

**Student Council  
Monday 30 April 2018  
6pm Hardy Lecture Theatre**

Item No.		Action
	<b>Chairs Business</b>	
1	Attendees and Apologies – meeting was not quorate, so votes will be made by proxy at this meeting.	
2	Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting – the minutes were approved.	
3	Responses to the matters arising – Creation of a SEN safe space – BGSU is going to be working in collaboration with CELT on this. The Peace Garden has been renovated and planted out, JB encouraged everyone to visit it.	
	<b>Formal Business</b>	
4	<p><b>Other Business</b> – Guest Speaker (Allison Webb BG Futures) Graduate Attributes – these have been at BGU for a couple of years now, and are a way of trying to make degrees useful and viable so that employers recognise these when students leave BGU. These include digital information, employability, being enterprising, academic literacies &amp; global. These are used when academics write a degree and need to be part of the degree course. BG Futures would now like to move things forward and build upon on them, and would welcome student input via a focus group. The library utilises these as well when arranging their activities. It's letting employers know that a BGU degree is relevant within the workplace. BG Futures would like set up some Focus groups to discuss what does it mean to you, what's a good idea, is there something we can do more with. Perhaps making it more visible to students as part of their courses. Thinking about whether we make a Graduate Attributes award. At the moment we have an Employability Award but maybe turn this into a Graduate Attributes award instead. An idea would be so that every student could gain a basic Graduate Attributes Award when they graduate, and then you could top this up to an advanced level, silver or gold award. Teenage Market – these are free market stalls, the next one is 16 June in the Cornhill. This could be a chance for the SU to fundraise either as group or individually, and come and do a performance. It's another</p>	

	great thing to put on your CV, talking to people and developing your confidence. And potentially taking a product or service to market.	
<b>5</b>	<b>Motion Proposals</b>	
<b>5.1</b>	<p><b>To reduce the number of Course Reps (Sabbatical team)</b></p> <p>JB and GH believe that there is a need to change Council, at the moment there is a course rep for each delivery method of every programme (e.g. Drama Single honours, Applied Drama &amp; Drama in the Community each have a course rep). It is often quite difficult to recruit all the reps we need for courses, leaving some disproportionately unrepresented. Council attendance is low, we often see out of more than 100 reps, less than 30 reps attending council leading to a lack of quoracy. Non quorate councils slow down the process and democracy of the SU.</p> <p>Students are better represented by 1 fully engaged student rep rather than quite a few disengaged reps. Therefore we should have 1 course rep per programme per year. You could have additional reps if requested but they would only get 1 vote per programme.</p> <p>JB to send proxy vote out via email.</p>	
<b>5.2</b>	<p><b>To merge Volunteering Officer and RAG Officer positions to create a Volunteering and Charity Officer (Sabbatical Team)</b></p> <p>RAG officer is an out of date term and it means less to current students. The conflict of workload has historically led to confusion of the responsibilities of the officer. Believe that neither officers have a particularly large job role description. A reduction of positions on the Exec would lead to more competition for positions, more opportunity to elect the most motivated and effective candidate, which will lead to greater retention in the exec. Therefore we would like to merge the RAG and Volunteering positions and to rename the RAG portion 'Charity', resulting in the Volunteering and Charity Officer.</p> <p>To clarify we have spoken to next year's RAG Officer – Jordan Fane to see if he would be ok with this. He has agreed to this.</p> <p>JB to send proxy vote out via email.</p>	
<b>5.3</b>	<p><b>Fire lists – BGU Halls of Residence (Owen Cartwright)</b></p> <p>The fire lists in Halls are not always completed. It is a manual system that students have to complete when they enter the building.</p>	

