

# Student Council (3)

**Date:** 28/01/2020

**Time:** 16:00-19:00 **Venue:** Kevin Gately Room, SUHQ

**Present:**

- Harry Weaver (Chair) (HW) Voting Card 008
- Lucy Morris (Deputy Chair) (LM) Voting Card 009
- Scott Dwyer (Postgraduate Exec Chair) (SD) Voting Card 019
- Zishi Zhang (International Officer, Non-EU) (ZZ) Voting Card 017
- Prisco (Trans Students' Officer) (P) Voting Card 012
- Ben Newsham (President) (BN) Voting Card 001
- Nathan Boroda (Democracy Exec Chair) (NB) Voting Card 024
- Bede Lunn & Tara Kosky (Women's Officer) (BL & TK) Voting Card 013
- Luke Mepham (Societies Officer) (LM) Voting Card 007
- Charlotte Lloyd (Sports Officer) (CL) Voting Card 006
- Samuel Baldwin (Societies Exec Chair) (SB) Voting Card 020
- Amin Lmoh (Welfare Exec Chair) (AL) Voting Card 021
- Nathan Parsons (Disabled Students' Officer) (NP) Voting Card 014
- Alice Churm (Postgraduate Officer) (AC) Voting Card 003
- Milly Last (Development & Democracy Officer) (ML) Voting Card 004
- Megan Clarke (Academic Council Chair) (MC) Voting Card 018
- Chloe Batten (Education Officer) (CB) Voting Card 002
- Valentin Mancas (Academic Council Chair) (VM) Voting Card 018
- Aaraan Dass (Sports Exec Chair) (AD) Voting Card 023

HW notes that Fraser Amos has resigned his role as Development Exec Chair, as online elections are currently taking place, the chair welcomes Jay Popkin (Deputy Development Exec Chair) to Council and will use the voting card 022 (JP).

**In attendance:**

- Jay Popkin (Deputy Development Exec Chair) (JP) Voting Card 022

**Apologies/Not present:**

- Alex Fugariu (Part Time & Mature Students' Officer)
- Taj Ali (Ethnic Minorities Officer)
- Scott Dwyer (Postgraduate Exec Chair)
- Rebecca Brown (Environment and Ethics Officer)
- Fraser Amos (Development Exec Chair)
- Tiana Holgate (Welfare & Campaigns Officer)
- Talip Yaldaz (International Students' Officer, EU)

**Action List from Student Council:**

| Action | Who? | Due Date |
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| Action: Motion 8.1 to go to ASV   | ML | 03/02/2020 (completed) |
| Action: Motion 7.1 to go to ASV   | ML | 03/02/2020 (completed) |
| Action: Motion 7.2 to be policy   | ML | 10/03/2020             |
| Action: Motion 7.3 to be policy   | ML | 10/03/2020 (ongoing)   |
| Action: Motion 7.4 to go to ASV   | ML | 03/02/2020 (completed) |
| Action: Motion 7.5 to be policy   | ML | 10/03/2020 (ongoing)   |
| Action: Motion 7.7 to be policy   | ML | 10/03/2020 (ongoing)   |
| Action: Emergency Motion 7.8 to be policy                                   | ML | 10/03/2020 (completed) |
| Co-option results circulated via email                                      | ML | 10/03/2020 (completed) |
| Action: Motion 7.5 to include DDO/President and Welfare & Campaigns Officer | ML | 10/03/2020 (completed) |

#### 4 Co-Options

##### 4.2 Postgraduate Experience Exec

HW notes that we have received 3 nominations for Postgraduate Experience Exec. We only have 1 place available for that role so Council will need to vote for only one place. Mario Pinto (MP) gives a speech about why he should be picked for Postgraduate Experience Exec. Eda Onerli (EO) gives a speech about why she should be picked for Postgraduate Experience Exec. Sharon Mutiti (SM) gives a speech about why she should be co-opted. SM also gives a speech about why she should be co-opted for the Faculty of Social Science Exec.

Prisco states that for future co-options, Council should be made clearer with new students attending so that they are aware of what is going on.

