

Student Assembly
5-7pm, Thursday 25th October 2018
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), Shehzida Iqbal (Postgraduate Officer), Kajul Treebhawon (Volunteering Officer), Minho Kim (International Students' Officer), Edain Bradley (LGBTQ+ Students' Officer), Shreya Ukil (Societies Officer), Mahnoor Ali (Sports Officer), Laura Moyies (Women's Officer), Catriona Morton (Disabled Students' Officer), Yasmin Metcalfe (Trans and Non-Binary Students' Officer).

Staff in attendance: Meg Evans (Engagement Manager), Thaniyah Miah (Campaigns and Democracy Coordinator), Howard Littler (Academic Representation and Communities Manager), Rachel Sunderland (Student Development Manager).

Welcome and introductions:

New Union Chair introduced himself to the room.

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

- Working with the Estates Department on how we use space.
- Reforming the democracy of the SU - tabling motion at next Student Assembly to change the way it works - online voting to make it more accessible.
- Sitting on committees - college council - outsourcing of cleaners and warden has resigned.
- Will be sitting on the panel for new Warden.
- Focus group for democracy review.

Taylor

- Liberate my degree - working group of staff, going to get students involved. Pronoun campaign - actively use them in education settings.
- Student community and outreach - Coachbright pair up uni students with high school students as mentors - campaign around social mobility.
- Better provision for international students with Careers department.
- Question on safe space policy - Taylor is working on this and bettering it - motion to be put in soon.

Joe

- Online platform - for societies and sports
- Met with Eden - NUS Trans Officer - sport at uni
- This Girl Can Week
- Justice for Cleaners - now in house
- Goldpaper
- Elected Warden campaign
- Starting a series of videos on rights
- Rent guarantor scheme
- Sports tour
- Timetables and modules
- Mental Health first aid trained
- 3000 membership for sports and societies
- Questions: plans on what can be done with the money - ideas from students
- 2 ideas - deposit scheme for students, and graduate hardship fund
- Question: work with refugees?

Mona

- Working on black history month - 14 events
- BME attainment gap - pushing college
- Space on SU website - students to share day to day experiences - ie microaggressions
- Library - reading list audit
- Mandatory training for lecturers about how to speak to people
- How to better support international students
- More support for PTOs - committee/team
- Mental health first aid training

Motions:

Motion 1: Cut to contact hours on BA (Hons) Applied Social Science, Community Development and Youth Work (BACD&YW)

Proposer: Lara Periera

Seconder: James McGregor

Vote

For: 27

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Result: Motion passes

Motion 2: Motion to elect Goldsmiths Warden

Proposer: JT

Seconder: Joe Leam

Vote

For: 27

Against: 1

Abstain: 2

Result: Motion passes

Motion 3: Welfare and Diversity Officer - role title change

Proposer: Mona Mounir

Seconder: Omar Abd El Qader

Additional seconders: Hamna Imran, Omar El, Aymen Babar, Nusaiba Al Azami, Malak Khoury

Vote

For: 27

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Result: Motion passes

Motion 4: Motion of boycott and support for outsourced worker at the central University of London

Proposer: George Brieley

Seconder: Joe Leam

Vote

For: 23

Against: 0

Abstain: 2

Result: Motion passes

Emergency Motion:

Proposer: Joe Leam

Vote

For: 27

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Result: Motion passes

Solidarity motions:

Proposer: Edain Bradley

- Asked that the SU stands in solidarity with students in Brazil.
- Asked that students come along to a demonstration outside the Brazilian embassy.

Vote

For: 27

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Result: Motion passes

Time and date of next meeting: Thursday 6th December 2018 at 5pm in the SU Venue.