

**Student Council  
Monday 20 November 2017  
6pm Hardy Lecture Theatre**

Item No.		Action
	<b>Chairs Business</b>	
1.	Attendees and Apologies JB proposed Ethan Jackson to be Chair of Student Council for this meeting. Clear majority voted EJ. Attendees 42, therefore the meeting was quorum.	
2.	Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed.	
3.	Responses to the matters arising – no matters arising	
	<b>Formal Business</b>	
4.	<b>Other Business</b>	
4.1	Election Update : JB updated the meeting on the By Election and all the current positions available. Plus the timetable of events for the By Election. AGM Update : This meeting was attended by the largest number of students in the SU history, JB thanked all those who attended. The DVC – Jayne Mitchell gave a speech on the Teaching Excellence Framework. 5 motion proposals, 4 were passed and 1 was delayed.	
5.	<b>Motion Proposals</b>	
5.1	Skinner Disabled Toilets – Anonymous These are not properly labelled or signposted, its makes it hard to find even with directions people are still having difficulty locating them. After asking a number of students no one knew about the hoist facticity in Skinner building, this isn't correctly signed. The toilet doesn't have an adequate bin for bodily fluids, pads, and adult changing utensils. So a sanitary bin needs to be provided. There is a bench in there and this is in the way of the hoist. The door could be provided with a radar key, and therefore a porter wouldn't have to be called out. Asking to lobby the University to make these changes and to make the facility better for all those who use it. Vote – overwhelming majority	
6.	<b>Reports</b> <b>Activities Report</b> JF – it's been a difficult month for the hub, had a complete overhaul of the calendar which led to the weekly Monday event being cancelled for one week. Now back on as normal. Also lost 2 members of the hub, and unfortunately they resigned a few days after	

nominations opened for the next By Election. Meaning that those places won't be filled until February 2018 at the earliest. Despite this the remaining officer's workload has increased. JF thanked members of the Exec team who have helped out at events. Had mixed success at events, advertisement is a big problem and has been for a few years. Posters have been going around a lot more. Unfortunately social media has dropped off a bit including Snapchat and Instagram. This month has seen the return of the rebranded BGSU Prinks and ROAR. A special Children in Need event was held and raised £190. Unfortunately these events were lower than last year, although they had a higher attendance. This month has seen the introduction of more family friendly events, a walking bus event to the Christmas Lights switch on. This was to show that not all events are bar and alcohol related. Hope to do more of these in the future.

**Opportunities Report**

CF – a number of RAG events have taken place over the last month, the most recent being events held for Children In Need. An Exec gunging took place; CF thanked Leonard and Sam for being good sports. Also a bucket collection took place throughout the day on campus. Total raised was £301.36. CF thanked everyone for their kind donations. Shane also planning a BG Bake Off completion with a coffee morning on the following day to sell some of the entries. This will be advertised in due course.

Sport -Global UK was a really big success. Also Linc Cricket, which is a women's cricket festival taking place on 2 December. CF congratulated Leonard for all his hard work over the last month.

Volunteering – carrying on with Peer Support programme. CF and JB met with BG Futures to discuss the next Teenage Market, which is taking place on 2 December. Also continuing to work with organisations and promoting volunteering in the run up to Christmas.

**Welfare Report**

JW read the report due to the resignation of the communities' officer. JW thanked the Disability and Sen Representative Bethany Harvey-Crysell, Liberations Officer Joshua Cudmore and Communities Officer Alan Foster, for the continuous hard work and their strengths which they brought to the team, they will be sadly missed. JW wished them all the best in their studies

The past month has seen some great achievements for the welfare hub. These included sanitary bins in men's toilets for trans students,

HIV Testing during national HIV Testing Week, Transgender Day of Remembrance Service which is due to be held on 21 November by the Gender and Sexuality Representative. The Equality Rep has been working on Remembrance Day with the poppy scavenger hunt and Anti Bullying week with the #BG I AM NOT campaign. The welfare officer has been working alongside Gender and Sexuality and CELT to secure teacher-training guides to gender, pronouns and how to approach LGBTQ+ Students which is going very well. Regained the BGSU Welfare Facebook page which is gaining in numbers. Plus securing at the AGM the start of the nightline service which hope will take off very shortly. The Communities officer secured C Card Training and Chlamydia Screening for BGSU Training up members of the executive team and staff team to give out contraception and postal tests.

**Vice President's Report**

JB – thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Due to the resignation of the SU President; JB, members of the Exec team and the SU staff team have been working hard to cover the aspects of the Presidents job role that were not being filled in the Presidents absence. AR has been supporting the Activities hub, JF supporting the Opportunities hub, and JB and JH supporting the Welfare hub. JB has also been attending various meetings and events.

Also been working hard on the current By Election, which has been put together very quickly and successfully. JB thanked AR, JF, LB, The Trustee Board, SU exec & LJ for all the work that they have put in to make this election a success. Three students are running for the President position. Nominations have now closed. The Sabbatical Debate will take place during this meeting. Hustings will place on 21 November. Paper voting will open 22 November at 9am and close on 24 November at 5pm. Ballot boxes will be in the SU, CELT and the Library.

This month we held our AGM which was a resounding success, with the highest recorded attendance at AGM and many important motions were passed and debated. Professor Jayne Mitchell the Deputy Vice Chancellor also attended the meeting to give a speech on TEF.

Also working with the Volunteering Officer on a joint student and staff volunteering campaign to help renovate the Peace Garden over the academic year.

Been looking at why the Exec resignation rate has been so high this year. It currently sits at 65%, which is obviously something that we don't want to happen again. Therefore JB will be researching as to

	<p>why this has happened and presenting the findings to Student Council.</p> <p>Currently working with some students to set up various academic societies. The first one will be a Health and Social Care society set up by Jake Coles. Also working with Erin Peake on a PHD/Doctoral society and also to set up a Debating Society.</p> <p>Working extensively with CELT on 2 campaigns; Women leading change event for the new year, this will be running in conjunction with the universities' Vote 100 campaign.</p> <p>Also hoping to build on the success of last year's survey week</p>	
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Sabbatical Debate</b></p> <p>A lively debate took place between the 3 President candidates: Joe Brammer, Sian Hope-Johnson and Gareth Hughes.</p>	
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>There was no other business.</p>	
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p> <p>Qu. Can students vote by email in the By Election. JB to liaise with AR on this matter.</p>	