
UNION COUNCIL AGENDA

Union Council
Monday, 23 May · 4:00 – 5:30pm
Google Meet joining info
Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/gfo-cwem-poq>

Administration

Officers in attendance:

Dan Bichener (Union President) (DB)
Frankie McGregor (Community, Diversity & Inclusion) (FM)
Maddy Young (Engagement & Sports Sabbatical Officer) (MY)
Amy Bromley (Postgraduate Research Students' Officer) (AB)
Jasmine Nikhwai (LGBT+ officer) (JN)
Olivera Ignjatovic (LGBT+ women's officer)(OL)
Benjamin D'Montigny (Chair) (BD)
Alice Lundy (Disabled Students' Officer) (AL)
Zane Kennedy (Faculty Representative (Arts, Humanities & Education)) (ZK)
Anastasia Semaan (AS) (CDI)
Hannah Ferguson (Faculty Representative (Medicine, Health & Social Care)) (HF)
Phumuzile Sithole (BAME Students' Officer)(PS)
Megan Ann Foxen-Freeman (Women's Officer) (MF)
Teme Binitie (Black Students' Officer)(TB)
Anusree Vijayakumar (Postgraduate Taught Students' Officer) (AV)
Olivera Ignjatovic (LGBT+ women's officer)(OL)
Maximus Clinch (Environmental Officer) (MC)
Esther Subhakar (International Students' Officer (Overseas)) (ES)
Francis Booker (Student Parents' and Carers' Officer) (FB)
Jade Knight (JK) (USEC)

	Will be attending late: Others in attendance: Kriss Bailey (KB) - UC secretary (student voice coordinator) Anna Johns (AJ) - Head of Student Procedures Apologies for absence and check for quorum (should be 12): Yvette Kearns (Part-Time Students Officer)(YK) Beth Elwood (Campaigns & Societies) (BE) Tony Brimmicombe (Mature Students' Officer) (TB) 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> Notes:	
	Approval of speaking rights of those in attendance	Chair
	Declarations of conflict of interest	Chair
For Discussion and Approval		
1	Welcome from the Chair	
1.1	Anna Johns - Revising the Student Disciplinary Procedures, and developing a new Sexual Misconduct Procedure	
2	SABB Report Dan Frankie Maddy	

3	Minutes from the last meeting (for approval) Actions from previous minutes - (Number refers to the agenda number on previous minutes (24/04/2022) https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pUxNFKIUxqXxOYZ51B7Yn6jkQpYX5Jxs52UP1UhONKU)	
3.1	Actions from previous minutes	
3.2	ACTION Dan (continuation from 24/04/2022 meeting point 2.1) <i>"Dan has a meeting with the new Dean to discuss the previous points, myself and Anna (Medway Student Coordinator SU) are working on a project regarding placements and undergoing research to aid and improve upon the placements system. This will be an in depth and ongoing project so it will take some time. UC to be updated with current progress of project"</i> Dan met the new dean of health and social care. Getting a lot of student engagement and the university is actively listening and will be able to provide better feedback next UC DB: "Still ongoing, myself and Anna are still meeting with students collating data from these meetings. Hoping to have a portfolio at the end of the year. Data will be shared and feedback from the university will be feedback"	
3.3	Action - Dan to report this meeting Point 2.3 from 24/04/2022 meeting: Point 2.4 from 24/03/2022 meeting: Point 9 - 24/01/2022: <i>"Dan to update chair regarding asking for the University and PLU to support students after elective placements where cancelled"</i> <i>Dan does not have an update regarding this</i> <i>Chair: PLU was invited to head of school meetings and talk to student reps. They have got a new staff team and have promised to improve communication and work on the issues raised regarding placements. The ongoing issues from covid are still ongoing but hopefully next year will see more improvements."</i>	

3.4	Action - Dan Point 7.3 from 24/04/2022 meeting PLU delaying reimbursement causing students to be in financial difficulty because of inaction Chair (BD): “LSF funding, applying for expenses claims from the PLU - it takes a very long time to fill out the form and then actually getting reimbursed. I would like to see PLU making improvements about this” OL: “From a placement in Jan-march, I put the claim in and they claimed I didn’t file the correct receipts, after enquiring as to what is going on, it has been 2 months and there has been no response from the PLU and this is recurring for a number of students on placement and a lot of students are facing financial issues because of the large delay in reimbursement. The guidance has a lot of conflicting information BD: “I still have a payment outstanding from November to the sum of £900 and had to use food banks and apply for exceptional circumstances because of this delay” DB: “That is shocking to hear and I’ll go straight to the top with this issue and not mess about. Will be in contact with Ben and Olivera regarding this.”	
	New Articles from padlet and email.	
4	Better utilisation of the Ridan composter - Max Clinch “The SU has a composter at the Canterbury campus designed for the fresh food waste from the food hall kitchens but is not utilised enough by them due to several factors. It would be an excellent opportunity to do a bit of community outreach to open it up as a community composter to the nearby houses, as the university often uses the compost. Still, more food waste is needed to	

	maintain the production of compost. This is a good action of sustainability and outreach to the local community.”	
5	Olivera - SCA Trophies - Winners weren't informed that they wouldn't be keeping the trophies or offered anything in its place.	
7	Any other business	Chair