HW agrees and asks to action this for future co-options

##### 4.4 Faculty of Social Science Exec – SM had already given a speech above for this role

4.5 Development Exec HW notes that we have received 1 nomination for Development Exec. He states that there is 1 place available as FA has resigned from his role and Council will need to vote for only one place. Jack Jones (JJ) gives a speech about why he should be co-opted.

HW then states that a secret ballot is to be held and the results will be circulated via email for the candidates to know who has been elected. To clarify, Council has to pick 1 student from the 3 candidates for the Postgraduate Experience Exec position, 1 student from the 1 candidate for the Social Science Exec position and 1 student from the 1 candidate for the Development Exec.

Action: Results will be circulated via email

## 5 Sabbatical Officer Reports

### **Ben Newsham (President, University of Warwick Students' Union)**

- Have opened discussions with the University about the need for a new SU building, current discussions focus on it being delivered in the next 5-10 years
- Made the case for greater flexibility in university space to increase service capacity (e.g. increased study space per student) without undermining carbon reduction efforts
- Worked with the University to ensure students returning from Hong Kong are supported and safe
- Spoke against Prevent at University Council
- Worked with UCU and senior university representatives to improve Warwick's approach to lecture capture so more lecturers feel able to use it
- Challenged the VC on Warwick's failure to respond to the EHRC inquiry into racial harassment in higher education and received an assurance the university would do better in the future
- Hosted with the other sabbs a day long immersion visit from the Department for Education to show them what an SU does and the difference we make for our members
- Met with the new University Director of Transport to give student views both on long term solutions to transport infrastructure at the university, and to make sure short term solutions are also being considered and implemented. This included a focus on buses to and from campus and the role the university can play in fixing what is currently a broken market

### **Chloe Batten (Education Officer, University of Warwick Students' Union)**

Absent, but sent in report to be read out:

- Challenged those overseeing social inclusion at the university on how they measure success, how they ensure accountability and the level of meaningful student engagement that they practice. Lobbying for students to be shaping goals and success measures - particularly the Part Time Officers
- Bringing the broken pipeline from UG to PhD for Black students to the forefront of discussions about "Widening Participation" and the Black Attainment Gap
- Working with the university to ensure students have more opportunities to get involved in structural and spatial changes at the university
  - E.g. teaching room development - making sure students get a say in what the basics should be
  - E.g. improving the accessibility and awareness of when the university tests out new developments, such as the did with the new Mitigating Circumstances porta
- Continuing discussions with the Library about the increased use, and demand for more effective management of study space - not just in exam season but from the beginning of Term One

### **Milly Last (Development & Democracy Officer, University of Warwick Students' Union)**

With regard to the 'democracy' side of my role, the 'Democracy Review' has now been circulated to the Democracy Exec, with positions on each working group to be decided in the next meeting. Meanwhile, the democracy team has been pushing voter registration both online and through our wonderful democracy assistants who've been leafleting across campus. After some successful lobbying, I also managed to get the University to agree to allow teaching staff to set 5 minutes aside in lectures for students to register to vote online. Unfortunately, the National Hustings that was scheduled for Tuesday 26th November had to be pulled due to the unforeseen circumstances the SU has been dealing with over the last week.

Over on the 'development' side, in accordance with the motion for Climate Justice recently passed at ASV, I supported the protest for the Global Climate Strike that took place at University House on the 29th by not only attending and publicising the event, but also enabling communication between the University and the protestors in order to provide the protestors with the best possible platform to maximise their voices. On the same day, I also hosted climate change briefings in The Graduate, led by academics from the University, and worked with the SU Student Development team to produce a talk around careers in the Environment Sector, which is now available online. Further in fulfilment of this motion, I have been lobbying the University to remove the BP Archive from campus, meeting with the Chief Financial Officer of the University just earlier today.

Another motion I have been working to fulfil is: 'Switch to Ecosia as the default search engine on all campus computers', for which an installation guide for Ecosia has been circulated to all staff within the SU, overall receiving an enthusiastic response from recipients. I have also been in contact with the University IT staff.

