**Minutes**

**Thursday 17th February 2022**

**Zoom**

**Members**

Upwards of 80 members present, including:

56 Student Reps (70% of voting participants)

Chiko Bwalya – VP Education/Chair

Naomie Lebe (NL) - SU President

Omuwa Ayomoto (OA) - VP Student Opportunities

Toluwa Atilade (TA) - VP Welfare and Community

William Davies (WD) – Student Rep

Rachel Adedoyin (RA) – Student Rep

**In attendance**

Mata Durkin (Secretary/Democracy and Campaigns Coordinator)

Charlotte Morris-Davis (Democracy and Campaigns Manager)

Hayley Butler (Liberation and Campaigns Coordinator)

Jane De Vekey (Head of Student Voice and Policy)

Kamilla Dowgiert (Clubs and Societies Coordinator)

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# Welcome and Introduction

## The Chair welcomed the SUBU Summit participants and deemed the meeting quorate

## The Chair introduced the agenda and set out the operational points and the procedures to be followed during the meeting. This included that the results of all votes would be announced via email following the meeting to ensure that only votes cast by voting members were counted and not during the meeting itself.

## Minutes of Previous SUBU Summit

## The Chair invited members to read over the minutes which had previously been circulated and a vote was taken

# Approve: 46

# Reject: 0

# Abstain: 4

## **Minutes Approved**

# Trustee Board Update

# Presented by NL

# Key points noted:

# The Trustee Board met on 2nd February and for the first time in two years, the board got together in person on campus. We welcomed our three new Student Trustees who have joined the Board to provide student expertise to our existing Board. The focus of the meeting was to review the financial report. After the considerable challenges of the past few years, the Board welcomed the fact that financially, SUBU was in a more stable position than it had been for some time. Whilst caution needed to be maintained, the Board agreed that it was important for SUBU to start looking at our resources and structures to ensure that we are able to meet the needs of our students.

# Full-Time Officer Reports

# President’s Report

# NL presented

# Key points noted:

## Manifesto: Secure COVID safe (in person) events and graduations can happen again and making sure they are accessible and affordable

* + Working alongside Estates to ensure start of term events are done in a safe manner – mask wearing is still compulsory on campus.
  + SUBU’s Summerball is currently planned for June and will be working with the commercial team to deliver a COVID secure event.

## Manifesto: Ensure a full and quality-led student experience throughout your time at BU

* + The radio and video segments have been promoted and published to students.
  + Working with Vice President Student Opportunities to discuss how to develop the induction process for international students.
  + Working with the BU Alumni team on a mentoring scheme for Black students. Also working with Dorset Chamber of Commerce on a larger scale mentoring scheme for all students. Hoping to launch both schemes in March.

## Manifesto: Obtain targeted financial and academic support is provided for all students

* + Looking to speak to students face-to-face to get a better understanding of the unique challenges that students face and be able to provide better targeted support.

## Manifesto: Build a Post-COVID strategy for a strong, transparent and sustainable SU

* + The Trustee Board has focused on enduring the pandemic over the last two years.
  + We welcomed three new student trustees and would like to introduce further opportunities for students at SUBU.
* Policy: Should SUBU lobby the government to secure tuition fee rebates?
  + Have been working with other SUs on the Costing Your Future Campaign – following this, the government has announced that there will be no changes in the next financial year for student loan holders.
  + We are also bringing a proposal to this Summit around supporting the NUS’ New Vision for Education campaign and their Student Strike.
* Policy: Should SUBU lobby BU to provide a free replacement ID card?
  + This has been discussed with BU, and they are exploring this.

# Vice President Education Report

# CB presented

# Key points noted:

## Manifesto: Lobby the university to provide extra support and safeguarding for healthcare students both during study and placement

* + Currently monitoring how the current NHS vaccine changes are affecting NHS staff and students.

## Manifesto: Work with BU to ensure that students are equipped with the practical skills they need to excel in their future careers

* + IT have highlighted a number of ways they have invested in equipment to improve the hybrid learning experience, including the laptop support fund and loan scheme.

## Manifesto: Continue to create and maintain support groups for students in minority groups

* + Events will be starting again this term. Recently held a mature students cheese and wine mixer which went really well.

## Manifesto: Work with BU to ensure that academic quality is maintained both on line and in-person

* + We are tracking concerns about the structure of student-staff forums, and recent concerns about how consistently ALS guidelines are being applied to student assessments for students that qualify.

## Manifesto: Maintain the work of the Say My Name safety pledge campaign, mandating all staff to correctly acknowledge and pronounce students’ preferred names and pronouns

* + Met with the library team to discuss student-facing staff concerns about how to address students correctly without using gendered terms.
  + Will be presenting the Say My Name campaign to Warwick University during their virtual symposium.
  + Will be meeting with HR Director at BU to discuss names and pronouns to include in BU’s EDI training for staff.
* Policy: Should SUBU lobby BU to ensure that the length of teaching days and sessions are time appropriate, with consultation from students?
  + Submitted for discussion in the March Student Voice and Engagement Committee.
* Policy: Should SUBU lobby BU to change MUSE to allow mid and end of unit feedback?
  + We are currently waiting for the outcomes of a FUSE pilot survey.

# Vice-President Student Opportunities Report

# OA presented

# Key points noted:

## Manifesto: Advanced placement guidance

* + Working with the Task and Finish group for BAME graduate outcomes to help influence the diversity of employers that BU invite onto campus.
  + Have been involved in discussions around fostering relationships with multi-national companies situated locally to BU to increase recruitment to BU Alumni.

