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STUDENT COUNCIL SUMMARY

THURSDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2023

3PM • ROOM B400 (HYBRID)

HERTS SU

AGENDA

SC-1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

SC-2 UPDATES FROM THE SU

SC-3 UPDATES AND Q&A FROM THE ELECTED OFFICERS

SC-4 BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF STUDENT COUNCIL

CS-5.1 Lizzie Implementation of SCO Code of Conduct (motion)

SC-5 UPDATES FROM STUDENT TRUSTEES

SC-6 DISCUSSION OF URGENT BUSINESS/AOB

SC-7 UPCOMING DATES

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- Welcome given by Eloise Trebilcock (Student Representation coordinator)
- Explained what the Student Council entails and presented with Agenda for the day
- Rules were explained to the online audience

CHAIR ELECTIONS

- Introduction of candidates where they spoke about why they wanted to be the chair and the changes they would try to implement
 - First Candidate: Abhijeetsingh Gadhvi
 - Second Candidate: Ajay Bathini
 - Third Candidate: Hamnah Baig
 - Fourth Candidate: Rizwan Munawar
 - Fifth Candidate: Jamie Oliver
- The voting was done via QR code

UPDATES FROM THE SU

Rebecca

- Rebecca Gendreau Hobbs was introduced to the audience. She mentioned how it's been a very good start to the year as students attended many events
- 240 reps were trained in the past few weeks
- Autoenrollment in societies
- Bye-elections for part-time officers. Clarifications on the key dates:
 - Nominations open: Monday 23rd October at 10 am
 - Nominations close: Monday 30th October at 10 am
 - Voting: Wednesday 1st November & Thursday 2nd November from 8 am to 6pm
 - Results: Friday 3rd November (announced on the Herts SU Website)



UPDATES AND Q&A FROM THE ELECTED OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

Manoj

- Welcome speech from Manoj to the audience
- He spoke about his role as the Student President and what it means to be the student voice representative within the SU
- Nigerian students were given extensions for their tuition fee payment after lobbying with the Finance team
- Successfully lobbied for extensions in tuition fee payments for the January 2024 intake of students from Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh due to fluctuations in currency rates
- The officers attended the Southern Officers Conference
- Attended multiple meetings with the board and other departments within the university
- Celebrated black history month and other cultures across the campus

COMMUTING STUDENTS' OFFICER

Olawale

- Meeting with the UNO bus and feedback on the same

CAMPUS-BASED STUDENTS' OFFICER

Saj

- The College Lane common room issue has been solved and now is working

WOMEN STUDENTS' OFFICER

Divya

- Started working on her network to make the campus a safer place for students who identify as women

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' OFFICERS

Padmavathi

- Networking and trying to create a 'home far from home' for international students

LGBTQ+ STUDENTS' OFFICER

Chinmay

- Organising inclusive events and collaborations with societies

PLACEMENT STUDENTS' OFFICER

Ifeoluwa

- Working on how to bring more opportunities to the University.

UPDATES FROM THE MATURE STUDENTS' OFFICER

Chizi

- Working on the network

UPDATES FROM STUDENT TRUSTEES

Hamnah

- They had the first trustee meeting on the 12th of October
- 7000 students in the forum
- 8000 students were enrolled in the societies
- The university agreed to support the students more
- President appointed as Deputy chair for the board and the student governor for the University
- Publicising the training workshops and the Report and Support process

MOTION 1: CHANGES TO BYE-LAW 3 AND MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES

Rebecca

- Articles of Association changes have been updated to reflect changes to the part-time officer structure and the timings of the officers on board.
- Bye Law changes: highlight the role of the part-time officers' structure

DISCUSSION OF URGENT BUSINESS/AOB

Chair elections outcomes:

- Student Council Chair: Hamnah Baig
- Student Council Deputy chair: Jamie Oliver

UPCOMING DATES

Next student council on **Thursday the 30th of November at 4PM**

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