

First Student Council Meeting 2024/25

Meeting Summary – Thursday 24th October 2024

Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **Chair Elections**
- **Updates from the SU**
- **Matters for approval**
- **Introduction to Elected Officers and Q&A**
- **Student Trustee Update**
- **Items for discussion**
 - Student Parking Issues
 - Water fountain availability
 - Microwaves on campus
 - Sanitary products on campus

Welcome and Introductions

- Welcome given by Eloise Trebilcock (Senior Academic Experience Coordinator)
- Explained what the Student Council entails and presented the agenda for the meeting.

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 – Muhammad Shafqat Wasim
 - Second Candidate – Anurag Phutane
 - Third Candidate – Aravind Jalajan
 - Fourth Candidate – Hamnah Baig
 - Fifth Candidate – Timilehin Temitope Ogunleye
 - Sixth Candidate – Kinza Zulifkar Parmar
 - Seventh Candidate – Peters Omoragbon
- **The winner of the Chair Election was **Hamnah Baig** and the Deputy Chair position was won by **Anurag Phutane**.**

Updates from the SU – Rebecca Hobbs (CEO)

- Welcomed everyone – asked about how their start of term has been
- She explained that £30,000 has been spent on student staff and explained that we value our student staff as they help and do a lot of different bits.

- Lots of events and activities have been taking place – big stuff in the forum and smaller scale events – want to make sure this is what students want to see.
- Explained that there are some vacant part-time Elected officer positions. The positions are Disabled Students' Officer and Black Students' Officer. We are also going to be electing in a new International Students' Officer and a Mature Students' Officer, because the current officers will be graduating in January 2025.
 - Nominations opening on **Monday 28th October**
 - Nominations close on **Monday 4th November**.
 - Voting is taking place on **Tuesday, 5th, and Wednesday, 6th November**.
 - Results will be announced on **Friday, 8th November**.

Matters for Approval – By-Law 4 – Elections and Referenda

- Asked the students in the room to approve the appointment of the Returning Officer (The National Union of Students – NUS) and Deputy Returning Officer (Phillip Dowler, Director of Advocacy and Opportunities) for the Elections as per By-Law 4 – Elections and Referenda. **There were no objections to this and the appointments were approved.**

Updates and Q&A from the Elected Officers

- Please read the attached Officer Update document, which outlines the Officers Action plans for the year.
- The current Elected Officer Team is:
 - **President – Rohit**
 - **Krishna – Campus Based Students' Officer**
 - **Santosh – International Students' Officer**
 - **Kesar – Women Students' Officer**
 - **Zhora – LGBTQ+ Students' Officer**
 - **Muhammad Anas – Mature Students' Officer**
 - **Ameer – Placement Students' Officer**

Updates from Student Trustees – Hamnah

- Explained what the Board of Trustees
- President appointed as Deputy chair for the board and the student governor for the University

Items for discussion

- **Student Parking Issues.** Students shared that there are not enough spaces on campus to park. They also raised that signage around how to pay for parking is very limited, and they are getting parking fines.

- Rohit responded and explained that the availability of parking was raised at a recent Pro-Vice Chancellor Student Advisory Meeting and students are advised to park their cars at the Park and Ride and get the shuttle bus across campuses.
- In terms of signage he said he would take this forward with the Estates Team at the University.
- **Water fountains on De Hav** – Students raised that many are broken on Dehav.
 - Rohit responded and said he would pick this up with the student outside of the meeting and update them after speaking with the Estates Team.
- **Microwaves on Campus** – Students raised that there are not enough microwaves available on campus for them to heat up their food.
 - Rohit responded and said that this has already been flagged with the Estates team and we are waiting for a response.
- **Availability of Sanitary Products** – Students raised that the sanitary product dispensers are always empty or do not work. They also raised that there are none in the Wright Building or the SPECTRA building.
 - Zhora responded and said that they were aware and they have raised this with the University.

Upcoming Meeting – Thursday 28th November 2025