

## **SRA 23.10.25**

**Attendees:** Louis (Council Chair), Francesca (UG ALSS), Teo (UG ALSS), Yogadhveep (UG SciEng), Linlu (ELA Officer), Maria Jose (PGT HELI), Mia (UG Officer), Lucy (Student living Officer), Abdel (PGR Scieng), Sharan (PG Officer), Aimee (Women's SCO), Sandali (Open Place SCO), Wendy (Open Place SCO), Charlie (LGBTQ+ SCO), Katie (Union Affairs), Anna (PGR HELI), Mia (PGR ALSS), Ahmad (PGR Scieng), Sian Clarke (Disabled SCO)

### **Apologies:**

**Chair:** Louis

**Minuter:** Hafren Jones

### **Agenda:**

- Introductions
- General Updates
- Introduction to SRA
- BREAK
- NUS Delegates
- Any Other Business

### **Minutes:**

Everyone introduced themselves with their name, role, and pronouns if they're comfortable.

### **Officer Priorities:**

- Katie began with explaining Officer Collective Priorities – Student Poverty, Building Communities & Academic Satisfaction.
- Katie is working a lot on space on the bank of these priorities and after sharing them with University Executive Board (UEB), including the Vice-Chancellor and Provost.
- They have developed a “UEB Agreement” with executive regarding their priorities.
- Katie is going to look at the function to find study space to “find some teaching and learning space” .
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### **Sharan's Updates:**

- Sharan spoke regarding Academic Satisfaction & explained Education Officers leading on this

- Work outside of the UEB – getting PGs more involved in societies and student groups, and interested in “one off” events for PGs to be able to offer unique opportunities.
- Has also spoken to PGs regarding student groups, as well as a Postgraduate & Pints event, originally booked for 30/10 but is closed during Consolidation Week. SU Events team are going to see if this possible as private event. Sharan explains that there will be more concrete actions follow-up on UEB agreement very soon.

### **Lucy's Updates:**

- Living remit large, working on trying to update the SU's Climate Action Plan.
- The Executive Agreement – particularly on Student Poverty, Lucy is keen to make laundry cheaper including free for some students in economic hardship.
- Long-term wanting lower laundry prices. University have agreed prices set to £3.80 due to different company, whereas Circuit laundry is more expensive.
- Wanting to cap laundry prices in non-university owned Halls, when tenancies/agreements expire.

### **Yogadhveep: What is happening with buses?**

- o Lucy clarifies there is no U1 Bus service. Lucy explains how Bus passes are unfair & students not living in city centre don't benefit from U1, as well as the cost.
- o University opted to get rid of U1 service in response after 17 years. There will be more buses to the city centre and to North Village.

### **Maria: Accommodation was meant to come with free bus passes, is cancelling of U1 why there's no bus passes? Yes.**

- o Maria is paying +£1000 on accommodation due to website error.
- o Lucy encourages students to carry on complaining. Appeals of decisions must be made before accommodation complaints. Potential CMA violations & LUCY will ask Accommodation Manager
- o Another issue has been stonewalling RE. Buses for Lucy – UEB agreement should mandate meetings on Buses, o be able to pass on complaints

### **Mia's Updates:**

- One of priorities is Academic Satisfaction; Mia looks at quality of assessment feedback & criteria clarity. Recruiting Student Feedback Fellows with Bristol Institute of Learning & Teaching.
- Increasing marking & assessment transparency
- Working on standardising Personal Tutoring system and support with reforms and a new system in COMPSCI, LAW and HUMS
- Mia and Jordan (UG SCIENG) working on experience of commuter students @ Bristol

- *Is it Personal Tutoring just reforming in UG?* Mia clarifies working at UG-level. It would extend. Anna explains about working on PGR personal tutoring in her faculty
- *Charlie - Exams being before Christmas, many concerned about lateness of exams and timetables with timetables for early Dec. Are SU doing anything on making it earlier?* Project about to start that Mia now involved in, about releasing seminar timetables early
- *Do all students get personal tutors?* Not all Economics students get a PT. It's a "Student Success Team" ECON are trying a new thing, a pilot with a shared mailbox for a personal tutoring, people behind mailbox will then direct them to tutor
- *Labour planned to introduce Tutition Fees with inflation, including a 2-year academic quality assessments. Are there changes?* Mia clarifies that Teaching Excellence Framework will play into this. Sharan also clarified that Education Officers are being included in these conversations and can offer more info to SRA once info has come
- *How does improvement of academic quality in terms of the Rep experience*
- Staff will share the NUS' breakdown of the Post-16 White Paper
- *Why has the Feedback Fellows not been given to Reps?* Due to the role being funded by BILT, the Feedback Fellow is more specified on one role, but Course Rep is more holistic

#### **Linlu's Updates:**

- Win = secure for Gender Expression Fund, providing funding for gender affirming care or anything necessary, non-medical use. Applications started for the funds, open for a month.
- Two research projects; one is a survey from Russell Group Safety work on gender-based violence and contributing Govt on safety in HE. Survey will open 12/11 and circulate to SRA
- Survey on consent; there is a consent training module and looking at doing focus groups end of November
- Linlu also looking @ sunflower lanyard flower scheme to disclose hidden disability – will go to Idea Board for students to support to show to university staff ~

#### **Questions:**

- *Is the gender expression fund a voucher?* Linlu clarifies its use as money-directly
- *How many numbers have done the consent training?*
- *Is this actually constructive for those who need consent education? Is this a solution making change?*
- Proposition that this consent training is added to the registration system – so all students would have to complete it at the start of the year obligatorily
- Working on introducing more Welcome Week registration events requires completion on consent. Building a no tolerance culture and policy
- Previously used to have consent discussion/training re. Welcome Talks

#### **Ella's Updates:**

- Derby Day, the sporting event for SU groups with over 10 Universities, 18/3/2026
- More sports than last year

- Injury Support Group for student athletes has been re-established, twice weekly and working with a Sports psychologist
- Movember working with Uni ambassadors about platforming what Sports Clubs are doing
- Hosting a Club Captains Forum 30/10

### **Jessie's Updates:**

- International Students Week 14/11

### **Introduction to SRA:**

- FTO Updates coming 2 weeks in advance, with opportunity for Organisers and Reps to ask questions
- FTOs will then give answers in the meeting
- New democratic Journey
- Ideas coming to SRA (now called Mandates) can come from a House Meeting or assigned by DSC from the Ideas Board
- Bids need to be relevant to a Mandate or to a collaborative campaign

### **NUS Delegates:**

- Katie explained how the National Union of Students (NUS) works
- NUS has changed the way they get delegates – they want students that have already been elected as reps so that they already have the pulse on student issues
- 2 x Full-Time Officers roles included in delegates, 3 x Open Place to Organisers & Reps
- Sharan, Jessie, Linlu, Katie and Lucy are all standing as delegate candidates
- Lucy standing to build her work on student living
- Katie has previous existing relationships in NUS on Maintenance grants
- Sharan is keen to engage particularly on postgraduate research issues
- Lucy & Katie chosen to go after voting
- Organisers & Reps seats: Yogadvheep and Abdel are standing for it
- Yogadvheep wants to go to gain some relevant experience and meet reps from other SUs
- Abdel wants to be able to pursue PGR experiences in an NUS context, and offer different perspectives
- Sharan put forward for the last place by the room and selected
- NUS Delegates: Abdel, Yogadvheep, Lucy, Katie, Sharan

### **ACTIONS:**

- Lucy to speak to Accommodation Manager regarding Maria's query on accommodation
- Staff to share NUS White Paper analysis