

# UNION COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday 29th March 2021, 4-5pm, via Google Meets

<https://meet.google.com/gbn-ynwh-cqx>

## Administration

### 1 Officers in attendance:

Maddy Young (MY)  
Beth Elwood (BE)  
Becky Thomson (BT)  
Laurie Clothier (LC)  
Frankie McGregor (FM)  
Erin McCloskey (EM)  
Ben Staines (BS)  
Carol Namata (CN)  
Natalie Moore (NM)  
Andy Pearce (AP)  
Ben D'Montigny (BD)  
Mo Obadare (MO)

### Others in attendance:

Hadley Chick, Administration Assistant (Minutes)  
Kate Little, Head of Engagement & Deputy CEO  
Ellie Martin, Advice & Projects Coordinator

### Apologies for absence and check for quorum (should be 11):

Nathan Baker (W/ Apologies)  
Lewis Warner (W/ Apologies)  
Bex Broadley (W/ Apologies)  
Eshwar Raj Jayaram  
Kenzie May Annell  
Omobolanle Okubena  
Marianne Bartlett-Smith  
Chloe Kennard  
Nichola Allen

### Email votes:

**Officers who must attend this meeting or risk losing their role:**

	<i>Any officer who fails to attend three union council meetings without sending apologies is subject to a vote of no confidence at the discretion of the Council.</i>	
2	Approval of speaking rights of those in attendance	Chair
3	Declarations of conflict of interest	Chair
4	Matters arising to be discussed under Any Other Business	Chair
<b>For Discussion and Approval</b>		
1	Welcome from the Chair	Chair
2	<a href="#">Minutes of the last meeting</a> (approve)	Chair
3	Sabbatical Officer Reports (verbal)	Sabbatical Officers
4	<p>Update on Union Council Mandates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Timetabling (BT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ BT confirmed this has been completed and a policy has been put into place where students will receive timetables a month in advance.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Cargo bar reuse (BE/BD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ BE has started to process this and look at potential venues.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Medway on-site healthcare (BE/BT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ BE to continuing working on this. BT will take to project 20/21 meeting. NB taking lead on well-being healthcare provision.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Placement travel contributions (BT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ BT in discussions with meeting over contributions. Some students have bursaries so discussion around how this would work.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Hate crime awareness (MY) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ MY and BE have discussed this with the university and want to make this a bigger topic than a single awareness campaign including the assaults that are prominent in current news around canterbury town.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Black Attainment Gap awareness (BT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This is something the university is working towards.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Medway Simulation Suite (BT/BE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ BT in discussion with university around this. BE and BD continuing to work.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• University communications (BT)</li> </ul>	Sabbatical and Part Time Officers

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ BT has confirmed this has been improved with some form of CCSU representation in every big decision making meeting, however the SU is working to improve how this information is conveyed to the students.</li> <li>● Volunteer Officer (BE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ BE met with student and volunteering department to discuss a student representative within the university. BE to work with student rep and re-evaluate need for UC officer in future.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● LGBT+ healthcare (NB/AP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ NB (through message) : I have been working on finding the right contacts regarding the problems that have been highlighted, through the meeting with CCG and NHS meetings I have had over the past two months. Now I got this information I will be in contact with Andrew Pearce this week to have conversation and collect data, I want to work with Andrew so that we can present the issues and findings to the CCG and have the steps moving forward in having better LGBT+ healthcare.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Paramedic uniforms (BE/BD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ BD and BE working on. Waiting for supplies to be used before contract goes to tenure. BE emphasises student input on next uniforms.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Medway local councillors (BE/NB) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ NB to progress.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Postgraduate help hub (BT/NM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ BT would like more information and feedback from students before taking this further</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
5	<p><a href="#">Padlet Idea</a> - Reset and Promote the CCSU Ideas Section (<a href="https://ccsu.co.uk/yourvoice/ideas/">https://ccsu.co.uk/yourvoice/ideas/</a>)</p> <p>Union Council agreed and MY is taking the lead.</p>	Anonymous
6	<p>Co-opting vacant positions (Medway Officer, Trans and Non-Binary Officer) - students may be in attendance who are interested in filling these roles, and Council can vote to co-opt them for the remainder of the academic year if they wish to do so.</p> <p>No students in attendance</p>	Chair
7	Any other business	Chair

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