

**Student Assembly**  
**5-7pm, Thursday 31st January 2019**  
**Goldsmiths Students' Union**

**Chair:** Kierin Offlands

**Full-time officers in attendance:** Joe Leam (Campaigns and Activities Officer), Taylor McGraa (Education Officer), Mona Mounir (Welfare and Diversity Officer), JT (President).

**Part-time officers in attendance:** Kierin Offlands (Union Chair), Jade Dagwell Douglas (Campaigns Officer), Lindsay Castro (Ethical and Environmental Officer), Maciej Zatorski (Housing Officer), Louise Warberg (Housing Officer), Minh Kim (International Students; Officer), Edain Bradley (LGBTQ+ Students' Officer), Shehzida Iqbal (Postgraduate Students' Officer), Shreya Ukil (Societies Officer), Kajul Treebhawon (Volunteering Officer)

**Staff in attendance:** Meg Evans (Engagement Manager), Thaniyah Miah (Campaigns and Democracy Coordinator), Evelyn Taire (Communications Coordinator), Rachel Sunderland (Activities Manager), Leila Mani Lundie (Liberation Coordinator), Galina Skvortsov (Societies Coordinator), Denisa Mariana Turturea (Office Coordinator)

**Welcome and introductions:**

Union Chair introduced himself.

Debate actions and motions at Goldsmiths. Keep up to date and hold the full-time officers accountable.

**Safe space policy:**

Chair noted the safe space policy and played an information video.

**How Assembly works:**

Chair noted how Student Assembly debate works.

**Full-time officer reports:**

<https://www.goldsmithssu.org/democracy/studentassembly/reports/>

**JT**

- Spaces on campus
- Staff leaving has affected this
- Redevelopment in the SU building
- Democracy and governance
- Reforming how SA works
- Trustee board has made the decision to incorporate SU
- SU budget for the following year

- Monthly meeting with the Warden
  - UCU ballot, rep system, vacancies in the college, SU nursery
- Great Hall will be closed from the end of this month
- Student/Staff forums

### **Taylor**

- Pronoun inclusion campaign
  - Poster going in classrooms across the college
  - Possible funding from college
- Speaking to careers
  - Alternative careers week 11-15th Feb
- Research project changed into student-led training
  - Day in the life of a Goldsmiths student

### **Joe**

- Sport hardship fund
- Approved over 30 new societies
- Campaigns and liberation fund
- Hosted open meeting for students in the community
- University challenge
- SU awards with Activities team
- Varsity - 9th March
- Videos
  - Top 10 tips on housing
- Presented a student-led teaching award at graduation
- Community and engagement forum
- Met with student support services
- Student experience sub-committee
- Sat on two interview panels
- Goldsmiths housing action

### **Mona**

- BME attainment gap academic lead
- Decolonising Goldsmiths campaign
- Learning space with local community
- Every tuesday 'Bricks' - space for BME students
- Co-chairing Mental Health Working Group
- Religion and Belief Working Group
- Liberate our library - meeting with library
- Liberation Part-Time Officer committees
- Campaigns and Liberation funds
- International Women's Day
- Beds for students with chronic pain
- Jewish community - Holocaust memorial day
- Met with Officers from different Unions

- Trying to get the university to sign up to the race equality charter

**Part-Time Officer Updates:**

- LGBTQ+ History Month
- International Women's Day
- Task Forces on passed motions
- Cultural Exchange Fair
- Learn A Language VLE page
- College Council
- Postgrad Speed Dating
- Postgrad Karaoke Night
- Postgrad Games Night
- Sections Conference (International Officer and Postgrad Officer)
- Trans Conference
- Plastic Free Campus Campaign
- Societies Skill Swap
- Queer Film Week
- Housing Rights Handbook
- Training for College staff on how to speak to student with disabilities
- Women in sport
- Volunteering Network
- Student Volunteering Week
- Helping on Full-Time Officer Campaigns

**Motions:**

**Motion 1:** A Green New Deal for Goldsmiths by 2020

**Proposer:** Lewis Toumazou

- This would be a blueprint
- Speak to different services and see what would work best for them all if passed
- JT - planning around how the SU would work on that. Rely on the income to fund other activities.
- Is there any guarantee that if passed plastic would be phased out or will prices just rise?
- If passed there will be a Task Force created and the Trustee Board will also look at it.

**Vote**

For: 19

Against: 1

Abstain: 1

**Result:** Motion passes

**Motion 2:** Motion to Support a More Accessible Goldsmiths University

**Proposer:** Bamidele O. Soyoye

- Mona spoke on proposers behalf

**Vote**

For: 21

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**Result:** Motion passes

**Motion 3:** Motion to recognise TDoR and Trans Awareness Week

**Proposer:** Avery Delany

- Taylor spoke on proposer's behalf

**Vote**

For: 21

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**Result:** Motion passes

**Motion 4:** Motion to amend the bye-laws of Goldsmiths Students' Union

**Proposer:** JT

- Move SA voting online and keep open for 3 days
- By-laws haven't been updated since 2007
- Does not reflect the organisation how it is today
- Advertisement on SA
  - Put things up in halls
- Would still have SA but voting would just be moved online with a video for students to watch back
- Would people who attend SA be expected to go online after and vote?

**Vote**

For: 20

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

**Result:** Motion passes

**Motion 5:** Motion to improve postgraduate social life

**Proposer:** Diane Groothuysen

- Comes down to communication
- Postgrads are such a diverse group of students
  - Can make it difficult to find things to cater for everyone
- Can the Goldsmiths app be used?
- Speak to the Leopard
- There will be something every week in terms of events for postgrads

**Vote**

For: 14

Against: 2

Abstain: 5

**Result:** Motion passes

**Motion 6:** Motion to support Goldsmiths Security Staff, and their recognised trade union the Independent Workers of Great Britain (IWGB), in their campaign to secure “inhouse” employment status

**Proposer:** George Briley

- Security are outsourced from a company. This motion wants them to be fully employed by Goldsmiths University.
- Rather than in-sourcing would it be better to get them better contracts?
- Security would like to be in-house
- When there is a contract the outsourcer tries to squeeze as much profit as they can, which in turn leads to bad treatment of workers

**Vote:**

For: 21

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**Result:** Motion passes

**Motion 7:** Motion to support mandatory accessibility information

**Proposer:** Catriona Morton

- Mona speaking on behalf of proposer
- Does this motion want events in areas that are inaccessible to be moved?
- Making sure that all promotional materials have whether the room is accessible or not

**Vote**

For: 20

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**Result:** Motion passes

**Motion 8:** Motion to support the Permanent In-Housing of All Staff at Goldsmiths University

**Proposer:** Joe Leam

- Updated motion
  - Update from motion put forward in October SA

**Vote**

For: 20

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**Result:** Motion passes

**Emergency Motion:** To oppose further marketisation by accelerated degrees

**Proposer:** Taylor McGraa

- Would this mean being in lectures/seminars more?
  - Yes - 3 years worth gets put into 2 years
- Would also have a negative impact on staff who already struggle on making and planning
- One students experience on a accelerated degree was positive
  - Staff were paid more too
- It would be a choice by the student if they were on the course
- If the academics can make the decisions themselves to do the extra hours then it's not a bad thing
- Want to find out more about what academics think
  - Lecturers really care about the students here and already go above what they're expected

**Vote**

For: 15

Against: 2

Abstain: 3

**Result:** Motion passes

**Time and date of next meeting:** Tuesday 26th March 2019 at 5pm in the SU Venue.