



Student Council

Thursday 28th September 2017, 6-8 pm, Teviot Debating Hall

MEETING SUMMARY

1. Welcome and overview

Welcome and overview of the agenda by Emma van Rooijen, Student Council Facilitator at Edinburgh University Students' Association.

2. Accountability

Reports from the Sabbatical Officers were given and questioned from the floor.

a) Report from Kai O'Doherty, Students' Association Vice President Activities and Services

- **No questions.**

Report Passes: For: 39 (95%), Against: 2 (5%), Abstain: 0 (0%)

b) Report from Oliver Glick, Students' Association Vice President Community

- **Question 1 (from UG History Rep):** The facilities that the university provides for bike storage are not safe enough, what can be done about this?
- **Answer 1:** It is on my manifesto and something I think about all the time, e.g. at King's buildings. I am looking to lobby the transport division, which will involve going through Student Council to secure more bike shelters.
- **Question 2 (from Mature Students' Rep):** What about student responsibility? Are we looking at more strict rules for students who leave bikes left outside? It needs to be more than once a year i.e. as often as possible.
- **Answer 2:** The University leaves tags behind saying it will be removed in 10 days but this is something that we could collaborate on with the university, we are now meeting regularly and will bring it up with their contact.

Report Passes: For: 36 (93%), Against: 0 (0%), Abstain: 3 (7%)



c) Report from Bobi Archer, Students' Association Vice President
Education

- **No questions.**

Report Passes: For: 43 (98%), Against: 1 (2%), Abstain: 0 (%)

d) Report from Patrick Kilduff, Students' Association President

- **Question 1 (from UG Math Reps):** Are there plans for extending travel to Kings Buildings over the weekend?
- **Answer 1:** We are looking to work with the transport department to gauge the most used times and find other affordable types of transport, perhaps not the shuttle, but others too across Edinburgh. Feel free to email me.
- **Question 2 (from UG Engineering Rep):** With the £1 trial, what are you trying to achieve with this? More student participation, demand?
- **Answer 2:** My opinion is that students would prefer to work later and have a safer and more affordable option for this. The University wants to use the previous trial's data and this £1 trial to show that the bus company would not lose out by having a Student Fare. I hope that more students will stay later and work – this could alleviate library space issues, make students feel safer staying behind and result in a better deal for students across Edinburgh.

Report Passes: For: 40 (91%), Against: 1 (2%), Abstain: 3 (7%)

e) Report from Esther Dominy, Students' Association Vice President
Welfare

- **Question 1 (from UG Computer Science Rep):** Having these events on during Mental Health and Wellbeing Week is great but some might not want to go because they embarrassed – do you have any plans to address this?
- **Answer 1:** We have had good turnout, but stigma is always an issue, and the aim of events like this is to reduce this. There will be events run by speakers, and people can drop by; they are designed to be open so that more people can take part. These won't change peoples' lives but it will start conversations, particularly through hearing other student stories.
- **Question 2 (from UG Engineering Rep):** Can they come to KB as all these tend to be central?
- **Answer 2:** They will be at Pollock but obviously, this does not satisfy the KB requirement, so we're looking to have events across all schools, and there is opportunity for reps like yourself to get involved.



Report Passes: For: 39 (88%), Against: 1 (2%), Abstain: 4 (9%)

3. Motions

No motions.

4. AOB

What happens if there is a vote against a Sabbatical Officer report?

According to Section I.iii. Accountability at Student Council: If two reports from a body or officer are rejected by Student Council in one semester a member of Association Executive shall bring a vote of censure to the next meeting of Student Council.

Meeting close.

Turnout:

Total number of ballots from students: 5

Total number of ballots from elected representatives: 39

Total number of ballots: 44