

# Minutes of Third Council

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Minutes taken by Lydia MacBride

Council started at 19:01

## 1 Approval of Minutes

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Council voted in favour of accepting minutes (115:4).

Minutes were accepted by council.

## 2 Matters Arising from Last Council

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### 3 Items for Noting

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#### Part-Time Officer Reports

#### Minutes of UF 3 & 4

#### USI National Council Minutes June, July & August

#### Faculty Convener Reports

#### EC Decisions Reports

There was no questions raised.

## 4 Elections

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### Oversight Commission

One ordinary member.

#### Nominees

Abigail Cisowska, Seconded by Welfare and Equality Officer Jacob Kennedy, Seconded by Welfare and Equality Officer

Council voted in favour of Jacob Kennedy

Jacob Kennedy elected as Ordinary Member of the OC.

### Ethnic Minorities Officer

#### Nominees

No nominees

### Electoral Commission

One Biennial Member

Election was postponed until the OC election results were finalised

#### Nominees

Abigail Cisowska, Seconded by Citizenships Officer

Abigail Cisowska elected as Biennial member of the EC.

## 5 Sabbatical Officer Reports

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### A President

No questions.

### B Education

No questions.

## C Welfare & Equality

No questions. Catherin Zhou JF French JH won the riddle.

## D Communications & Marketing

No questions.

## E Ents

No questions.

## 6 Discussion Items

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### Oversight Commission Report

Mature Students Officer asked if impeachment of the Student Parent Officer is the only available option to the SU, noting concerns over impeachment reflecting poorly for the Student Parent Officer record. Welfare and Equality Officer notes their hard work in attempting to otherwise rectify the situation. President notes that nobody is certain about why the Student Parent Officer has been unreachable and urges people to not be unfair to them.

The President proposed Procedural Motion J to impeach the Student Parent Officer, Communications and Marketing Officer seconds the motion.

### Electoral Commission Report - Schedule 3

Education Officer spoke, noting the importance of maintaining a fair playing field for future candidates. Deputy STEM Convener inquired about the time of the elections, and received an answer from the Education Officer. Communications and Marketing Officer noting that it is unfair to pin the responsibility to handle online marketing on candidates and that there is a lack of transparency with some major online advertising methods that would make it hard to maintain accountability. Communications and Marketing Officer also notes the measures made to keep resources accessible. Education Officer notes that anyone in council considering running in the next election to reach out to the sabbaticals for advice. SLSCS notes concerns over candidates potentially mimicking the HSE's Covid posters, and the Chair notes that this will be amended into Schedule 3.

Education Officer calls a Procedural Motion A.

### Class Rep Election Report

Chair takes their report as read. No questions.

## Break

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Break started at 20:22

Council resumed at

### Environmental Letter to Provostial Candidates

No questions.

### Address by Provost

Provost inquired about the Motion on the Provost Election and received an answer from the Education Officer. Provost inquired about what are the primary issues students have faced this year, receiving the answer "probably Covid" from the Education Officer. Welfare and Equality Officer notes how reluctant council is to complain during the address. Provost notes the demand for increased in person education. Provost notes their optimism in regards to the Covid-19 Vaccine. The President asks the Provost what was his favourite moment from his time as a student. Education Officer asks the Provost for any "words of wisdom" for the class reps, the Provost responds "Enjoy Life".

## 7 Motions

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### Procedural Motions

#### 1 Procedural Motion J to Impeach Student Parent Officer

The President proposed Procedural Motion J to impeach the Student Parent Officer, Communications and Marketing Officer seconds the motion.

Council voted in favour of the motion (92:21).

#### 2 Procedural Motion A to Change Standing Order

Education Officer proposed Procedural Motion A to change the standing order of council to move the Provostial Address forward.

Council voted in favour of the motion (97:10).

## Motion on the Provost Election

Education officer notes their support for the motion, but notes that the motion's content should also be considered for addition to the constitution as a permanent thing. Deputy STEM Convener notes agreement with the Education Officer. BESS Convener raises concern with the motion noting that the student body will have diverse preferences amongst the candidates, proposer responds that the EC will use a ranked choice voting system to account for this. Chair clarifies that it will be run like any EC election. Education Officer further clarifies on the Chair's point. Deputy STEM Convener inquires whether or not the Provost election is Single Transferable Vote, President notes that the Provost election uses "knock-outs".

Council voted in favour of the motion (88:15).

## Motion on Continuous Assessment Rubrics

Education Officer spoke in support of the proposer, noting that feedback is one of the most important things to receive as a student.

Council voted in favour of the motion (99:5).

## Motion on Academic Integrity Week

No questions.

Council voted in favour of the motion (91:6).

## Motion on Support for Students on Placement

Citizenship Officer notes their support for the proposer.

Council voted in favour of the motion (93:5).

## Motion on T-Fund Funding

Gender and Equality Officer spoke in support of the motion. LGBT Rights Officer spoke in favour of the motion.

Council voted in favour of the motion (88:6).

## 8 Questions

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No further questions.

## 9 AOB

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Education Officer notes issues with bullying and exclusion within student group chats.

SLSCS Convener notes that the council is mandated to take a stance against student fees. Education Officer notes that it is an ongoing project and apologises for the apparent lack of progress. President notes how slow the process has been, and how unwillingly to budge politicians have been on the matter. Welfare and Equality Officer notes that by working closely with AR to waive the reenrollment fee for people on financial assistance.

Communications and Marketing Officer thanks the two ISL interpreters for assisting in council and congratulates the winner of the #yupcouncil contest.

Welfare and Equality Officer notes that there are emergency counseling appointments available over Christmas.

Education Officer notes that people should read the weekly email and thanks the ISL interpreters.

Council adjourned at 21:13