**Minutes**

**Senedd**

**01/11/2021**

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| **Agenda** | **Item** | **Notes** | **Voting Breakdown** |
| **Yes** | **No** | **Abstain** |
| **Welcome and Opening Remarks** | The Union Chairperson welcomed everyone present at the meeting and provided an update on how the meeting was going to work. | 21 Senedd Members were in attendance and the meeting was deemed quorate.  |  |  |  |
| Apologies for Absence | No apologies of absence were recieved |  |  |  |
| **Deputy Chair Election Pt 1** | Candidates interested in standing to be the Deputy Chair were invited to come forward. | Josh Carson stood as the only candidate and was therefore elected unanimously  |  |  |  |
| **Officers' Report** | Sabina O’Donoghue (President) provided a summary of the Officers’ Report, which is available in the papers for the meeting. | She highlighted the success of welcome week, on boarding of new staff such as our intern translator and her focus on environmentalism using a traffic light system in the shop for products containing palm oil.  |  |  |  |
| **Notification of Policies lapsing**  | The document available outlined policies lapsing this year. Attendees were informed students must resubmit a lapsing policy to a Senedd or AGM for us to continue working on it. | Alice Rhodes (Campaigns and Democracy Coordinator) explained that these were circulated in the case that a representative wants to resubmit for the year. |  |  |  |
| **Senedd - Your Ideas** | We discussed and voted upon the ideas that had been submitted to Senedd. |  |  |  |  |
| **1** | **Stopping Spiking and Supporting Survivors** |  |  |  |  |
| Proposer speech  | Jasneet kaur Samrai presented the idea to Senedd |  |  |  |
| Questions | Questions included whether the SU is working with the police on the issue, whether no academic consequences would be a likely outcome. |  |  |  |
| Invitation for additional speakers (for or against) | Points against:* Having no academic consequences could be abused by students

Points in favour: * A serous issue that is impacting students at the moment
* Making it policy will ensure the SU continues to work on the issue for 3 years
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| Vote | Passed | 100% | 0% | 0% |
| **2** | **Improve Welsh language provision in modules**  |  |  |  |  |
| Proposer speech  | Mared Edwards presented the idea to Senedd |  |  |  |
| Questions | Questions included whether this was a request for all lectures to be available in Welsh or just those advertised as Welsh language modules  |  |  |  |
| Invitation for additional speakers (for or against) | Points against:* None raised

Points in favour: * An important policy to have to support Welsh language students who have previously had to swap modules for this reason
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| Vote | Passed | 100% | 0% | 0% |
| **3** | **Adopt the IHRA Definition of Anti-Semitism** |  |  |  |  |
| Proposer speech  | Sam Hall was not present and had not nominated a spokesperson so the idea was not debated as per the constitution.  |  |  |  |
| Vote | N/A | - | - | - |
| **4** | **Introduce a vote of No confidence for Academic Reps and Committee Members** |  |  |  |  |
|  | Proposer speech  | Elizabeth Manners presented the idea to Senedd |  |  |  |
|  | Questions | Questions included what percentage of members / people on the course would be needed to call a vote of no confidence and if club/society reps should be able to vote on this as a possible conflict of interest. |  |  |  |
|  | Invitation for additional speakers (for or against) | Points against:* The proposed 5% and 10% are too small and gives one individual too much power

Points in favour: * Important change that would benefit student groups and resolve potential conflicts
* Important mechanism for accountability
* “Agree with this in theory”
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|  | A procedural vote was taken by show of hands as to whether representatives wanted to vote on the idea as explicitly proposed or whether they wanted to pass the idea but “in consultation with clubs/socs and academic representatives in the next zone”.  | Representatives voted to take a vote on the idea with the proviso that the specific numbers needed to call a vote of no confidence would be discussed in the next cycle of Zones |  |  |  |
|  | Vote  | Passed  | 100% | 0% | 0% |
| **5** | **Remove RON from Academic Rep and Committee elections** |  |  |  |  |
| Proposer speech  | Rachel Barwise presented the idea to Senedd |  |  |  |
| Questions | Questions included what RON is, how would you restart an election if needed without RON and how this helped better elections. |  |  |  |
| Invitation for additional speakers (for or against) | Points against:* RON is an important way to influence major elections
* Abstention during an election is different politically to actively voting to RON a candidate

Points in favour: * Allows an individual to be elected into a position without competition if a single candidate stands. This would encourage students to get involved and take on leadership roles in the Union.
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| Vote | Not passed | 37% | 53% | 11% |
| **6** | **Dragon Mc-what face?** |  |  |  |  |
| Proposer Speech  | Rachel Barwise submitted the idea to Senedd |  |  |  |
| Questions  | There were no questions  |  |  |  |
| Invitation for additional speakers (for or against) | As there were no questions and the meeting was nearly at 2 hours invitation for additional speakers was by passed to go direct to a vote based on consensus from the room. |  |  |  |
| Vote | Passed | 100% | 0% | 0% |
| **Any Other Business** | * Reminder that next meeting on 6th December is Big Meeting which requires 100 students in attendance to go ahead.
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