
Minutes

Student Assembly

Tuesday 12th December 2023

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendance:

NAME	OFFICERS POSITION	
Morgan Hadley-Charter	LGBTQ+ Officer	Online
Shashank Manjunatha	Community Living Officer	Person
Ana Monica Santos Pereira	CBASS Officer	Online
Dr Naveed Sabugar	CHMLS Officer	Online
Suraj Shaw	CEDPS Officer	Person
Piyush Thakur	PG Officer	Person
Delia Stoican	EU Officer	Online
Muzamil Ahmad	Student Assembly (Community)	Person
Vishal Parihar	Student Assembly (Community)	Person
Abhishek Ghawate	Student Assembly (Community)	Online
Deepak Yadav	Student Assembly (Community)	Online
Muhammad Ashhar	Student Assembly (Community)	Online
Vaibhav Sharma	Student Assembly (Community)	Person
Utkarsh Pashankar	Student Assembly (Community)	Online
Kate Karen D'souza	Student Assembly (Community and Vice Chair)	Person
Umang Samani	Student Assembly (Business School)	Online
Sabarni Mukhopadhyay	Student Assembly (Law)	Online
Prekshi Singh	Student Assembly (Life Sciences)	Online
Rayanuddin Mohammed	Student Assembly (Electronic and Computer Engineering)	Person

Apologies:

Haseen Raihan	Student Assembly (Community)
Muhammad Ahmad	Student Assembly (Community)
Zuhad Ali	Student Assembly (Community)
Shubham Bhanudas Gaikwad	Student Assembly (Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering)
Surabhi Nanda	Student Assembly (Community)
Sidarth Tewani	Chair of Student Assembly
Fabyeon Burgess-Yearwood	Disabled Students office
Daksh Parihar	International Students Officer
Nehal Alam	Student Assembly (Economics and Finance)
Madhoo Preetha Damaraju	Gender, Diversity and Inclusion Officer
Haris Khan	Student Assembly (Community)

Siya Garg	Student Assembly (Community)
Mohammad Ashabul Haque (Raad)	Student Assembly (Computer Sciences)

2. Minutes of the previous meeting – Tuesday 9th November 2023 Appendix 1.

Minutes agreed.

3. Matters Arising

No matters arising.

4. Motions to change Bye-laws – See Appendix 2, 3 and 4.

4a) Vote on Motion to remove byelaws O and N and approve two new Union process documents to replace the Complaints and Disciplinary Processes.

In the last student assembly meeting, we discussed the changes that have been made when reviewing our disciplinary and complaints to streamline them with the University process and make them more transparent. In order to implement these policies, we need to make some changes to the byelaws. These changes are outlined in the motion that was circulated.

A vote was done on Vevox:

- **For:** 93.33%
- **Against:** 0%
- **Abstain:** 6.66%

Motion approved.

It should be noted that one member was having trouble with Vevox and confirmed his vote via the Teams Chat.

It should further be noted that the Vice Chair was not permitted to vote but looking at the bye laws it is not clear as it only mentions the Chair not being able to vote:

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Therefore, the Vice chair was asked how she would vote and she confirmed she would have voted ‘for’ for each matter that was voted on. Therefore 17 members voted (the % above is based on 15 voters on vevox).

5. Motions

N/A

6. Ratification of Independent Trustee - Appendix 5 and 6.

6a) Vote to approve new external Trustee Gurpreet Virk:

- **For:** 75%
- **Against:** 12.5%
- **Abstain:** 12.5%

6b) new external Trustee Arun Sharma:

- **For:** 56.25%
- **Against:** 0%
- **Abstain:** 43.75%

Gurpreet Virk and Arun Sharma have been approved.

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7. **Officer Reports** – Updates not required.

8. **Student Matters**

No student matters. The Campaigns and student engagement co-ordinator introduced herself.

9. **Urgent Business**

No urgent business.