



Student Council Minutes – 30.11.21

1 Welcome and apologies.

CE welcomes and makes note of any apologies/those not present.

Apologies:

Braedie Atkins, Fatima Soomro & Magiesha Maheswaran, Isabelle Atkins, Abi Baxter

Present:

Charlotte Earl (Chair of Student Council) CE
Oscar Renton (Deputy Chair of Student Council) OR
Shingai Dzumbira (President) - SD
Nathan Parsons (PG Officer) - NP
Jack Sperry (Co-Environment & Ethics Officer) JS
Naomi Carter (Co-Women's Officer) NC
Eman Barreh (Co-Women's Officer) EB
Peter Banfield (Sports Committee Chair) PB
Steph Monti (Societies Committee Chair) SM
David Bush (Education Committee Chair) DB
Will Brewer (Sports Officer) WB
Rahul Porwal (International Students' Officer, Non-EU) RP
Katarzyna Petru (International Students' Officer, EU) KP
James Hurt (Postgraduate Committee Chair) JH
Jacob Jefferson (Democracy & Development Officer) JJ
Harry Jee (Democracy Committee Chair) HJ
Chih Hsiang-Lo (Societies Officer) CHL
Noga Levy-Rapoport (Co-LGBTQUA+ Officer) NLR
Kirsten Marner-Foley (Co-LGBTQUA+ Officer) KMF
Thomas Garth (Environment Committee Chair) TG
Jonathan Bateman (Development Committee Chair) JB
Charlton Sayer (Welfare & Campaigns Officer) CS
Hugh Herring (Welfare Committee Chair) HH
Michelle Heinrich (PG & Mature Students' Officer) MH

CONTENT WARNINGS

Transphobia

Motion	Status For/Against/Abstentions
Development Committee Co-Options Election <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alpana Chaudhary • Manpreet Kaur Saini 	Alpana Elected 12 votes for Alpana 5 votes for Manpreet 2 Abstentions
Procedural Motion 1 – Overrule Chair’s Ruling	Failed Majority Rejected 8/14/1
Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting	Passed Unanimously Approved 22/0/1
6.1 – Allow Amendments on the Floor	Failed Majority Rejected 2/21/0
6.2.1 – Amendment A	Passed Majority Approved 15/3/4
6.2 – Council’s Role in ASV	Failed Majority Rejected 10/11/1
Procedural Motion 2 – Clarity of Amendment B’s Resolves	Failed Majority Rejected 2/13/7
6.3.2 – Amendment B	Passed Majority Approved 14/7/2
6.3 – End Proposer Anonymisation	Passed Majority Approved 11/8/4
6.6.1 – Amendment A	Passed Unanimously Approved 22/0/0
6.7.1 – Amendment A	Passed Unanimously Approved 19/0/2
6.7.2 – Amendment B	Failed Majority Rejected 2/13/6
Procedural Motion 3 – Refer Motion 6.7 back to Democracy Committee for Clarification	Failed Majority Rejected 3/17/1
6.8.1 – Amendment A	Passed Unanimously Approved 22/0/0

Policy	Status For/Against/Abstentions
138 – Student Voter Registration	Renew Unanimously Approved 21/0/1
142 – Warwick SU for Climate Justice	Renew with Amendments Majority Rejected 6/8/4
142 – Warwick SU for Climate Justice	Lapse Majority Approved 13/6/3
143 – Make Ecosia the Default Search Engine on All Campus Computers	Lapse Majority Approved 10/6/1
139 – Emergency Motion UCU Meeting	Lapse Majority Approved 20/1/1
141 – Warwick SU for Fair Pay and Pensions	Lapse Majority Approved 16/1/0
144 – Increase Available Study Space	Renew with Amendments Majority Rejected 4/13/0
144 – Increase Available Study Space	Renew Unanimously Approved 15/0/2
140 – Year Abroad Accommodation	Renew Unanimously Approved 17/0/1

Chair begins meeting

Suggests introductions due to the large amount of council members who were not elected as of the last council.

Postgraduate Officer requests that members state their preferred pronouns in their introductions.

Introductions take place.

Announcement of co-options.

Development Committee co-option takes place first.

Candidate Alpana Chaudhary's speech read out by Democratic Voice Coordinator.

Candidate Manpreet Kaur Saini's speech read out by Democratic Voice Coordinator.

Voting then proceeds for which candidate to approve.

Candidate Alpana Chaudhary is voted as the Development Committee cooption

Postgraduate Officer brings a point of order to enquire about the emergency motion they submitted being denied for this council (Trans Inclusion in our Union).

Chair indicates that this is due to their believe that it needs to undergo the traditional scrutiny process before reaching the Board of Trustees, and that this would be unable to be facilitated during council.