More generally, I have also attended several sustainability conferences on campus and have nabbed a place on the University's Climate Emergency Task Force with Becca, our Environment and Ethics Officer, which I expect will be a great forum for the SU to influence the University's environment policy. Finally, thanks to the support of the Campaigns team, an academic from the Classics department, Professor Michael Scott, has been scheduled to speak in March about the decolonisation of the subject as part of the SU's 'Hidden Histories' lecture series.

#### **Luke Mepham (Societies Officer, University of Warwick Students' Union)**

Since the last student council meeting I have been busy interviewing loads of new societies, as well as attending Student Support Fund panels and distributing funding to several societies. I have been in talks with the MyWarwick team about allowing societies to send notifications through the app to their members, as well as placing articles from The Boar in the app. I have met with exec members from Pakistani Society and the Ethnic Minorities Officer to begin to plan an anti-racism forum for next term. Alongside this, myself and Charlotte presented to University Council on the University and SU's employability offering and the future goals for placements and employability. I have continued to develop SocsMark including adding criteria relating to accessibility for those with disabilities. I have also started to develop a Societies Federation hardship fund, and have started to think about how this could be implemented

#### **Tiana Holgate (Welfare & Campaigns Officer, University of Warwick Students' Union)**

Absent, but sent in statement to be read out:

- Drawn out the scope of a body positivity campaign with timelines to launch during term 2
- Had a very successful housing day with almost 1000 attendees at talks throughout the day
- Collaborated with the University to hold a meeting for residents of colour in Canley on how to tackle racism in the community
- Held the university to account on the scope and aims of their Social Inclusion committee
- Collaborated with the University's Student Liaison Officers to put on training for Clubs & Socs execs on how to use and signpost to Report & Support
- Working with Minhaz our new Advice Centre manager to look at its current position and finding best practice from other Advice Centres in the sector
- Worked with key members of staff on the demands from Warwick Occupy and widened discussions on tackling institutional racism
- Scoping the SUs objectives for the University-wide Student Wellbeing Strategy

#### **Charlotte Lloyd (Sports Officer, University of Warwick Students' Union)**

Have successfully managed to get the Big Screen to waiver their timelines so we can send in BUCS results on a Thursday morning for them to be displayed on the big screen throughout

Thursday and Friday so more people are aware of what goes on in the sporting community. The next step is to work with Sports Exec to come up with an easy way to collate results of the more irregular games (e.g. non-BUCS games) so we can shout about these too.

Campaign weeks have gone really well – trans-awareness week, This Girl Can and Pride week. Lots of social media traction from sports clubs as well as workshops and events – e.g. trans only swimming, how to run a trans-inclusive club, This Girl Can open taster sessions, wearing rainbow laces and running LGBTUA+ open taster sessions. Happy that this year compared to last, people are referring to LGBTUA+ phobia rather than homophobia and have been invited to talk on BBC Radio Coventry to talk about our trans-inclusivity. Clubs also have been partaking in #showracismtheredcard and we're looking to co-ordinate a BUCS Wednesday in term 2 where all clubs wear a red armband in support. Next term we're looking to continue with our #ReshapingSport campaign, with a particular focus on Varsity and supporting a different cause per day of the competition e.g. Friday disability, Saturday sexual violence, Sunday LGBTUA+ (these are not finalised but likely).

Sports Forum went well in terms of allowing clubs the chance to raise concerns with Warwick Sport. It's allowed the conversation to be started in terms of reviewing and building on the Sports Partnership to make it much more efficient and provide a better service for clubs.

Varsity preparations are going well with Coventry – we've agreed showcase sports and are now finalising external facility bookings and working on marketing for the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Have managed to arrange with the university to do a #TeamWarwick photoshoot which is great because along with the Big Screen win, it looks like they're starting to actually care a bit about sport and the positive publicity it can bring.

Unfortunately had to cancel a suicide awareness event on the piazza due to unforeseen circumstances, but we'll hopefully be rearranging this with It Takes Balls to Talk in the new year.

