**MINUTES:**

Union Council Meeting – 05/10/2022

**Attendees**

Sol Gjoines

Foysal Mobarock

Mihaela Pecaku

Mitesh Mehta

Avnika Kuvadiya

Tae-Jean Grierson

Patricia dos Reis

Faryal Sohail

**Apologies**
None

**Apologies not received**

Amanda Francis

Charlie Neudeck

**In attendance**

Kara Nutley

1. **Approval of Minutes from last meeting (7th September)**

SG - presented minutes from last meeting

Approved by all

**2. Sabbatical Officer Reports**

**Report by:** Sol Gjøines, President Kent.

**Committees attended since last Union Council meeting:**

n/a

**Update on projects since last Union Council meeting:**

* Sabb promo on Instagram
* Cost of Living - working with UCA to introduce initiatives including free breakfasts in the canteen.
* Blog post for UCA

**Annual leave taken since last Union Council meeting:**

6 days

**Report by:** Foysal Mobarock. President Surrey

**Committees attended since last Union Council meeting:**

EDI Committee

**Update on projects since last Union Council meeting:**

* Canteen Campaign - introduced meal deals for students
* Epsom campus improvements - met with Director of Facilities to discuss painting of benches and planters, currently an issue over whose budget this is coming from
* Cost of Living - working with UCA to introduce initiatives including free breakfasts in the canteen.

**Annual leave taken since last Union Council meeting:**

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Both reports approved by all.

**3. Actions from last meeting**

* *ACTION: ALL of Union Council to read Regulation 5 of the bye-laws* [*https://ucasu.com/union/how-were-run/ucasu-by-laws/*](https://ucasu.com/union/how-were-run/ucasu-by-laws/) *- action removed*
* *ACTION: Kara to bring a draft Sustainability Policy to September Union Council for approval. - not complete. to be bought to november meeting.*

**Update: This is still work in progress**

* *ACTION: Kara to contact PTOs about their aims for the year by the next meeting. - complete 10/08 - no PTO’s have completed*

**Update: PTOs were emailed 10th August to add their aims with a deadline of 2nd September. Incomplete.**

**4. FE Co-opt**

KN explained what the co-opt is and SG explained how to vote.

Canterbury applicant received 7 votes of YES and Charlie Neudeck was elected

Rochester applicant received 8 votes of YES and Rose Reber was elected

There were no applications for Epsom or Farnham so Union Council decided to re-open nominations

***ACTION: KN to liaise with Mihaela and Tae-Jean on doing talks to FE students***

***ACTION: All Epsom and Farnham PTOs plus President Surrey to attempt to find suitable FE candidates to apply.***

**5. Any other business**

KN - Cost of Living update. Should we be doing more? SG suggested focus groups and FM surveying students.

KN - raised issue of Covid and should we mandate the University to be doing more (following student feedback). SG said UCA policy is dictated by the government and at present there is no guidance so difficult to implement.

There was a suggestion around student ideas and for suggestion boxes to be put outside all offices.

**The next meeting is Wednesday 14th December, 2pm, on Teams**