

Policy and Campaigns Committee Meeting 3 Agenda

7 December 2018

Chair: Rosie McKenna

Co Chair: Molly Houghton

Secretary: MS

Who	Agenda	Status/Action
RM	Welcome, chairs' announcements and apologies Chair opened the meeting at 5:30pm, welcomed everyone and addressed apologies. In attendance: Tom, Kathryn, Rosie, Rebecca, Molly, Yotam, Yasmin, RM, BW, LM, DB.	
RM	Approval of minutes from last meeting Chair asked if everyone approves the minutes of the last meeting. Objection raised with regards to the spelling of names by Ben and Tom.	Action: In the previous minutes, make the following name changes: Benjamin to Ben, and use Tom instead of Thomas. Status: Approved, pending changes.
BW	Officer report - President This report is an update on what the President has been working on.	Status: Approved.
LM	Officer report – Academic This report is an update on what the VP Academic has been working on. LM provides an overview: SLTAs last year's record has been broken.	Status: Approved.

	<p>Rep social attended by over 22 students, along with John Cater.</p> <p>Bex has been featured in the degree magazine.</p>	
DB	<p>Officer report – Activities</p> <p>This report is an update on what the VP Activities has been working on.</p> <p>Dan provides an overview and mentions that the first round of Coach fund has finished. Tom raised the point that it would be good to have training sessions focused towards promoting fitness.</p> <p>Dan responded that this has already been mentioned and is being looked into. It is intended to make the process as equal as possible for all teams.</p> <p>Question raised with regards to the provision of Coach funding and whether using that is the main way to reach out to committee members.</p> <p>DB: Lunch hour (12-1pm) is usually the best time to engage.</p>	Status: Approved.
RM	<p>Officer report – Welfare</p> <p>This report is an update on what the VP Welfare has been working on. She provides an overview of the work she has undertaken, for example, the faith forums and the housing fair, with details in the report.</p>	Status: Approved.

LM	<p>Proposed policy - Elections Committee</p> <p>Presented by LM</p> <p>The Returning officer will be someone appointed by the NUS. The deputy staff members would be Conrad and David. There will be a student election committee of which the Chair is a Sabb. It has been proposed that this person be Ben. There would be four positions in the committee.</p> <p>BW: Has it got to be four?</p> <p>DB: Is that inclusive for elected reps?</p> <p>LM: It is suggested that the number be four, reps would be able to put themselves forward. Bex raised a question about the gender balance of the committee, as both the deputy returning officers are straight, white males.</p> <p>RM: The union has no gender balancing policy on anything. The student election committee is a way to further involve students voice in the elections process and improve diversity.</p> <p>DB emphasized that it would be good to open it up to everyone so as to make the process inclusive.</p> <p>LM: Limit of constitution posits that the positions only go out to elected students.</p>	<p>Proposed Recommendation:</p> <p>Consider the possibility of including a female deputy returning officer.</p> <p>Status: Approved, pending update from the deputy returning officers.</p>
RM	Proposed policies for NUS Conference	Status: All policies