### **Alice Churm (Postgraduate Officer, University of Warwick Students' Union)**

I have continued my work with the University around staff to student sexual misconduct, and had an initial meeting with them to discuss how this work will be done. I also attended the conference 'Managing Staff to Student Misconduct', which helped me, get some interesting insight and best practice to how we can do this work at Warwick. Going forward I will be working alongside the University to ensure that there is a student voice in all their work on this.

I am currently working with a member of academic staff at Warwick Medical School in applying for WIHEA funding to run a project on looking at how PGT students are able to gather research skills and experience in their curriculum.

I have been the sabbatical officer lead on the SU supporting the UCU strikes; I have been liaising with UCU to discuss our continued support. I also spoke on the first day of the picket lines with Chloe talking about how marketization affects students; I created visual graphics for us supporting the strikes and wrote the official SU statement, the website copy and the FAQs for supporting the strikes. I also did a lot of work on ensuring that staff at Warwick SU feel prepared and informed to help students during the strike period.

On The Graduate project I have continued conversations with the University following them confirming funding this project, and will be having a meeting with the designer to discuss through with them what we would like the space to look like.

Questions to Full-Time Officers:

HW asked anyone in Council had any questions to officers based on their reports –

Nathan Parsons asks how will BN (President) entrust liberation officers in general post-occupancy?

BN says that he has reached out to all part-time Officers (PTOs) to have 1-1 meetings and feed this in to the democracy review.

HW then asks if Council has any questions to PTOs based on their reports, notes that there aren't many reports and encourages Council members to send in reports to be held accountable.

## **7. Motions**

HW notes we have received two emergency motions, one will be discussed and voted on today which is the IHRA anti-Semitism definition. The other (Coronavirus) didn't qualify to be discussed today and may appear at the next meeting subject to impact assessment. HW then asks Mike Towl, Education and Policy Manager to explain further.

MT states that the emergency motion on Coronavirus hasn't carried to Council because it won't go through impact assessment for the following reasons;

- Resolves 2 says all students returning to Wuhan should not appear to University and that isn't allowed via the World Health Organizations (WHO) rules and regulations.
- Resolves 1 doesn't fit the criteria of WHO either and is a health issue which is beyond the remit of the SU.
- Resolves 3 is already happening
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VM makes a point on questioning the progress from the University, with social media already letting this going viral. This may not be a problem yet, but people may start getting aggressive

HW then notes that there will be a slight change with the order of motions as students are observing today specifically for certain motions

### **7.6 – Campaign to condemn the act of violence in disguise of protesting for democracy in Hong Kong democracy protests.**

A speaker speaks in favour of the motion

HW then proceeds to Council motion 8 and asks for all council members to vote to allow all external Council members to speak regarding the motion. All votes in favour.

HW asks for speakers against the motion and a student speaks against the motion.

BN asks for clarification if resolves 3 stipulates violence on campus or in Hong Kong?

Student in the audience says Hong Kong.

Another student speaks in favour of the motion.

HW then states that this motion can go forward but with the existing motion on Hong Kong having already passed to ASV, it will be merged as an either/or motion with both next to each other and amended appropriately by the Democracy team.

NP asks if the motion already passed can be amended

HW states that if 260 people attend then it can amend motion at ASV, can't amend the motion at Council.

Prisco asks if they have to physically be there or if it can be done via a petition?

HW stipulates that they have to be there in person

ZZ asks for clarity about whether or not this is voting to move the motion to ASV? HW confirms this.

The Chair (HW) has now moved to voting procedure – this is a vote to take the motion to ASV and if rejected will fall;

Voting for Motion 7.6 to go to ASV;

For – 002, 008, 017, 024

Against – 012, 018, 014, 019, 020, 009

Abstain – 008, 006, 003, 022, 004, 007, 023, 001, 013

RESULT – motion falls

## **7.8 – Emergency Motion – it's time to combat Anti-Semitism**

HW states to address emergency motion 1: it's time to combat anti-Semitism. HW first notes why this is treated as an emergency and NB speaks to support the need for this to be considered at Council.

