

**5TH**

# **STUDENT COUNCIL SUMMARY**

**WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL 2024**

**4PM - 6PM • THE LOFT, FORUM (HYBRID)**

**HERTS SU**

# AGENDA

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# WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

*Hannah & Jamie*

- Hamnah Baig (Student Council chair) and Jamie Oliver (Deputy Chair) welcome everyone to the 5th Student Council and review the agenda

# UPDATES FROM THE SU

*Rebecca & Ella*

- Rebecca Gendreau Hobbs talks about a successful election and thanks everyone for their support and participation.
- Eloise Trebilcock goes over the SU Insights for February - March
  - Majority issues in timetabling

# UPDATES FROM STUDENT TRUSTEES

*Hannah*

- Hannah introduces the open student trustee role and the SCO roles that are available on the website on the "Work For Us" page



# UPDATES AND Q&A FROM THE ELECTED OFFICERS

## **PRESIDENT**

*Manoj*

- Congratulates the newly elected officers
- UNO buses:
  - X10 buses to Luton
  - New double-decker buses called Firefly to be introduced
- Food on campus was very diverse and congratulations to Kamal, the Campus-Based Students' Officer.
- 60 hrs of unpaid work experience is being given to students

## **LGBTQ+ STUDENTS' OFFICER**

*Chinmay*

- Final K-pop night on 18th Apr
- A potluck is also organised before K-pop night in collaboration with societies

## **CAMPUS-BASED STUDENTS' OFFICER**

*Kamal*

- They are getting new chefs and the menu will be changing starting from next year

## **OTHER OFFICERS**

- Working with their network

# MOTION 1: RESTAURANT CLOSING TIMES

- Extend hours on premier stores and restaurants on both campuses
- Motion was passed
- Manoj updates everyone that they're working on an alumni startup program after 3 pm

# MOTION 2: LINKEDIN ALUMNI NETWORK

*Jamie Oliver*

- A LinkedIn page that allows students to connect to alumni to drive employability
- Motion was passed

## MOTION FORM

### WHAT'S THE IDEA AND/OR ISSUE AT HAND THAT YOU'D LIKE TO DISCUSS?

- “ Create a platform/channel for undergraduates, postgraduates, alumni to join, share ideas, opportunities (graduate schemes, internships, hiring) best practices through peer support, events, webinars, inviting alumni speakers from Bank of England, Amazon, PwC etc to share their experiences.

Issues – Future success 4 members – 10,000 business school students, Herts lack a competitive culture, cohesive strategy, awareness on the importance of spring weeks, volunteering experience, charter status etc.

### WHY IS THIS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HERTFORDSHIRE?

- “ This initiative is relevant to University of Hertfordshire students because it addresses critical issues like the future success issues, the need for a competitive culture, and awareness of key opportunities like spring weeks and volunteering experience.

By providing a platform for undergraduates, postgraduates, and alumni to connect, share ideas, and learn from industry leaders, the university fosters a supportive environment conducive to personal and professional growth. Inviting alumni speakers from prestigious organizations such as the Bank of England, Amazon, and PwC enriches the experience, offering valuable insights and networking opportunities for prospects and current students.

### WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE THE ACTION OF HERTFORDSHIRE STUDENTS' UNION TO BE?

- “ Support the platform and create awareness through societies, student reps, newsletters, social media posts etc from 1st year freshers week – Postgrads.

# MOTION 3: STANDARDISING COURSE INFORMATION ORGANISATION ON CANVAS

*Ansa Ithal*

- Canvas can be disorganised (hard to find certain deadlines) as it's different for each lecturer so being able to organise it could help to navigate it better
- Motion was passed

## MOTION FORM

### WHAT'S THE IDEA AND/OR ISSUE AT HAND THAT YOU'D LIKE TO DISCUSS?

- “ I propose enhancing the communication and organisation of course information on the Canvas platform. This involves consolidating important dates and assignments by integrating it with the calendar feature, and making use of the to-do list feature as to make it easier for students to keep track of their progress with ungraded exercises, quizzes and assignments.

### WHY IS THIS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HERTFORDSHIRE?

- “ This proposal is of particular interest to students here as it aims to streamline their academic experience. By providing a user-friendly platform for accessing course information, students can manage their schedules in a better manner, stay informed about deadlines, and navigate course materials without much trouble. This would not only enhance their learning experience, but also make looking for important information much easier.

### WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE THE ACTION OF HERTFORDSHIRE STUDENTS' UNION TO BE?

- “ I urge the Hertfordshire Students' Union to advocate for the implementation of the above proposal. This would mean collaborating with university administrators and academic departments to prioritise and implement the suggested changes, ensuring student-centred learning opportunities for all.



**IMPROVING  
STUDENT  
EXPERIENCE**

# MOTION 4: EMPOWERING STUDENT REPS

*Aravind Jalajan, Kiran Krishnan, Ayman Bhaldar, Ansa Ithal*

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- Motion was passed

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- “ Not all representatives are actively engaged. Some only attend the mandatory rep training meeting and neglect to gather any meaningful feedback.

### WHY IS THIS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HERTFORDSHIRE?

- “ At the University of Hertfordshire, the engagement of Student Representatives holds immense significance. However, many representatives merely fulfill the obligatory training without actively seeking valuable student feedback. This issue is critical because inadequate training fails to equip representatives with essential skills. Specifically, there's ambiguity in communication protocols with program leaders and year tutors, often resulting in neglected student concerns. Moreover, student representatives' input is frequently disregarded, leading to a lack of transparency in decision-making processes within the schools. Consequently, necessary changes are delayed, leaving both students and representatives demotivated. Addressing these shortcomings is imperative for fostering a collaborative and effective student representation system.

### WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE THE ACTION OF HERTFORDSHIRE STUDENTS' UNION TO BE?

- “ The Hertfordshire Students' Union should institute a robust system to monitor representative engagement levels, leveraging the compulsory aspect of the Student Rep Excellence Award and implementing a Vote of No Confidence system for inactive reps. Additionally, improving communication with tutors and staff necessitates the development of clear protocols for approaching program leaders and year tutors, alongside creating a centralized resource such as an online platform or handbook to streamline communication. Furthermore, conducting training sessions to educate students on effective communication strategies with program leaders and year tutors would be instrumental in enhancing student representation effectiveness at the University of Hertfordshire.

# DISCUSSION OF URGENT BUSINESS/AOB

- Rebecca speaks about Annual Members Meeting
  - A difference in income and expenditure
- Rebecca thanks Hannah, Jaime, and Ella for their brilliant work throughout the year with the student council
- Grad ball dates are out
  - LMS - 23 May 2024
  - SPECS - 11 May 2024
  - CTA - 22 May 2024
  - HBS - 20 May 2024
  - HSK - 24 May 2024
  - LAW&EDU-21May2024
- Everyone did a Mentimeter quiz

**HOPE TO SEE YOU  
AGAIN NEXT YEAR**

**AND  
THAT'S  
A WRAP!**





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