Student Council

**20/02/23**

*Present:*

Caitlin Fieldhouse – CF

Jessie Barker - JB

Kelsey Howard-Matthews - KHM

Lisa Herbrig - LH

Rachel Ward – RW

Sonya Karamzalieva – SK

*Absent with formal apologies:*

Evie Hudson - EH

Humaira Khan – HK

Sophie Strangeway – SS

Eliza Dolly - ED

*Staff absent with formal apologies:*

Louise Brenkley - LB

**Item 1 – Welcome from the Chair**

RW thanked everyone for attending, confirmed attendances and apologies and confirmed the meeting as quorate

**Item 2 – Approval of minutes from the previous meeting**

RW asked members for their approval of minutes from December’s meeting; all confirmed their approval

**Item 3 – Matters Arising**

KHM explained that Council members will be receiving an email for approval of a Student Trustee

KHM confirmed that the Mature and Part-Time Students’ Officer has now resigned from post

**Item 4 – Attendance Log and Task Tracker**

RW confirmed historical attendance log as correct

**Item 5 – Action Tracker and Officer Updates**

CF described her Brew Monday campaign and how it was received with positive feedback from the Samaritans on her posts

CF explained her posts for World Cancer Day, her promotion of Course Repping and the DSO for the Elections

JB updated on her work on the focus groups for feedback about the MHWS services and that some of the focus group sessions were still yet to run

JB added that she is planning a library display for mental health for University Mental Health Day as well as some support with planning of the stall in the Atrium

LH updated that she had been to a paint your own pottery studio with the international student new arrivals

RW explained that she has been working on Green Impact with KHM regarding sports kits to move forward to set up a campaign for donating and is hoping to set up a meeting with S Todd to discuss linking with a charity in Manchester

RW updated on the Swap Shop initiative and has set up a Leeds Trinity Swap Shop on Paperclip. RW added that she is aiming to create a social media campaign with the SU to promote and launch it

CF added that she is working with accommodation to get the website updated, which is just waiting for the content to be checked

CF explained that her Topic Tuesdays are liked by students

CF described how she is helping to support Matt Nunnerley with Uni Mental Health Day

**Item 6 – School Rep Reports**

SS’s updates were taken as read and RW confirmed that the feedback from Level 4 Film Students had now been addressed

**Item 7 – Sabbatical Officer Reports**

KHM summarised updates on the following:

* UCU strikes regarding marking of assessments and graduation - explained she has regular meetings with Deans of Schools who assure that the strikes should not impact marking and that everything is under control at this current time. KHM urged Council members to contact her if students are not receiving assessment feedback by the expected date and she will follow up
* International Women’s Day (in ED’s absence) - explained the plans for the different events throughout the week of 6th March; some of which are being run by the University and some by the SU
* Student Charter - getting students’ input to contribute to it and will be creating and sending a Padlet for Council members to add to in the current brainstorming phase and urged members to add their suggestions
* Careers and Placements – there are conflicting reports about what is being offered and what students are receiving from the service and is trying to collate evidence. KHM asked for any students to let her know of their experiences regarding this
* Breast Cancer Awareness – is posting monthly reminders on the importance of checking breasts
* Green Impact – will be a key focus, working with RW
* Mental Health – working on a plan of action for the rest of the year and for next year with an initial focus in March on stress regarding dissertations for 3rd year students
* BSL courses – is meeting with an individual who delivers sessions to discuss pricing

**Item 8 – Motions Debate**

No new submissions on Student Say receiving the required interactions

RW encouraged Council to submit ideas and to promote the platform to students

**Item 9 – Sustainability**

RW confirmed that she had given updates in Item 5

**Item 10 – Representation of vacant Council roles**

KHM asked members for any suggestions and ideas on how to support and represent student cohorts without a representative Officer as a task for the next meeting

**Item 11 – AOB**

RW raised energy use in the library and discussed ideas around the Switch It Off campaign

RW asked KHM if there was a University Sustainability Working Group; KHM confirmed there is a workstream for CfSJ

RW reminded members to bring some ideas for next council meeting for the representation of the current vacant Council roles

RW thanked Council for attending and closed the meeting