**MINUTES:**

Union Council Meeting – 25/01/2023

**Attendees**

Sol Gjoines

Foysal Mobarock

Mitesh Mehta

Faryal Sohail

Rose Reber

Elyse Anderson

Patricia dos Reis

**Apologies**
Tae-Jean Grierson

**Apologies not received**

Amanda Francis

Avnika Kuvidaya

Charlie Neudeck

Mihaela Pecaku

**In attendance**

Kara Nutley

1. **Approval of Minutes from last two meetings (3rd November and 14th December)**

All approved.

**2. Sabbatical Officer Reports**

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

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

* None

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

* International Student Recruitment - trying to meet with relevant UCA staff to discuss procedures and understand more about the process.
* TEF Student Submission - worked with Kara to produce UCASU’s submission for the TEF Submission.

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

0 days

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

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

* None

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

* Rochester End of Year event initial plans
* Accessibility Audit

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

0 days

Both reports approved by all.

**3. Actions from last meeting**

* *ACTION: Kara to bring a draft Sustainability Policy to September Union Council for approval. - not complete. to be brought to next meeting.****Update: Done***
* *ACTION: KN to circulated previous Actions with Minutes from 03/11/22****Update: Done***
* *ACTION: Foysal to talk to Steve Dickson about meal deals across all campuses****Update: Done but no outcome***
* *ACTION: Foysal/Sol/Kara to feedback to the Cost of Living working group that greater quantities of vegetarian options would be welcomed on the Kent campuses.*
* ***Update: Done***
* *ACTION: Sol to speak to Scott Keiller in Sustainability about bus passes*
* ***Update: Done but no outcome***
* *ACTION: ALL to send any questions to Kara (cost of living)*
* ***Update: Not done***
* *ACTION: Kara to draft a survey (cost of living)*
* ***Update: Not done***
* *ACTION: Housing Guide to be published. Currently been worked on by SU staff.*
* ***Update: In progress***
* *ACTION: FM to alert Philip Powell to the housing scams*
* ***Update: Not done but Philip has since left.***
* *ACTION: SG & FM to send detailed email to Sarah Clark surrounding housing crisis issues*
* ***Update: Done***
* *ACTION: KN to contact Eleanor and introduce to UC*
* ***Update: Done***
* *ACTION: Sol to ask Chris Wraith about funding for Fashion Show*
* ***Update: In progress***
* *ACTION: PDR to send Sol details about the Fashion Show*
* ***Update: In progress***
* *ACTION: Kara to contact Rose and Joey Main (Course Rep) to find a suitable date to meet Maidstone students*
* ***Update: In progress***

**4. Goodbye to some of our PTOs**

Thanks were made to Avnika, Faryal and Mitesh whose time at UCA has come to an end and therefore their term in office.

KN proposed suggestions for replacement PTOs to ensure representation in Epsom and Canterbury.

PDR supported this notion.

MM said that there are students interested in Canterbury who like to take a position. FS agreed that there are Epsom students also keen.

* *ACTION: KN to put suggestions in writing*

**5. Sustainability Policy**

KN presented the first draft of the Union’s Sustainability Policy. It was deemed that because not much time had been given to read over it, KN would email over.

* *ACTION: KN to email draft policy for Officers to consider*

**6. Industrial Action**

KN explained what’s happening with strikes and the potential for a Marking & Assessment Boycott. KN suggested that the Union continue to support the industrial action, monitor the situation and raise students’ feedback.

**7. Bye-Law Change - Approval needed**

Union Council approval is required for an addition to the By-Laws to reflect the temporary Union Council changes.

**Proposal:**

Under ‘1. Union Council’, add 1.6 “"In extraordinary circumstances, there may need to be temporary changes to the officer structure. This will be done at the approval of Union Council"

**Vote: All voted in favour (7)**

* *ACTION: KN to update bye-laws at a convenient point in the year*

**8. Any other business**

Nothing

**The next meeting is Wednesday 26th April, 2pm, on Teams**