
Minutes

Student Assembly

Tuesday 24th October 2023 at 5pm

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendance:

NAME	OFFICERS POSITION
Madhoo Preetha Damaraju	Gender, Diversity and Inclusion Officer
Morgan Hadley-Charter	LGBTQ+ Officer
Shashank Manjunatha	Community Living Officer
Kiara Jayasuriya Kuranage	BME Officer
Ana Monica Santos Pereira	CBASS Officer
Dr Naveed Zakirhusen	CHMLS Officer
Suraj Shaw	CEDPS Officer
Fabyeon Burgess-Yearwood	Disabled Students office
Daksh Parihar	International Students Officer
Dwisha Jain	NUS delegate
PIYUSH THAKUR	PG Officer
DELIA STOICAN	EU Officer
URJA SURESH NAVALE	NUS Delegate
MAHIMA BARAGI	NUS Delegate
MUZAMIL AHMAD	Student Assembly (Community)
HASEEN RAIHAN	Student Assembly (Community)
MUHAMMAD AHMAD	Student Assembly (Community)
ZUHAD ALI	Student Assembly (Community)
UTKARSH PASHANKAR	Student Assembly (Community)
ABHISHEK GHAWATE	Student Assembly (Community)
DEEPAK YADAV	Student Assembly (Community)
Vishal Parihar	Student Assembly (Community)
MALLIKARJUN MODI	Student Assembly (Community)
HARIS KHAN	Student Assembly (Community)
SURABHI NANDA	Student Assembly (Community)
MUHAMMAD ASHHAR	Student Assembly (Community)
VAIBHAV SHARMA	Student Assembly (Community)
SIYA GARG	Student Assembly (Community)
KATE KAREN D'SOUZA	Student Assembly (Community)
UMANG SAMANI	Student Assembly (Business School)
JASH NAYANKUMAR MISTRY	Student Assembly (Brunel Design School)
SABARNI MUKHOPADHYAY	Student Assembly (Law)
PREKSHI SINGH	Student Assembly (Life Sciences)
Mohammad Ashabul Haque (Raad)	Student Assembly (Computer Sciences)

SHUBHAM BHANUDAS GAIKWAD	Student Assembly (Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering)
SIDARTH TEWANI	Chair of Student Assembly

Apologies:

NEHAL ALAM	Student Assembly (Economics and Finance)
RAYANUDDIN MOHAMMED	Student Assembly (Electronic and Computer Engineering)

2. Minutes of the previous meeting – Thursday 18th May 2023

Minutes were approved.

3. Matters Arising

No matters arising.

4. Motions to change Bye-laws

No motions to change Bye-laws.

5. Motions

No motions.

6. Ratification of Independent Trustee

No trustees to ratify.

CL - we've interviewed two people. We have one more to interview on the 1st of November, so we'll be bringing it back to the next assembly meeting after that, if that's OK. Thank you.

7. Officer Reports –

FT officers presented a presentation notifying members of what they have been up to:

- Attended NUS leading change, which was absolutely great because we were able to discuss with other offices of other unions. (ALL)
- Cost of living - We've had a cost-of-living week as well and if you guys have any ideas related to cost of living, obviously that's something we also want to discuss in the assembly because it's always good to try to figure it out what will work better for the students. (ALL)
- Men's mental health because we do discuss a lot about mental health, but it's also important to focus on certain areas that are missing right now. (SS/SM)
- In GMOs there is one of the issues that some courses don't are not accredited. Working on getting accreditation to that course. Talking with library continuously to. (NS)
- Cyber Security Awareness Campaign - soon promoting on the website and the page. (SS)
- Men's mental health - It's a four-month campaign and it's week. We'll have different plans of including sports societies and even normal flooding societies and work with the NHS. (SS/SM)

- Increase more veg and cuisine options on campus that has been implemented from September 10th.(AP)
- Introducing bilingual mental health service on campus by giving voluntary opportunities for our current psychology students. This is actually on the going right now. It's a bit stop because the person went for their vacation in this time. (AP)
- A campaign linking sports and mental health so there are two parts that campaign. One of it is reaching out all the clubs and sports that are already playing to give them a separate way of reaching out to them and providing them support. And there's also another way that the other group of people who are already dealing with mental health issues to get them more involved in sports. (SM)
- Addressing a lot of accommodation issues throughout September, but most of those are sorted now. (SM)
- Small campaigns with security trying to reach out to head of security and make students aware of what security does on campus and what services they provide so that they can be better used and. (SM)

PT Officer verbal reports given by:

- **Disabled students officer submitted written report – Appendix 2.**
- **Gender Diversity and Inclusion Officer –**
 - Had a discussion with the EDI regarding upcoming campaigns that are planned.
- **LGBTQ+ Officer –**
 - Had discussions with the LGBTQ society. We made a video on socials and we want to continue to do so about other identities.
 - A campaign that I wanted to do is to ask a client campaign. It's quite similar to ask Angela. Educational posters and stuff in the toilets to have the venue staff trained, so need to speak to Steph.
 - Transgender Awareness Week. Last year Kira made some videos about educational purposes. Reached out to the society for that which I will be meeting tomorrow and to get a bit more of a brainstorm.
- **International Students Officer –**
 - Involved in deploying and execution of the one Brunel event, Navratri which was a major success from the Union side.
 - Planning the Diwali event as well. It's coming up in a month.
 - Helped a couple of students and guided them for the registration process.
 - Meet with VO to discuss ideas and more agendas on how we can improve all the other international communities as well.
- **PG Officer –**
 - Working with some of the students and they're having problem with their classes. They're having classes all five days and they're not happy with that. Conducted a survey in the classes to see how many students want the classes to Monday to Wednesday.

- **EU Officer –**
 - Trying to understand how many EU students we have at Brunel.
 - Focus on raising awareness to what funding is available for them as those of you know, they do not get SFE funding. So, what are the other choices or what other countries can provide for them.
 - Focus more on trying to have more international events with European as well.

8. Student Matters – Agenda items below moved to next meeting due to time restraints.

- 8a) Unitu – How its going? Updates from dept reps?
- 8b) Union Disciplinary hearing Panel discussion.
- 8c) Elections 2024, should we try different timings?
- 8d) Suggestion for future topics to discuss.

9. Urgent Business

EU officer raised issue of being able to book moot room. Suggested action was to liaise with AP and someone senior in CBASS to get resolution.

- **END** -