Democracy team has circulated the anti-Semitism motion. (Emergency motion 7.8)

HW asks for a proposer and seconder to speak in favour of the motion

BN speaks in favour of the motion

HW asks for a speaker against the motion

AL speaks against the motion

There was a discussion between NB, AL, Prisco, BL & BN about the implications this has on Israeli/Palestinian debates.

HW states that one can propose an amendment with simple majority and then those motions are voted on and are part of the motion to be voted on

NB asks for procedural motion 7 (to vote immediately)

### **Voting for procedural motion 7 – to vote immediately**

For – 002, 008, 024, 006, 020, 019, 022, 017, 023, 001, 010, 013, 017,

Against – 021, 012

Abstain – 003, 002, 014

RESULT – vote immediately

NB argues that this vote should be passed as policy on Council due to time restraints.

Bede questions what the difference is between non-Jewish voting here and not at ASV?

NB states that council should follow his lead on this, as it is what the Jewish Israeli society have asked

AL fundamentally disagrees and there is a debate that students should have a voice with this motion

There is then a discussion about whether or not this should be voted at Council and be automatically voted on as policy here

The Chair (HW) has now moved to voting procedure – this is a vote to vote for this motion at Council

**Voting to vote for Emergency Motion 7.8**

For – 009, 008, 024, 006, 003, 020, 014, 022, 004, 007, 013, 001, 017, 002

Against – 021, 012, 019

Abstain – 018

RESULT – vote at Council

HW goes in to vote for this motion to be a policy at Council

Bede asks for clarity, HW states that when impact assessment has given it the approval then it will become policy

The Chair (HW) has now moved to voting procedure – this is to vote for the motion to become policy at Council

**Voting for Emergency Motion 7.8 – it's time to combat Anti-Semitism**

For – 008, 009, 024, 006, 020, 003, 014, 004, 022, 007, 023, 001, 018, 013, 017, 002

Against – 021, 012

Abstain – 019

RESULT – passed as policy

**7.1 - Fighting Stigmas Together**

HW asks if there are any speakers in favour of the motion, JP speaks in favour

HW asks if there's any against, TK speaks against the motion by mentioning it's implicit sexism in the title not accommodating all groups.

AC said that now the motion reflects the title

LM also points out that most of the resolves are already happening. Just wanted to solidify this as SU policy and appreciates L&D exec's feedback on the matter

The Chair (HW) has now moved to voting procedure – this is to vote for the motion to go to ASV

**Voting for Motion 7.1 to go to ASV;**

For – unanimous (008, 009, 019, 017, 012, 001, 024, 013, 007, 006, 020, 021, 014, 003, 004, 002, 018, 023, 022)

Against – none

Abstain – none

RESULT – goes to ASV

**7.2 - Separate Faculty Exec Votes on Student Council**

HW states that there is an amendment and that needs to be discussed/voted on before the motion itself. BN as proposer of the amendment speaks in favor of the motion.

MC argues against the amendment.

There is a discussion in Council about the imbalance of Council and the implications this may have to the democracy review,



The Chair (HW) has now moved to voting procedure – this is to vote for the formal amendment to be approved and go in to the motion;

### **Voting for formal amendment to 7.2;**

For – 001, 020, 003, 023, 017

Against – 018, 021, 012, 013, 008, 002, 024, 019, 014, 007

Abstain – 022

RESULT – amendment falls

HW asks for a summation speech about motion 7.2

MC speaks in favour of the motion

BN speaks against the motion

The Chair (HW) has now moved to voting procedure – this is to vote for the motion to be passed at council and become policy;

### **Voting for Motion 7.2 – Separate Faculty Exec Votes on Student Council**

For – 008, 009, 024, 020, 019, 002, 013, 018, 021, 012, 007, 004, 022, 014, 019

Against – 001, 003

Abstain – 006, 017

RESULT – Motion passes and becomes policy

### **7.3 – Update to Academic Dress at Graduation Motion**

HW asks for speakers, seeing none asks to take it straight to vote to go to ASV

There was a debate about whether or not the sentiment of the policy is reflected in the way it is articulated.