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ #StopSpiking ➤ Smash the Class ceiling; abolish audition fees ➤ Supporting Officers dealing with Student Suicide <p>RM discusses the policies she wishes to take to the NUS Conference on behalf of Edge Hill students. To clarify, the committee is asked to approve the first policy, and vote to approve for her to work on the other two. The final sign off for these would be in January, or whenever the committee meets again.</p> <p>DB asks a question about the spiking campaign; whether it is intended that other products, aside from the spikes, are included in the campaigns.</p> <p>RM states that it would include other products.</p> <p>Bex asks where these policies would sit.</p> <p>RM explains that Students' Unions direct the policy work of the NUS, so these policies, if passed, would dictate the future priorities of the NUS.</p> <p>Tom asks a question regarding the second policy: Is there any justification for these audition fees?</p> <p>RM: It's just to make money.</p> <p>Molly mentions an example of her own experience of these fees. You can only participate in auditions if you can pay for</p>	<p>approved, pending the addition of other products in the stop spiking campaign.</p>
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	<p>them. The system is elitist.</p> <p>RM: In theatre, there's a big problem with the class ceiling.</p> <p>Molly: Drama school can be very expensive.</p> <p>The Vice-Chair, Molly, asks for the vote to approve the first policy and sign off for Rosie to work on the other two.</p>	
BW	<p>Proposed policy: Democratic Engagement</p> <p>BW presents the policy.</p> <p>Catherine raises objection about the proposition that part time officers' roles be eliminated.</p> <p>BW points out that this was just to test whether committee members actually read the papers.</p> <p>That part is formally withdrawn. The rest of the policy is an update on what Ben has been working on.</p>	
DB	<p>Proposed policy: Post Conference Reports</p> <p>DB presents the policy.</p> <p>BW suggests a time limit for the completion of the post conference reports.</p> <p>LM: 6 weeks would be too long.</p> <p>DB: 30 days?</p> <p>RM explains that the Union sends students to</p>	<p>Status: Approved, including amendment and time-frame.</p>

	<p>conferences as it is a learning opportunity</p> <p>Katherine: how does one express interest in attending conferences?</p> <p>RM: Students can get in touch with us if they come across an event or a conference which would help them run campaigns at Edge Hill. There is a campaigns budget in the Union.</p> <p>RM explains the role of enablers at events.</p> <p>LM: Can enablers vote?</p> <p>RM: They're not there to take part, only to help out.</p> <p>LM clarifies what the policy proposes, every conference that students go to, they'll have to do a report for it.</p> <p>RM emphasizes that as NUS delegate, you're responsible for representing the students on your campus.</p> <p>Bex: Would we have to send our reports to our committee for approval?</p> <p>RM: Yes.</p> <p>Putting a time-scale for it: 30 days. It does not have to be a formally written report. Any format (vlogs, videos) would be welcome.</p> <p>Molly proposes the following amendment: It should be allowed that a joint report be submitted.</p>	
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	As amended, the policy has been passed unanimously.	
RM	<p>Any other business</p> <p>Ben shares the document containing the Union's official email addresses for part time officers and asks members to take note of these.</p> <p>LM raises the question regarding the motions of censure and commendation, to check if that's applicable for all members of the committee.</p> <p>A motion has been proposed by LM - As a committee, the DHM should get a formal commendation.</p> <p>RM explains the policy of censure and commendation.</p> <p>Katherine makes the point that it is how a commendation is made or worded, that matters. It should be done on a case by case basis.</p> <p>RM: They should be able to receive commendation as long as it's not political.</p> <p>Before a motion of censure or commendation is suggested, the premise of it should be discussed.</p> <p>Bex asks for an example.</p> <p>RM provides an example from how this has worked in the NUS.</p>	<p>Commendation and censure procedure approved.</p> <p>The commendation passes unanimously.</p>

	<p>Luke presents the case for commending the DHM.</p> <p>The campaign has been very positively received and has been a massive success.</p> <p>DB: It has been the first time ever that a society has had such a positive impact.</p> <p>Chair asks if everyone is in favour of commending the Disabled students' officer for all their hard work.</p>	
RM	<p>Closing remarks (date for the next meeting)</p> <p>9th of January.</p> <p>Apologies from Katherine.</p> <p>Tom, Yasmine might not be here.</p> <p>The meeting may not meet quorum.</p> <p>RM recommends that as most people would not be able to attend the upcoming meeting, it may be a good idea to cancel the next meeting and do an email vote, or use facebook poll.</p> <p>DB: round of applause for this being a short one.</p> <p>(Duration of meeting: 45 min)</p> <p>The Chair closes the meeting.</p>	<p>Action: Contact the committee regarding what date and how the next meeting will take place.</p>

