QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY BELFAST STUDENTS' UNION

MINUTES

Statutory Meeting of the Students' Union Council held on 6 April 2017 in The Chamber, Belfast City Hall

Present:

ANDREW FLETCHER ANTHONY FLYNN CHEN YE COLLETTE JANE MCALLISTER CONOR LEE CONSTANTINOS NICOLAU EMMA MCERLEAN EMMA-JANE FAULKNER GAVIN LUNDY **GRIAN NÍ DHAIMHÍN** HAMSAVANI RAJESWAREN JAMES VERNER JASON BUNTING JESSICA ELDER KANG ZHENG TAO (JASON KANG) LAHIRU ELVITIGALA LAURA CORNER LUCY GAULT MARK MCDONNELL MATTHEW MCCALLION **OISÍN HASSAN OLIVIA POTTER-HUGHES** PAUL LOUGHRAN PRAVEENA PRIYADHARSINI PRABAKARAN RACHEL WATTERS REECE PRICE SEÁN FEARON STEPHEN MCCRYSTALL TIARNÁN HEANEY

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In Attendance:

Kate Nicholl (Deputy Clerk of Council) Damien Corridan (Clerk of Council)

Collette McAllister (Union Speaker, in the Chair) welcomed all attendees to this Statutory Meeting.

1. APOLOGIES.

Apologies were received from the following Councillors:

ASHLEY JONES
AYLISHA ANNE HOGAN
CAL GIRVAN
CAMERON MCINTYRE
CHRIS LENEGHAN
DANIEL O'CONNOR
DOYIN YAHI
EMMA SHAW
EUGENE TINELLY
JAMIE WOODS
KELLIE COWAN
MATTHEW CARSON
NIAMH O'HARE
RACHEL IRELAND
RACHEL POWELL
SARA MCDOWELL
SEAN O'SULLIVAN
ZOE ROBERTS

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2. MINUTES OF THE STATUTORY MEETING OF 22 MARCH 2017

It was <u>agreed</u> that the minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 22 March 2017 (SUC/M/17/2) were a true and accurate record of proceedings.

3. BUSINESS ARISING

There was none.

- 4. COMMUNICATIONS
- 4.1 Students' Union Redevelopment

Seán Fearon, updated the Council on the progress on the Students' Union Redevelopment Project, advising members of the Council he and the VP Equality and Diversity had attended a meeting of the steering group which had discussed financing the redevelopment. He advised Council there would be a more comprehensive update following the Senate meeting on 27 June 2017 when University approval is anticipated.

4.2 Council Membership - Update

Council <u>noted</u> that there are currently 71 members of Council and the quorum is 18.

4.3 National Students' Unions – Update

Council noted delegations representing Queen's University Belfast Students' Union attended and will be attending the following events:

Union of Students in Ireland (USI) Congress 9 delegates This event will took place from 27-30 March 2017 Venue – Treacy's West Country Hotel, Ennis, Co. Clare

National Union of Students (NUS) Conference 6 delegates This event will take place from 25-27 April 2017 Venue – Brighton Centre, Brighton

National Union of Students – Union of Students in Ireland (NUS-USI) Regional Conference 12 delegates This event took place from 4-5 April 2017 Venue – Armagh City Hotel, Armagh

Council warmly congratulated Councillor Olivia Potter-Hughes on her election to President of NUS-USI.

4.4 Procedures for Meeting in Belfast City Hall

Council approved a proposal that Council suspend Council Orders at 8.30 p.m. to postpone consideration of any unconsidered agenda to the May Statutory Meeting of Council.

4.5 Society Constitution Amendments (for note)

Councillors noted that the Snooker, Billiards and Pool club have updated their constitution and the Student Activities Committee has approved it.

5. BYE-ELECTIONS

There were none.

6. ELECTIONS

There were none.

7. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS / RULES AMENDMENTS

7.1 Amend: Paragraph 820 as follows, to include:

The Student Activities Committee recommend the following for recognition by Council:

7.1.1 Queen's University Belfast Current Affairs Society

Proposer: Ciara Campbell (Student) Seconder: Megan Sith (Student)

Recognition of the Queen's University Belfast Current Affairs Society was approved following appropriate discussion and some minor clarifications.

8. REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Union Speaker notified Council that it was understood the reports from the Executive Management Committee (with the exception of the Vice President Equality and Diversity) due for this meeting, had not been submitted to the Clerk of Council within the timeframe set down in the Standing Orders and was thus considered to be rejected by Council, subject to right of appeal to Council.

A display of voting cards indicated that Council agreed to consider the tabled reports.

8.1 Report of the Vice President Equality and Diversity (tabled)

The Report of the Vice President Equality and Diversity was taken as read.

Following a show of voting cards, the Report of the Vice President Equality and Diversity (SUC/P/17/15) was <u>accepted</u>.

8.2 Report of the Union President (tabled)

The report of the Union President was taken as read.

Following a show of voting cards, the Report of the Union President (SUC/P/17/16) was accepted.

8.3 Report of the Vice President Education (tabled)

Following a show of voting cards, the Report of the Vice President Education (SUC/P/17/17) was accepted.

8.4 Report of the Vice President Student Activities

The Report of the Vice President Student Activities was taken as read.

Following a show of voting cards, the Report of the Vice President Student Activities (SUC/P/17/18) was <u>accepted</u>.

8.5 Report of the Vice President Welfare

The Report of the Report of the Vice President Welfare was taken as read.

Following a show of voting cards, the Report of the Vice President Welfare (SUC/P/17/19) was <u>accepted</u>.

9. REPORTS FROM OTHER UNION COMMITTEES AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

There were none.

10. REPORTS FROM UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

There were none.

11. CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

There were none.

12. QUESTIONS.

There were none.

- 13. MOTIONS.
- 13.1 Record Lectures to Aid Accessibility

Council notes that:

Currently the majority of lectures are not recorded and it is creating an accessibility issue for students who are disabled, carers, commuters, international students (ESL) and those who are struggling due to general or mental health. Many Russell group universities have implemented this system and this renders QUB outdated, providing a substandard education.

Council Believes that:

- This is a natural progression alongside introduction of VLE which would be designed to support such technology.
- It would support independent student study, in particular with the implementation of the new "long-thin" modules where students are examined on content from the entire academic year.
- This would raise standards of teaching to meet other institutions as well as provide a platform to more accurately assess lectures as well as assisting them improve teaching techniques (with help from recordings of other lecturers).
- This has the potential to reduce failure rates and will aid students re-sitting modules.
- This would help prevent accessibility issues, in particular for the above mentioned groups; students who are disabled, carers, commuters, international students (ESL) and those who are struggling due to general or mental health.
- With scarce research to prove that recordings affect attendance, this will have long-term benefits for students.

Council instructs:

The Executive Management Committee to campaign for the introduction of lecture recordings across the University.

Proposer: Niamh Scullion (Student) Seconder: Constantinos Nicolaou (Student)

The motion was debated and, following a show of voting cards, the motion was <u>carried</u>.

13.2 Establishing a Food Cooperative

This Council recognises that a key part of student welfare is ensuring that students have access to affordable, fresh food.

This Council also recognises that there is limited availability of affordable fresh produce around the Queen's area for students.

This Council therefor instructs the Part-Time Environmental and Ethical Trading Officer to explore the feasibility of creating a food co-operative that would be hosted at Queen's SU on a monthly basis.

Proposer: Eugene Tinnelly (Environmental and Ethical Trading Officer) Seconder: Paul Loughran (Student Officer Activities)

The proposer and seconder withdrew this motion, requesting that it be considered at the May Statutory Meeting of Council.

13.3 Financial Support for International Students

Council recognises:

- That there is a lack of financial support for International students, regardless of students coming from less fortunate backgrounds or in the case of any unexpected circumstance,
- That the DfE Support Fund, a discretionary fund for students with financial difficulties is only available for NI and GB students,
- That the UKCISA (UK Council for International Student Affairs) specifies that only International students whom are classified as 'Home Students' might be able to receive support funding from the Government; leaving other International students with no alternatives for funding except for the University's Hardship Fund which constitutes of a much smaller pot of money as compared to the DfE Support Fund,
- That there is no clear explanation as to how candidates are selected as recipients of the Vice-Chancellor's International Attainment Scholarship for Undergraduates,
- That the International Office Undergraduate Scholarships offered by the university are significantly incomparable to the rest of tuition fees to be paid.

