10th January 2020 Meeting Minutes

Members Present:
James Pheasey (JP) President (Chair)
Georgina Pittman (GP) Activities Officer
Jacob Collier (JC) Community Officer
Cassie Ulrich (CU) Education Officer
Myles Smith-Thompson (MST) Equal Opportunities and Welfare Officer
Abdi Ahmed (AA) Postgraduate Officer
Millie Doherty (MD) Sports Officer

In Attendance:
Chloe Durack-Robinson (CDR) Officer Receptionist (Secretary)
Phil Smith (PS) Director of Social Enterprise

19.22.

1 Welcome, Apologies & Quoracy
.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that the meeting was quorate.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Action Log
.1 The Committee noted the updated Action Log.
.2 19.20.2.6 and 19.21.5.3 are complete and will be removed.

3 Officer Updates
.1 JP updated that the University Executive Board endorsed proposed changes to the Articles of Association and Code of Practice.
.2 GP attended a meeting of the International Women’s Day Planning Group and expressed enthusiasm for the planned week of events culminating on the 8th March.
.3 GP will be launching the updated STARS guide shortly along with a case study for students to use as an example.
.4 GP highlighted the Refreshers Discover Nottingham Fair and encouraged Officer attendance.
.5 JC updated that he will be launching the Marks Out of Tenancy project with Nottingham Trent University.
.6 JC highlighted that will be holding a Flatmate Finder event and encouraged Officer attendance.
.7 MS expressed enthusiasm for the upcoming term and the three significant projects he will be working on.
.8 MD updated the Committee on Varsity planning.

4 Trustee Board Update
.1 The Committee noted JP’s update of the January Trustee Board Meeting.
.2 JP expressed enthusiasm for the new strategy and how this will work well with the Democracy Review.
.3 The Committee noted that Trustee Board approved changes to the Articles based on the NUS Model Articles and the Democracy review, and called a General Meeting to approve these changes.

5 Democracy Review
.1 The Committee noted that various structural models have been proposed based on the findings of the Democracy Review and the Committee will be discussing them over the course of the next week.
.2 JP explained that feedback upon the proposed model will be gathered from the Union’s Standing Committees for consultation and a referendum on the new model will be triggered along with a General Meeting after these consultations.

6 Jawaharlal Nehru University
.1 JP updated the committee of the situation at Jawaharlal University where striking students and staff have been targeted by masked attackers.
.2 JP explained that students have requested public SU support for a petition condemning the attacks.
.3 The Committee agreed to share the student’s petition.

7 Vending Machines
.1 PS joined the meeting.
.2 PS updated on the installation of a free vending machine for drug testing kits, sanitary product, and condom distribution, and requested some funding to help cover the costs of the machine.
.3 PS left the meeting.
.4 The Committee discussed that this follows from a student Policy and agreed to contribute £650 of its Initiatives Budget to cover half of the cost of the machine.

8 EP3 Discussion
.1 The Committee emphasised the importance of a more visible and engaging election period given it will be the first election with the new democratic procedures.
.2 The Committee endorsed pursing a larger scale event for Results Night.
.3 The Committee agreed that JC will be taking the lead on delivering this.
.4 GP suggested more interactive elements, for example a quiz to suggest which candidate students align most with.

9 Any Other Business
.1 The Committee agreed to pay to tune the Union Piano on B floor, though this should come out of a maintenance budget in future.
.2 The Committee agreed to seek out funding for the LGBT+ Officer’s upcoming project. The Committee agreed to cover the costs if alternative funding is not possible. CU will be leading on this.

Date of Next Meeting: 17 January 2020
Chair of Next Meeting: Myles Smith-Thompson