Chair also explains that a second emergency motion concerning PTO roles and their division was also rejected as it was not deemed of an emergency nature.

Postgraduate Officer submits a motion to overturn the chair's ruling
Deputy Chair takes over Chair's duty.

Postgraduate Officer speaks on behalf of the Trans Inclusion emergency motion, arguing its importance and that the chair's reasoning was invalid.

Chair responds citing Staff-Student protocol.

Chair of Education committee also speaks in favour of allowing the emergency motion.

DDO speaks, raising that no complaint to the SU has been made in relation to the motion's contents and further raises the Staff-Student Protocol.

PG Officer raises a point of order on the Staff-Student Protocol's relevance, with the DDO responding that it is indeed relevant.

LGBTQUA+ Officer speaks in favour of the motion being an emergency due to the relevance of respect for Trans students on campus being urgent and refers to the student in question and respect to them.

Chair of PG Committee asks for further context on the events discussed in the motion, and on the details of the training that the motion calls for PG Officer responds detailing the trans inclusion training with particular reference to gender neutral toilets and pronouns.

Sports Officer raises the point that the students in question had not necessarily approached this through the quickest or most appropriate channels for change.

Deputy Chair reminds council that debate is currently on the chair's decision, not on the motion itself.

PG Officer responds to Sports Officer by stating that they had begun to contact the Venue Manager, however had then become ill and not able to follow this up adequately Women's Officer notes arguments made so far and agrees fully with points raised by LGBTQUA+ Officer, particularly regarding a proactive environment for complaints.

President speaks, echoing the points made previously by the Sports Officer.

Deputy Chair moves to summarising speeches.

PG Officer argues that the motion is indeed an emergency issue, and that the fact that no complaint has been made so far is irrelevant to the culture the motion discusses Chair acknowledges the quality of the points made thus far, but argues that the motion should go through the usual channels due to potential Board of Trustees objections.

Voting commences on overruling the chair's decision on whether to consider the motion an emergency motion.

8 in favour, 15 against, 1 abstention

Chairs Ruling Stands.

Pizza arrives.

Minutes from last meeting approved, unanimous approval except for a single abstention Actions arising maintained, particularly with regards to DDO meeting with Democracy Team surrounding the Board of Trustees.

President apologises for the lack of report submitted in advance, delivers one to council Sports Officer delivers their report.

Chair moves forwards to discuss motions

Motion 6.1 discussed

PG Officer introduces motion.

DDO speaks against the motion, argues it would encourage less preparation before Student Council.

Chair of Education Committee declares their mixed opinions on the matter.

Chair of PG Committee argues that the motion's content would be a waste of council's time

PG Officer gives closing speech, responding to points regarding council overrunning with reference to chair's powers.

Chair of PG Committee gives closing speech on the vague language of the motion
Voting.

7 for, 15 against, 1 abstention, motion fails

Amendment process explained by Chair.

PG Officer introduces their amendment.

Amendments not accepted by Democracy committee.

Debate moves to Amendment 6.2.1

Chair of Democracy Committee states their reasons for the amendment.

PG Officer states a point of order and requests clarification on the amendment and its effects on the original motion 6.2.

Chair notes that the debate has become fractious as multiple members begin talking over one another and restores order.

President requests clarification on what is being discussed.

PG Officer requests to amend motion on the floor.

Chair denies this.

DDO reminds chair of the correct order of speeches.

Democratic Voice Manager also clarifies.

PG Officer speaks against the amendment.

Chair moves to closing speeches for the amendment.

Chair of Democracy Committee makes closing speech in favour of the amendment.

PG Officer makes closing speech against the amendment, stating that council should trust itself more.

Move to voting

14 in favour, 4 against, 2 abstentions, amendment therefore added to the motion

Motion 6.2 Discussed

PG Officer makes opening speech for the motion.

Chair of PG Committee makes opening speech against the motion.

Sports Officer speaks in favour of the motion, arguing that the motion would increase the Union's standing and reputation in front of the University.

President makes reference to the ongoing Governance Review, also states that they believe this motion would give Council too much power over motions.

PG Officer makes closing speech in favour of the motion.

Chair of Democracy Committee makes closing speech against the motion.

Chair moves to voting.

10 for, 11 against, 1 abstention

Amendment 6.3.2 Discussed

Chair of Education Committee requests a procedural motion regarding the clarity of the amendment's resolves section.

PG Officer clarifies that this would be a procedural motion to vote by parts

Voting begins on procedural motion.

2 for, 13 against, 6 abstentions, procedural motion fails

Chair of Welfare Committee speaks in favour of the original amendment 6.3.2.

PG Officer speaks against the amendment.

Chair moves to voting.

13 for, 8 against, 2 abstentions.

Discussion moves to amended motion 6.3

Chair of Welfare Committee speaks in favour of the amended motion.

