*Executive Committee*

*Minutes*

*16/05/24 - F304/Microsoft Teams - 4pm-5pm*

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| **Introduction** |

**Attendees**

Chike Dike (CD) - SU President and Committee Chair

Norah Valerie Deka (NVD) - VP Education

Holly Tyack (HT) - VP Student Opportunities

Fatima Farha (FF) - VP Welfare & Community

Zainab Abdul-Obitayo (ZAO) - Disability, Accessibility & Neuro-Diverse Officer

Julnar Sharif (JS) - Asian, Arab & Ethnic Minority Officer

Gabriel Adelaja (GA) - Black Students Officer

Charlie Lavender (CL) – Trans, Non-Binary, Intersex & Gender Identity + Officer

Alex Caton-Bradley (ACB) - Faculty of Science and Technology Officer

Ashiq Khan (AK) - SUBU Summit Chair

Zach Braid (ZB) - Democracy & Campaigns Coordinator and Committee Secretary

**Welcome and apologies**

CD noted apologies received from ROH.

**Minutes Ratification**

CD opened the matter of ratifying previous minutes, there were no objections and the minutes were ratified.

**Officer Updates**

President (CD):

* Noted they have been focused on CEO recruitment and have now successfully concluded this process which involved candidates speaking to student stakeholder panel, staff stakeholder panel and a formal interview. There was a unanimous conclusion that the position will be offered to Andy Squire, current CEO of Solent SU and will commence their role in Mid-August.

VP Education (NVD):

* NVD noted that they have completed all the final FASEC meetings of the year alongside their Faculty Officer counterparts.

VP Student Opportunities (HT):

* HT noted they’ve just completed SUBU Award and the subsequent follow-up and now turning their focus to presenting information on cost-of-living to BU’s food provider to help raise awareness and reduce the cost of the food that they provide.

VP Welfare and Community (FF):

* FF just cooked food for the community kitchen and has also been working on the APP submission for the University which is an ongoing process. There also slow progress on the ‘rate your landlord’ scheme with information being presented to stakeholders in June.

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| **Action Log** |

No actions to review.

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| **Upcoming events** |

May

13th-16th – Student Leader Election: Voting Open

17th – SLE Results Announced

29th – FINAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

30th – Student Parents Picnic

30th – SUBU Summit

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| **Items Discussed** |

1. End of year survey (ZB)
   1. ZB invited officers to complete a reflective survey on their time as officers over the last year during the meeting. All part-time officers present completed the survey which will be used to improve the experience for incoming officers.

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| **Items Decided** |

1. Policy Review (ZB)
   1. ZB invited the committee to review three expiring policies and form a recommendation on whether to lapse or retain these.
      1. *BU should allow students to retake Semester 1 exams during Spring Break.*
         1. NVD noted this policy is incredibly hard to achieve with so many factors contributing to exam and retake dates. ACB noted that there are some faculty members contributing to work around this, but there was the thought that this isn’t an active priority for students now.
         2. **Officers voted 8-2 to lapse the policy.**
      2. *The University and Union should stop banking/associating with Barclays.*
         1. CD noted that this policy is one that is being worked on but is an incredibly slow burn due to the process of moving all financial capacity from one bank to another. Therefore, this policy should likely be retained as it can be achieved but will take time.
         2. GA questioned the necessity of the policy, and it was discussed that Barclays are incredibly unethical and contribute to multiple fossil fuel industries, being Europe’s largest funder to this.
         3. **Officers voted 9-1 to retain this policy.**
      3. *The Allyship Hub*
         1. FF noted there is ongoing work on this policy to take place over the summer and whilst there is a lot of work, everything is incredibly achievable.
         2. ACB and CL noted there is a lot of work that needs to be done but that it is certainly worth retaining with some more focus being put into.
         3. **Officers voted unanimously to retain this policy.**

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| **Items Noted** |

1. Free Summerball Tickets (ZB)
   1. ZB noted to the committee that as part of their role they are entitled to a free Summerball ticket, and that SUBU will be in contact soon with details on how to collect their ticket/wristband.
2. Honorarium Update (ZB)
   1. ZB noted there was little update but that we are just finalising conversations with our accounts team on how to make these payments and with our director of governance on who will receive the honorarium.

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| **Standing Items** |

**Any other business**

* ZB noted that we have finalised plans for the end of year social, which will be taking place on Wednesday 29th May at 6pm at Boom Battle Bar in Bournemouth, this will take place directly after the final meeting of the year. ZB noted everyone needs to sign a waiver and emailed this around to the committee to complete.

**Details of next meeting**

* Wednesday 29th May – F304/Teams – 4-5pm