The Chair (HW) has now moved to voting procedure – this is to vote for the motion 7.3 to go to ASV;

### **Voting for Motion 7.3 to go to ASV;**

For – unanimous (008, 009, 019, 017, 012, 001, 024, 013, 007, 006, 020, 021, 014, 003, 004, 002, 018, 023, 022)

Against – none

Abstain – none

RESULT – motion goes to ASV

10 min access break taken

### **7.4 – Misogyny is a Hate Offence**

HW asks for a speaker in favour of the motion, Prisco speaks in favour of the motion.

HW asks for a speaker against the motion. None.

The Chair (HW) has now moved to voting procedure – this is to vote for the motion 7.4 to go to ASV;

### **Voting for Motion 7.4 to go to ASV;**

For – unanimous (008, 009, 019, 017, 012, 001, 024, 013, 007, 006, 020, 021, 014, 003, 004, 002, 018, 023, 022)

Against – none

Abstain – none

RESULT – motion goes to ASV

### **7.5 – SU Space Motion**

HW asks for a speaker in favour of the motion, Prisco speaks in favour of the motion and Bede also acknowledges the importance of the space.

There is a discussion about who to mandate for this task. HW states that President, DDO & Welfare should be mandated.

HW goes in to voting for this motion (including the resolves reflecting the mandated sabs) to be voted on at Council and if passed, becomes policy

The Chair (HW) has now moved to voting procedure – this is to vote for the motion 7.4 to become policy;

### **Voting for Motion 7.5 – SU Space Motion**

For – unanimous (008, 009, 019, 017, 012, 001, 024, 013, 007, 006, 020, 021, 014, 003, 004, 002, 018, 023, 022)

Against – none

Abstain – none

RESULT – passed as policy

Motion 7.6 (already discussed above)

RESULT – motion falls

### **7.7 – Support Student Sex Workers**

HW asks for speakers in favour of the motion, Bede speaks in favour

HW asks for speakers against the motion, none

Bede mentions similar to the time pressures of the emergency motion this motion should be voted on at Council not ASV.

The Chair (HW) has now moved to voting procedure – this is to vote for the motion 7.7 to be voted on at Council;

For – 008, 009, 012, 021, 018, 002, 016, 003, 020, 022, 024

Against – 001,

Abstain – 007, 014

RESULT – motion voted at Council

The Chair (HW) has now moved to voting procedure – this is to vote for the motion 7.7 to be passed as policy;

### **Voting for Motion 7.7 – Support Student Sex Workers**

For – unanimous (008, 009, 019, 017, 012, 001, 024, 013, 007, 006, 020, 021, 014, 003, 004, 002, 018, 023, 022)

Against – none

Abstain – none

RESULT – passed as policy

## 8. Policy Review

| Policy | Result  |
|--------|---|
| 101    | Renewed   |
| 119    | Not relevant for this Council                                   |
| 097    | Renewed with change of dates (action: CL not to include Sports) |
| 104    | Renewed   |
| 035    | Renewed   |
| 018    | Renewed   |
| 064    | Renewed   |
| 050    | Renewed   |
| 075    | Renewed   |
| 074    | Renewed   |
| 076    | Renewed with amendments (action: see welfare amendments)        |
| 005    | Deferred to next meeting  |
| 063    | Deferred to next meeting  |
| 098    | Deferred to next meeting  |
| 105    | Lapse   |
| 110    | Lapse   |
| 098    | Renewed   |
| 108    | Deferred to next meeting  |
| 109    | Deferred to next meeting  |
| 004    | Renewed with updates dates                                      |
| 049    | Lapse (overlaps strike motions)                                 |
| 066    | Renewed   |
| 068    | Renewed with relevant numbers                                   |
| 103    | Renewed   |

## 9. AOB

HW notes that the nominations for elections 2020 is the 11/03/20 at 12:00pm and encourages everyone to apply and also inform others.

## 10. Notification of Next Meeting (06/03/2020 – MR2 16:00-19:00)