	<p>We feel that an electronic way of doing this would be more accurate and up to date.</p> <p>Other University Halls have the fire list linked to the door entry system, so when a student enters the hall with their key card the fire list is automatically updated.</p> <p>BGU Halls of Residence should look into operating the same sort of electronic system, to ensure all fire lists are always up to date.</p> <p>This would ensure that if there ever was a fire, or similar emergency, the emergency services would know exactly who was in the building at any one time.</p> <p>OC would like to lobby the University to look into the possibility of changing to an electronic fire list system for the safety of our students at all Halls of residence within BGU.</p> <p>Counter argument from Liam Doesn't believe that lobbying the University for an electronic system would be the best use of lobbying. It should be compulsory for students to have to sign the register and that monitoring should be done via the Accommodation and the Senior Residents and done under the contract rather than implementing a new system. We are trying to implement a new system of attendance, this hasn't been rolled out yet.</p> <p>Needs to be for guests as well at any time of the day not just night time. Student could sign in with their lanyard and use paper based system for signing guests in.</p> <p>Change part of the motion – Kieran Wiseman The current motion only looks at the fire list, KW would like the University to run an investigation into fire safety as a whole in halls. To find out what works and doesn't work and tell is what the situation is.</p> <p>OC prepared to withdraw his motion and Liam to take all the views of the students and go to the Accommodation office. Liam to be a guest speaker at next Student Council.</p>	
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Reports</b></p> <p><b>Activities (Kieran Wiseman)</b> Has had a busy month running a multitude of events every week. University Mental Health was a hugely popular event. Also running BGSUs Got Talent with approximately 45-50 people turning up. Quiz</p>	

and Karaoke attendance has dropped significantly, and are unsure of the reasons for this. The Hub has suffered with poor communication in the past few weeks. But we've held a meeting with the SU management team and Sabbatical team to discuss a strategy to move forward. We still have some budget remaining.

**Welfare (Adam Coy)**

Held a number of significant campaigns and events since the last Council. These included University Mental Health Day which saw the highest number of student engagement in the entire year. Thanks to Abi and Jenny for all their help with this. LGBT+ minute of silence, this raised awareness across campus. 'Feeling Nuts' workshop which saw a good attendance and raised awareness. Healthy eating campaign which the Campaigns Officer is currently working on. Also held the International Day of Happiness, reasonably well received but we are reviewing how they went. Have started working more closely with the Activities Hub to better engage with the student population. Started to work on getting ready for next year.

We're also looking at renovating the Advocacy space and are working with CELT to do this.

Making progress with our last 2 motion proposals to have the Safe Space for SEN students created and Skinner building more mobility friendly. Unfortunately Nightline has made little progress.

**Opportunities (Craig Ferguson)**

Societies Officer has been working on advertising following the motion that was passed meaning 2 less members are required to create a Society. Also working to get members of society to run in the Sports and Society Elections.

RAG – no report

Volunteering Officer – making final tweaks to the Peer Support Programme, hopefully this can be launched very soon. Will also be looking at facilitating a handover period for the Opportunities hub officers for next year.

**Sabbatical Team**

**Vice President: Education**

Has been working extensively on the SU Awards, JB thanked everyone for all their nominations – had a 100 nominations which is a fantastic result. Award night is Friday 4 May at 7pm. Also working on the Summer By Elections, we have a fantastic amount of students running

	<p>for Exec, non-Exec and Sports and Societies positions. Voting takes places from 2 – 4 May.</p> <p>Looking at how we can have better engaged Course Reps and move Student Council forward. Also ran a Mock Council to test some software on Blackboard that we might be able to use in the future for live stream voting. Restarted the Student Engagement Group with the new Student Engagement Facilitator Susie. This is a group who are focused on providing greater student engagement.</p> <p><b>President</b></p> <p>Attended two conferences since the meeting, NUS National Conference in Glasgow and the Academic Quality in HE conference in Cardiff. Opportunity to share practice with staff across the country. University Mental Health Day this was a huge success, GH thanked all the staff team,</p>	
<b>7</b>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>Jordan Fane confirmed that he was happy to take on the new role of Volunteering and Charity Officer.</p> <p>AR – There are now food donation boxes in the Halls of Residence and the SU Common Room for the Nomad Trust.</p> <p>Also Just Lincolnshire are coming in On Tuesday 8 May to do a listening group about discrimination and hate crime with students.</p> <p>Owen Lewis – do we want to join the NUS Vote at 16 Coalition or not. This will go forward as a motion proposal at the next Student Council.</p>	
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>	