PG Officer speaks against the amended motion.

DDO enquires as to the status of the name of the motion following the amendments.

Chair moves to voting.

11 in favour, 4 against, 8 abstentions, motion carries

Chair declares a short break

Chair resumes the meeting after a short break

Discussion moves to Amendment 6.6.1

LGBTQUA+ Officer makes an opening speech in favour of the amendment.

Motion proposer makes an opening speech against the amendment.

Chair of Development committee remarks on the scale of the changes that the motion recommends.

Chair of PG Committee makes note of how radical they believe the motion is, in favour of the amendment.

Motion proposer makes closing speech against the amendment.

Chair moves to voting, 23 votes in favour, amendment passes

Discussion moves to Amendment 6.6.2.

Chair of Democracy Committee makes an opening speech in favour of the amendment
Chair engages council in discussion on the contents of the amendment.

PG Officer puts forth a procedural motion to refer the motion 6.6 to the next council, to resolve the issues arisen during the amendment process.

Chair advises that Democracy Committee has changed the offending issue in conversation with the motion proposers.

PG Officer and Chair of Education committee argue that this is an amendment on the floor and therefore out of order.

Democracy Team clarifies that this is acceptable, and the amendment title is changed and accepted.

Chair moves to discussion of motion 6.6.

Chair of Democracy Committee makes an opening speech in favour of the amended motion.

Chair of Sports Committee raises the motion's implications of the motion on the SU's commercial venues.

Discussion moves to Amendment 6.7.1

DDO introduces the amendment after discussion with Democracy Committee.

Chair of Postgraduate Committee speaks on the feasibility of the implementation of the motion.

DDO clarifies intent of the motion.

Chair moves to voting on the amendment, 20 in favour, 0 against, 2 abstentions.

Amendment passes.

Discussion moves to Amendment 6.7.2

Women's officer introduces the amendment by discussing the Liberation and Diversity committee's issues with the original motion.

Chair of Postgraduate Committee speaks on the feasibility of the implementation of the amendment.

Chair of Education Committee notes their experiences related to the motion.

Chair moves to voting on the amendment, 2 in favour, 13 against, 6 absentions, amendment fails.

PG Officer proposes a procedural motion to refer the motion 6.7 back to Democracy.

Committee for clarification, chair considers this an opening speech.

DDO requests clarification on these requests for clarification.

Chair of Democracy Committee speaks against this procedural motion.

Chair moves to voting on the procedural motion 3 in favour, 16 against, 1 abstention, procedural motion fails.

Discussion moves to amended motion 6.7

Chair of Welfare Committee speaks in favour of the motion.

DDO speaks of the importance of providing new students with the information contained within the motion.

No council members speak against the motion

Discussion moves Amendment 6.8.1

DDO speaks in favour of the amendment.

No speeches against.

Chair moves to voting on the amendment.

Amendment passes with unanimous approval of council.

Chair moves to discussion of amended motion 6.8

Chair of Education Committee raises a point regarding the formatting of motion 6.8.

Chair of Environment Committee speaks in favour of the motion.

No speeches against.

Chair moves to ratification of policies for review.

**Chair of Democracy Committee speaks in favour of their recommendation for Policy 138
RENEW**

Policy is renewed after unanimous vote bar one abstention.

**Chair of Environment Committee speaks in favour of their recommendation for Policy 142
RENEW WITH AMENDMENTS to LAPSE**

PG Officer speaks against amendments proposed.

Recommendation is rejected, council is advised to devise an alternative recommendation.

Chair of Education Committee and Chair request information on a revote due to this knowledge not being known at the time of voting on alternative recommendations

Alternative recommendation provided to lapse the policy.

Policy lapsed after majority vote.

**Chair of Environment Committee speaks in favour of their recommendation for Policy 143
RENEW**

Welfare Officer requests clarification on the motion's contents.

Policy renewed after majority vote.

**Chair of Education Committee speaks in favour of their recommendation for Policy 139
LAPSE**

Policy lapsed after majority vote.

Chair of Education Committee speaks in favour of their recommendation for Policy 141

LAPSE

PG Officer speaks against lapsing this policy.

Chair of PG Committee speaks on student attitude towards strikes.

Policy lapsed after majority vote

Chair of Education Committee speaks in favour of their recommendation for Policy 144

RENEW WITH AMENDMENTS

Policy renewed with amendments after majority vote

Chair of Welfare Committee speaks in favour of their recommendation for Policy 140 (renew)
DDO requests more information on the current status of year abroad accommodation.

Academic Voice Manager provides clarification.

PG Officer requests clarification on whether dates within the policy will be updated
Policy renewed after majority vote.

No other business stated.

Chair makes note of the approaching Spring Officer Elections.

Chair advises that the next meeting of Council will be 25/01/2022.