communication Officer

Ordinary Member OM

1.2 In Attendance

1.3 Observers

Rosamund Vickers RV Democracy and Representation Coordinator

Elaine Shepard ES Activities and Volunteers Coordinator

1.4 Apologies

1.5 Absent without Apologies

**MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING**

2.1 Adopting minutes of the previous meeting

**CHALLENGES TO ORDER OF PAPER**

**DATES TO NOTE**

5.1 Movember – November

5.2 RATE Awards Launched – 17th November

5.3 International Students Day – 17th November

5.4 Equalities Zone – 18th November

5.5 International Men’s Day – 19th November

5.6 Education Zone – 25th November

5.7 16 Days of Action – 26th November to 10th December

5.8 Sports Zone – 2nd December

**Elections & Resignations**

6.1 NUS Delegate Election (3 remaining delegates to be elected)

Candidates: Ugonna Oleh, Umm Sulaim Iman Taqwa, Ida Caspary

Elected: Ugonna Oleh, Umm Sulaim Iman Taqwa, Ida Caspary

**REPORTS / PRESENTATIONS**

7.1 Union President

NG Members of Race Equality Steering Group with VP Communities, University is expanding membership, any student who is an ethnic minority should contact us if they are interested in joining. Held first Equalities Zone meeting, unfortunately still not candidates for Equalities Officer for BAME or LBGTQ+ students. Promoting COP26 activities on campus as well as the Stirling Climate Festival. Successful Open Forum between students and senior University staff regarding sustainability. Working with Careers and Employability on sustainability and their practices. Ongoing work on recycling campaign. Working with Health and Wellbeing Officer on events regarding wellbeing. Attended Court Strategy day with VP Communities. Signed the Students’ Union up to the Wellbeing Economy Alliance.

7.2 VP Education

CB Campus central progress is ongoing, it should be opening at the end of November. Contributed to the Time Capsule and its contents to mark the new building. Working with Health and Wellbeing Officer on expanding the Wellbeing space in the library. Almost all Faculty Officer positions are all filled and trained. First Education Zone took place with good discussion with students. If covid-19 rates stay the same or decrease, we should see an increase in in-person learning next semester. Pushing the University to review Ordinance 2, but process has been slow and challenging. Partnered with Student Learning Services to highlight the dangers of contract cheating.

7.3 VP Communities

AM 16 Days of Action campaign plan ongoing, with 7 different events. Undertaking STEER captain training. Ongoing work with the Housing Officer regarding securing more affordable housing for students in Stirling. Working with fellow Part Time Officers in the Communities Zone. Supporting the Big Night In campaign. Working on a sensory room being set-up on campus.

7.4 Sports President

SC Almost 2000 members within the Sports Union. All BUCS matches have taken place. Transport for Sports clubs has been an issue, but we have been identifying alternative travel providers. Held a New Clubs Workshop in September, with 3 new clubs created from this: Darts, Shinty, and Table Tennis. For Black History month we were able to interview two black athletes so we could share their experiences as athletes on our social media channels. We have also interviewed the Movember ambassadors, and this will be shared soon. So far, the Movember campaign has raised around £6000. She Can, She Will campaign had good engagement. The Rainbow Laces campaign will begin soon, which celebrates LBGTQ+ athletes.

**DISCUSSION AND DECISION TOPICS**

8.1 Printed Publicity Motion

CB Presents the motion.

NG Any in favour?

CT Having had the elections run successfully online without printed publicity, this has shown us we do not need as high level of printing and previous years. Also ensures we meet our sustainability goals as a Union.

No questions or comments against.

For – 55

Against – 1

Abstain – 4

The motion is passed.

8.2 Education Zone Officers Motion

CB Presents the motion.

NG Any in favour?

AM I believe this could bring in greater representation. As a young carer in the past, I think this could help support these students and their experience.

No questions or comments against.

For – 61

Against – 0

Abstain – 1

The motion is passed.

8.3 Making Plant Milk Convenient Motion

AM Presents the motion.

NG Any questions?

OM How do you decide which plant milk is sustainable?

AM The Union considers the carbon footprint of each produce and make appropriate choices based on this information, as well as the ethical production, such as Fairtrade.

NG Any in favour?

CT We are very aware of our carbon footprint as individuals now, and this can be a good move to incentivise individuals to consider other options and reward people for being sustainable but not punishing individuals for consuming dairy.

For – 56

Against – 7

Abstain – 2

The motion is passed.

**RESERVED BUSINESS**

No reserved business.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

9.1 17th February 2022 at 5pm via Microsoft teams.