**MINUTES:**

Union Council Meeting – 13/07/2022

**Attendees**

Sol Gjoines

Foysal Mobarock

Tae-Jean Grierson

Mitesh Mehta

Avnika Kuvadiya

Faryal Sohail

**Apologies**
Amanda Francis

Mihaela Pecaku

Patricia dos Reis

**1. Sabbatical Officer Report**

Sol and Foysal gave the following updates:

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

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

Fine Art, Craft & Photography and Visual Communications SBoS

FE SBoS

UCA Consent Campaign meeting

Academic Quality Committee

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

Almost fully finished in planning out my campaigns for the next academic year.

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

I was on annual leave from the 28th of June, until the 11th of July.

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

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

FMPA & Games School Board of Study .

School Board of study, Business School .

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

Haven’t got any project so far .

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

Haven’t take any leave since last union council meeting .

**2. Definition of Union Council**

Kara outlined the purpose of Union Council:

* Propose and approve/abstain/deny motions
* Approve/amend policies
* Discuss serious issues that are affecting the student body and how to approach such issues.

***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/)

**3. Elect Chair of Union Council**

Union Council requires a Chair to be elected. Sol put herself forward for the role and was the only one to do so.

Sol will now be the Chair of Union Council for 2022/23.

**4. Does UCASU need a Sustainability Policy?**

The final Union Council meeting of 2021/22 decreed to get rid of UCASU’s ‘Flight Ban’ policy as it wasn’t relevant (<https://ucasu.com/union/how-were-run/ucasu-policies/flight-ban/>). There was a suggestion to include it as part of a Union Sustainability Policy or series of recommendations to the Union.

Sol and Kara explained the NUS Green Impact initiative, we were previously a part of, (it was halted due to cost and staff time) and the need to replace it with something else. Sol also spoke about her Climate Campaign.

A vote was taken and unanimously, 6 to 0 were in favour of UCASU creating a Sustainability Policy.

***ACTION: Kara to bring a draft Sustainability Policy to September Union Council for approval.***

**5. Any other business**

Kara mentioned that the manifesto/campaign planning that started in Officer Induction Week would continue.

***ACTION: Kara to contact PTOs about their aims for the year by the next meeting.***

Kara spoke about the UCASU talks in Welcome Week (19-23 Sept) and the need for the sabbs and as many PTOs as possible to be on hand to present. There are a total of 48 talks that need covering across all four campuses

***ACTION:******Kara to circulate the draft plan for who will be presenting and organise training through Amethyst.***

Faryal, Avnika and Foysal spoke about the issues in the Business School which include overcrowding in lecture theatre after merging September and February intakes; lack of face to face contact for feedback in the GMBM Course and having 6 hour lectures.

***ACTION: Foysal to discuss these issues with Philip Powell, Head of Business School (and Epsom Campus) on Thurs 14th July, 2pm****.*

**The next meeting is Wednesday 10th August at 4pm, on Teams**