



# Union Council Minutes

**Date: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2010**

**Time: 17:00**

**Venue: Essex House Rm 18**

## 1. Attendance (17)

David Cichon (Chair)	Councillor for EngDes	Danielle Oxenham	Councillor for Global Studies
Jo Bailey	Councillor for Psychology	Erif Petch	Women's Group Rep
Martha Baker	Councillor for MPS	Scott Sheridan	Activities Officer
Biz Bliss	Finance/Operations Officer	Jo Stovell	Activities Committee
Keiran Burn	LGBT Rep	Cameron Tait	President
James Duffield	Media Development Officer	Bobby Treweek	Activities Committee
Temujen		Daniel Ward	Councillor for LifeSci
Gunawardena	Community Engagement Officer	Tom White	Councillor for LPS
Jamal Maxey	Councillor for BMEc		
Becca Melhuish	Ethical & Environment Officer		

## Apologies for absence (6)

Jo Goodman	Welfare Officer	Serena Verdenicci	Activities Committee
Ikechukwu Onodugo	International Students' Officer	Lita Wallis	Education Officer
Sol Schonfield	Communications Officer	Stacey Whittle	Postgraduate Students' Officer

## Other absences (3)

Lana Harper	Activities Committee	Donal Twomey Brenner	Councillor for HAHP
Sam Newman	Councillor for Informatics		

The Chair announced he intended the meeting to last no more than an hour due to members' other commitments.

**2. Minutes of Council meetings on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> November.** These were approved.

**3. Matters arising.** Scott told Council there would be a meeting this week, to be repeated in the new term, for those considering standing in the full time officer elections.

**4. Reports from committees and officers.** As agreed at the last Council, written reports were submitted by a number of officers and those officers present gave brief verbal updates.

Biz Bliss (Operations Officer): Drew attention to the recruitment of a Venues and Entertainments Co-ordinator, as preparations for the NUS demo in London on Thursday and discussions on how to scrutinize the policing of demonstrations locally.

Scott Sheridan (Activities Officer): SussexLive is an event that will showcase the work of student societies and will take place on January 20-21. He is working with UBSU on setting up community societies to foster links with the local community, and Activities is looking at the range of staff working in Activities and the possibility of more opportunities for volunteers.

Cameron Tait (President) reported on various negotiations with the University including: the issue of more-affordable campus accommodation following the planned demolition of East Slope (see Welfare Officer's report); compensation to be offered if the Stores is York House is taken away from the Union; the proposal for the Union constitution; the 'structure of the academic year'. He reported on a meeting with Norman Baker MP.

Cameron also reported on University Council, and mentioned two items in particular: the intention to make progress on equality and diversity training across the university; and reporting on independent investment.

Becca Melhuish (Ethical and Environmental Officer) presented her written report with no matters requiring update.

James Duffield (Media development officer) reported on a successful meeting regarding the funding for UniTV and a planning meeting for a campus film festival. He reported to Council that there was a need to update the constitutional Appendix on Media, for example to include UniTV in the list of official media with places on the committee and also make the committee more relevant to the way media are run. As no papers had been circulated Council agreed that discussions should take place and proposals come to the next Council.

- 5. Seeds for Change facilitation workshop.** Biz told Council that facilitation training was being planned. It would either take place on a Wednesday or Saturday and Council was asked which it would prefer. The majority voted for Wednesday.
- 6. Council Strategy Proposal for 2011.** David Cichon presented a draft paper under this title and asked members to consider the contents which could be discussed at the beginning of term. Comments included the need to set dates for Council meetings well in advance as well as for papers to be issued so that Union members could feed reactions to councillors. The role of council laid out in the paper needed to include liaison with school/course reps, and the holding to account of Union officers.
- 7. Any other business.** Keiran Burn referred to the issue of posters featuring 'Wonder Woman' which had raised objections. This would be taken up before the next Council.

The meeting then closed.