## Manifesto: Facilitating activities that promote networking amongst students

* + Planning to collaborate on BU Varsity Day with SportBU. We are hoping to increase engagement at the BU Chapel Gate Sports facility.
  + Working with SU President on the black mentoring scheme.
* Manifesto: Bournemouth University Support for Paid Part-Time Work
  + Would like to host further jobs fairs for students, and continuing to work with BU Careers on this.
  + We celebrated National Student Volunteering Week by hosting 2 mini volunteering fairs in BGB and the Student Centre.

# Vice-President Welfare and Community Report

# TA presented

# Key points noted:

## Manifesto: Create campaigns and events championing allyship and support for marginalized groups

* + Will be presenting the Allyship strategy to the BU Board of Governors.
  + Hosted an EqualiTEA session, to promote the Liberation Officers and Campaigns.

## Manifesto: Continue work on providing local and national accommodation support for students during the coronavirus pandemic

* + Working with our Commericial Services, the police and BU on providing drink spiking kits into halls.
  + Working with residential services to improve the accessibility of halls.
  + Highlighting issues that international students have had with accommodation to the UET team.

## Manifesto: Continue to work closely with the BU Wellbeing Service to improve the quality and accessibility of the service, and working with BU to implement post lockdown wellbeing

* + Continuing to work on the Peer Support Scheme.

## Manifesto: Work with BU and Dorset Police to combat rises in sexual assault/misconduct cases against students

* + Chaired a panel on sexual violence and Higher Education with other student unions.
  + Organised a second training session with STARS Dorset on sexual harassment and how to be an active bystander.
  + Working on collaborative projects about sexual harassment and violence.
* Manifesto: Organise an open forum for international students to address international student enquiries amidst the coronavirus
  + Organised the International Speed-Friending event for January starters.
* Policy: Should SUBU lobby to improve inclusivity and accessibility arrangement for all students?
  + Have requested that ALS send out regular updates to staff to remind them to apply reasonable adjustments.
  + Will be continuing conversations with the team.
* Policy: Should SUBU implement a plastic policy?
  + Hosted a New Year litter pick with Beryl Bikes
* Policy: Should SUBU support accessible periods through the free supply of sanitary products and additional campaign work?
  + Working on sourcing sustainable menstrual products
  + Will be having an event during Women’s History Month around making your own sustainable period products.
* Policy: Inclusive Campus: Masks, Toilets and Facilities
  + Our Trans and Non-Binary officer has left BU, but we are now working with the BU Estates Team on the toilet audit, which should be completed by Easter.
* Policy: Rename the Students with Disabilities Officer and Campaign to the Disabilities, Accessibility and Neuro-Diverse Officer and Campaign
  + SUBU Trustee Board have approved the new Bye-Laws and are pending final ratification from the nominee of the BU Board.
* Policy: Improve sustainability through better the plant-based options available on campus
  + Equity in pricing between plant based and dairy milks has been implemented within SUBU outlets.

## The Chair invited the participants to speak further with the Full-Time Officer in different discussion groups.

# Student Ideas

# The Chair introduced the ideas up for discussion and invited the SUBU Summit participants to self-select discussion groups.

# The groups were invited to amend some, none or all of each proposal.

# The Chair advised participants they could swap discussion groups half-way through.

# Policy Discussions:

# SUBU should support the NUS’s New Vision for Education campaign, including supporting the NUS Student Strike

# SUBU to lobby BU and Beryl Bikes to provide a Student Discount

* Implementing a Buddy system for incoming international students

# Discussion Group Amendments:

## *SUBU should support the NUS’s New Vision for Education campaign, including supporting the NUS Student Strike*

* Solution 2 to include ‘This shall include providing transport at no cost for students, a small deposit may be required. This shall also include promoting the strike via their communication channels.’

# *SUBU to lobby BU and Beryl Bikes to provide a Student Discount*

* Solution 1a to include ‘More maintenance on campus.’
* Solution 1b to include ‘More Beryl bikes/general cycling events happening on campus.’
* Solution 1d to include ‘One-off discounted annual payment or per semester payment.’
* Solution 2 to include ‘using a student ID’.

# *Implementing a Buddy system for incoming international students*

* No changes.

# Speeches and Vote:

# SUBU should support the NUS’s New Vision for Education campaign, including support the NUS Student Strike

# Speech for: WD

# The New Vision for Education says that access to higher education is a right, and they want students to not be seen as consumers by universities.

* There will be a Student Strike in London to support the new campaign.
* SUBU will provide transport to London for students for free.

# Speech Against: None

# Call to vote

# For: 32

# Against: 1

# Abstain: 13

# **Passes**

## SUBU to lobby BU and Beryl Bikes to provide a Student Discount

# Speech for: OA

* Many students do not have a bike, even if they would like to cycle.
* Students can currently use Beryl Bikes to hire a bike, but the cost can be inaccessible for long-term use for students.
* There should a student discount or a long-term (annual or termly) pass for students from Beryl.

# Speech against: None

# Call to vote

# For: 40

# Against: 2

# Abstain: 4

# **Passes**

## Implementing a Buddy system for incoming international students

# Speech for: RA

* Many new international students struggle when they first come to Bournemouth.
* It would be nice for international students to get a buddy to answer questions you have about things like transport, or how to open a bank account and other things they may need support with.

# Speech Against: None

# Call to vote

# For: 43

# Against: 0

# Abstain: 3

# **Passes**

# Any Other Business:

# The Chair asked if there was any other business.

# CMD reminded everyone that applications for the Full-Time Officer Elections close on Friday at midnight.

# The Chair thanked everyone for attending this meeting and previous meetings, and stated that the results of the vote would be emailed to all participants within the next 48 hours once all votes had been validated.