**Christ Church Students’ Union**

**Union Council**

9th December 2014 at 5pm in Lg47, Canterbury Christ Church University

**Minutes**

1. Approval, (D) Discussion, (N) Note, (V) Verbal update, (P) Presentation

**Attendees:**

John Bambury (JFB) Council Chair

Hanna Coles (HC) President (Welfare and Education)

Mengyao Jiang (MJ) International Students’ Officer (Overseas)

Jack Brooks (JB) Environmental Officer

Hanna Coles (HC) President (Welfare and Education)

Sophie Dudley (SDu) President (Student Activities)

John Jones (JJ) GMS Officer

Daisie King (DK) LGBT Officer

Joseph Rook (JR) LGBT Officer

Bianca Coseru (BC) International Students’ Officer (EU)

Lauren Hopkins (LH) Gender Equality Officer

Whitney Ndubuisi (WN) BME Officer

**In attendance:**

Silvia Rasca (SR) Membership Services Manager, minute taker

Students

Lecturers

**Apologies of absence:**

Darcy Anderson (DA) President

Matt Wynn (MW) President (Sport)

Emily Bak Olesen (EBO) Student Trustee

Sarah Dickinson (SD) Student Trustee

Bronwen Edwards (BE) Disabled Students’ Officer

Amy Gibbons (AG) Women’s Officer

Shayne Halfpenny-Ray (SH) Student Reps Officer

Emma O’Dwyer (EO) Placement Students’ Officer (Health)

**Absent with no apologies:**

 Lauren Carty (LC) Broadstairs Officer

Kirsty Fallington (KF) Mature Students’ Officer

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| 1. **Apologies of absence**

Apologies were noted.1. **Approval of speaking rights for those in attendance**

Union Council voted for SR, students and lecturers attending to be allowed to speak. 1. **Minutes from last meeting**

Minutes were accepted.1. **Matters arising from the minutes**

None.1. **Declarations of interest**

There were none noted.1. Motion A

Daniel Brasier, Fundraising Officer, sent a statement which was read out as a letter of resignation. This was noted and invalidated the motion. The Fundraising Officer post is now vacant.1. Motion B

HC proposed motion B. JFB was not sure of the proposal. JB also expressed his worry. HC gave an explanation of why it is needed that way. JFB resigned as Chair because of conflict of interest for this point in the agenda and nominated JB as chair for this part of the motion. JR suggested that as long as it's kept the way it is and only add one extra dynamic to it he can't see any problems with it. JB expressed that a vote of no confidence should be the last resort and expressed his worry that if it's easier to VNC a member it is therefore easier to abuse. If council were to be divided then it will have a negative impact. There was a discussion regarding students being more grown up; discussion whether the chair is in more power, and if that is right. Question of whether amendments could be proposed. JR thinks it good as it is and hope it's not abused. JJ questioned why not make it more bureaucratic. HC suggested that for two sabbs to be doing it is for more support for all other officers. JR suggested it's just an ability to bring it forward and agrees that officers should have the extra power. HC suggested it will be useful to be brought up next week. It was decided not to amend it. the motion unanimously passed.**ACTION: add in Bye-Laws An extra section added 10.13.2.3 stating a motion of no confidence can be made by 2 sabbatical officers and a union council member.**1. Motion C

LH proposed motion. WN suggested there is a sign language society. JJ queried whether would they be free. HC offered to support this motion. SDu expressed that the society fell through. JB queried whether the route is as a module or extra-curricular? LH said it to be extracurricular. **ACTION: Motion approved and HC nominated to support it.**1. Policy document revision

The Council reviewed the policy document and chose particular ones which had updates. Regarding policy 10 HC read out the discussion with Helen Ellis regarding breakfast. It was suggested HC to go back to Hellen Ellis and ask for the interchangeable five items. JFB suggested explaining that the difference between the 5 item price of £1.90 and the make your own breakfast of £3 is the cost for between Parham and campus transport. JR suggested that a university should not actively discriminate against dietary requirements. **ACTION: HC to follow up.** **ACTION: HC to look into farmers markets to have regularly on campus.**Regarding policy 9 it was recommended to support the already existing policy.Regarding policy 13 it is envisaged a door to door service.Regarding policy 1 JR reiterated next steps and made an invitation to officers to join the discussion with the university.1. Annual impact report

Noted.1. Memorandum and Articles of Association Part 7

Noted. 1. By-election and NUS delegate elections

Recommendation to attend NUS conference as we are affiliated.1. AOB

Discussions regarding general election, Warwick SU support, International students’ meetings, 24 hours library, accommodation. | **ACTION LOG****SR****HC****HC** |