

Meeting of:	Goldsmiths Student' Union – Student Assembly 29th September 2015, Ian Gulland Lecture Theatre
Officers Present:	Laith Whitwham (Chair), Adrihani Rashid (President), Alex Etches (Campaigns and Activities Officer), Danny Nasr (Education Officer), Bahar Mustafa (Welfare and Diversity Officer), Eliane Edmund (Disabled Students' Officer), Alice-India Garwood (Womens' Officer), Polu McEwan (LGBTQ Officer), Aisha Khan (Societies Officer), Alessia Cancemi (Palestine-Twinning Officer).
Apologies	None

1. Welcome and Introduction

- 1.1 JG (Clerk) talks about housekeeping
- 1.2 LW advertises the upcoming Wardens Open meeting, informs members about safe space and PM gives a clearer outline of what it means in practice.

2. Apologies

- 2.1 The meeting is ruled to be quorate and there are no apologies.

3. Approval of the minutes from the last meeting.

- 3.1 There are no objections and the previous minutes are approved.

4. Motions

4.1 Boycott 'Prevent'

- 4.1.1 HR makes a proposing speech for the motion and DN speaks to underline some of the main points in the motion.
- 4.1.2 PM asks how we intend to work with trade unions on campus and HR responds.
- 4.1.3 Vote. For 58 Against 1 Abstain 1 **MOTION PASSES**

4.2 Refugee Crisis

- 4.2.1 DN speaks in favour of the motion and explains what it means.
- 4.2.2 A member asks how we can keep up with how we promote the issue as it so fast moving. DN responds.
- 4.2.3 A member asks why scholarships just for Syrian students in particular. DN explains citing examples for other universities and explaining there are existing humanitarian ones.
- 4.2.4 AE asks to add to the motion: 'We work with the anti-raids network to stop future immigration raids in the area' and explains why. Vote: For 60 Against 0 Abstain 11 **AMENDMENT PASSES**
- 4.2.5 PM asks how else the Union's solidarity will materialise. DN explains.
- 4.2.6 A member asks what the criteria might be. DN says there is none yet.
- 4.2.7 Vote: For 77 Against 0 Abstain 3 **MOTION PASSES**

4.3 **Emergency Motion: *International Students' Walkout***

4.3.1 DN proposes the motion

4.3.2 A members asks who is walking out. DN confirms that it's not just international students but also those in solidarity.

4.3.3 A member asks about the breadth of the government policy on international students and DN responds explaining it more.

4.3.4 Vote: For 71 Against 1 Abstain 3 **MOTION PASSES**

5. **Elections**

- Housing Officer

Felix and Liam Renouf are duly elected

- Campaigns Co-ordinator

Lynsay Hodges is duly elected

- Student Parents' Officer

No-one puts themselves forward

- Mature Students' Officer

Karola Rajoo is duly elected

- Sports Officer

Georgina Ingram is duly elected

- Postgraduate Students' Officer

Kiona Niehaus is duly elected

6. **Officer Reports**

6.1 HR delivers her report to the meeting.

6.2 DN notes he made his presentation last minute so it's not fancy. He delivers his report to the meeting.

6.3 AE delivers his report to the meeting

6.4 BM delivers her report to the meeting.

6.5 A member says well done to the SU for the success of freshers' week, saying it was substantially better than the previous one.

6.6 A member asks whether non-students can come on the coach to the Tory party conference demo. AE says potentially so, but Goldsmiths students get priority.

6.8 A question submitted online is asked to BM around the safe spaces policies.

6.8.1 BM responds to this.

7. **Solidarity Motions**

7.1 LW explains what solidarity motions are and invites suggestions from the floor.

7.2 A member proposes solidarity with sex workers and reads a statement which is clapped from the floor.

7.3 Liam Renouf proposes solidarity to students missing in Mexico and their families one year on. Motion clearly passes

8. Any Other Business

8.1 Appointing student assembly members to academic board

8.1.1 Motion to appoint DN, BM and Kiona Niehaus to academic board clearly passes

8.2 DN promotes the Pub Quiz taking place at the Stretch after the meeting.

8.3 BM informs students they too can submit motions, not just officers and invites students to do so for the next meeting.

8.4 Hani tells students they can submit questions and hold officers to account.