



UNION COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on **Thursday 31 January 2008**

PRESENT:

Michael Payne	University Council Rep
Dan Hogan	Block of Six Officer
Paul Davies	Block of Six Officer
Dan Ratcliffe	Academic Affairs Officer
Myfanwy Lloyd	Welfare Campaigns
Danny Gray	LGBT Officer
David Heptinstall	Science & Technology Faculty Rep
Fraser Welsh	Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences Rep
Nathaniel Farrell	AU Non Sabb
Steven McCann	LUMS Rep
Kenny Donohue	Bailrigg FM Station Manager
Sandeep Singh Banwait	CRO
Dhruvad Jhaveri	GSA President
Keleigh Tomlinson	RAG President
Tim Roca	LUSU President
Chris Cottam	LUSU Education & Welfare Officer
James Marengi	AU President
Brenda Kananura	International Students' Officer
Mpo Chitsunge	Race Relations
Johnathan Ilott	LU Cinema President
Rachel Bowyer	Nightline Service Director
Chris Cheetham	Furness JCR President
Peter McGuckin	Grizedale JCR Co-President
Mark Daare	Grizedale JCR Co-President
Andy Johnston	County JCR President
James Dodd	Pendle JCR President
James Atkinson	Lonsdale JCR President
Simon Rimington	Fylde JCR President
Berni Denston	Bowland JCR President
Rosaleen Parker	Mature Students Rep
Leo Wilson	Block of Six Officer
Jonathan Walsh	Societies Council Chair
Paul Lynch	Block of Six Officer
Sarah Rutledge	Postgraduate Rep
Torri Crapper	Non Sabb Women's Officer
Lyndsey Michael	Non-Sabb Green Officer
Craig Waling	Observer
Ryan Bate	Observer
Richard Bennet	Observer
Kate Fry	Observer
Sam Fitton	Cartmel JCR President

APOLOGIES:

Laura McGhee	LUSU Women's Officer
Joe Beech	Scan Editor
Alex Law	Part Time Students' Officer

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Peter Elliot	LUSU General Manager
Matthew Ward	LUSU Housing

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Rosaleen Parker and Danny Gray were not listed as present at the previous meeting. Mistakes made in the elections section of the minutes arose.

2. MATTERS ARISING

An emergency item was added to the agenda as item 8.

3. PRESENTATION / REPORT: LUSU HOUSING

Item presented by Matthew Ward. A review of the LUSU housing situation was presented. An increase of 25% in let bed spaces was reported, largely due to a shortage of campus accommodation for first year students.

Service developments such as cosmetic improvements, inclusive rental packages, e-payments and the LUSU handyman service have received good feedback.

The lettings process was delayed this year to avoid first year students from being rushed into housing decisions and an estate agency approach was adopted to allow more flexibility and choice in choosing accommodation.

LUSU Housing continues to provide very competitive accommodation and plans to continue the improvements and responding to feedback.

Chris Cottam thanked Matthew for his efforts in the improvements, noting that the alterations are very positive from a student welfare perspective.

4. FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Enquiries were made as to the exact nature of LUTV.

The minutes of 21 January 2008 were ratified.

5. INFORMATION AND QUESTIONS

A Post-graduate Students' Forum is being held with regard to the strategic plan.

The latest financial figures from the college bars are to be emailed out.

James Merenghi, Chris Cottam and Tom Roca reported on meetings attended and other activities.

It was requested that the Information and Questions be attached to the agenda with more elaboration.

6. ELECTION: FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

James Atkinson was elected as a member of the committee due to one member being unable to attend the meetings.

7. CLAIM TO UNION COUNCIL RESERVE FUND

A request of £680 was made by Bailrigg FM to cover the application fee and licence to broadcast as far as Morecambe over the Roses weekend and the two preceding days. It was noted that this should be well-publicised and local business advertising should be attracted. Overall support was shown.

CLAIM ACCEPTED

8. EMERGENCY ITEM: CLAIM TO UNION COUNCIL RESERVE FUND

The LUSU President made a request of approx £100 for the installation of a network point for use by Equal Ops officers.

CLAIM ACCEPTED

9. RATIFICATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Elections Sub-committee held 17 January 2008 were ratified.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Email addresses for members of Academic Council were requested.
Bye elections are being held on Thursday, with husting being held on Monday.
Volunteers to man the Graduate ballot box on Monday were requested.
Information regarding bursaries is to be sent to the university by NUS.

Helena Burrows

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