Council believes:

- That this is unfair because not all International students come from financially strong backgrounds and a provision should be available for support funding if necessary,
- That as a result of increasing tuition fees and the inability of some of these students to support the expenditure of tuition and living costs, the amount of prospective International students enrolling in the future might reduce significantly.

Council mandates:

- That there should be a fund which provides a capped amount of financial support to International students provided that there is a legitimate reason,

- That the award process for students whom applied for the Vice-Chancellor's International Attainment Scholarship should be transparent and the results of the award process should be publicised so as to raise awareness on how such recipients were awarded and allow future applicants a guideline to the award process,
- That if a fund which provides a capped amount of financial support to International students is not feasible, a mechanism should be put in place for international students to obtain loans from the University in case of financial hardship and emergencies which would be repaid once the international student starts work,
- That the International scholarships should be further divided into merit-based scholarships and needs-based scholarships,
- That the SU Executive including but not limited to VP Equality and Diversity, the International Officer and the BAME Officer, look into the above and help alleviate these issues.

Proposer: Bella Bella (Student / BAME Ambassador of Indonesia) Seconder: Lahiru Elvitigala (Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Students' Officer)

The motion was debated and, following a show of voting cards, the motion was <u>carried</u>.

13.4 Fixed Date for the Graduation Ceremony of each Faculty

Council recognises:

- That QUB currently plans out their winter and summer graduation ceremonies on the basis of a tentative week, well in advance of the graduation ceremony,
- That this tentative week does not list out the specific graduation date for each faculty,
- That the specific graduation date for each faculty is only known a few months before the actual graduation day,
- That family members and close friends of international graduates have to spend a significant amount of money to book flight tickets to attend the graduation ceremony and the knowledge of a fixed graduation date for each faculty could allow them to plan and fund their trip to Belfast accordingly.

Council believes:

- That the current predicament is not ideal for International students as accompanying family members and close friends are not certain of the exact date of each faculty's graduation date until a few months beforehand and thus can only plan and spend on their trips to Belfast once this information is provided,
- That QUB should change this existing system and specify fixed dates for the graduation of each faculty well in advance for the benefit of all students, especially for International students.

Council mandates:

- That the necessary department responsible for organizing QUB Graduation Ceremonies informs the public of the specific date for the graduation ceremony of each faculty at least half a year in advance,
- That the VP Education discusses and tackles this issue further.

Proposer: Lahiru Elvitigala (Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Students' Officer) Seconder: Mudra Kumar (Student / BAME Ambassador of India)

The motion was withdrawn by the proposer.

13.5 Decriminalisation of Abortion in Northern Ireland

Council notes the following:

- Abortion is available in Northern Ireland only where there is a risk to the life or long term mental or physical health of the pregnant person, which excludes cases where there is fatal foetal abnormality, or a pregnancy as a result of sexual crime. In most circumstances, abortion is a criminal offence punishable by a maximum sentence of life imprisonment under the 1861 Offences Against the Person Act. The 1967 Abortion Act was never extended to Northern Ireland.
- 2 In April 2016, a 21-year-old woman was convicted under the 1861 Offences Against the Person Act and given a suspended sentence of three months' imprisonment for procuring an abortion with Mifepristone and Misoprostol purchased online.
- 3 The UK Department of Health reported that 16 NHS abortions were carried out in Northern Ireland in 2015 and at least 833 NI residents travelled to England for private abortion healthcare, costing up to £2000 per person.
- 4 In November 2015, Judge Horner of the Belfast High Court declared that the current abortion law in Northern Ireland breaches Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights (the right to private and family life) by failing to provide an exception to the ban on abortion in cases of fatal foetal abnormality, or pregnancy as the result of sexual crime.
- 5 On 10 February 2016, the NI Assembly voted against reform to allow lawful access to abortion in cases of fatal foetal abnormality and sexual crime. As a result, the abortion law in Northern Ireland remains the most restrictive in Europe and incompatible with minimum human rights standards.

Council further notes with great concern that:

- 1. This month the PSNI have implemented a crackdown on the procurement of Mifepristone and Misoprostol to induce abortion.
- These medications appear on the World Health Organisation's list of essential medicines and are already used in NI hospitals for miscarriage management and a very limited number of lawful medical abortions. However, Mifepristone and Misoprostol are regarded as 'poison' under the 1861 OAPA for the purpose of criminalising abortion.
- 3. People with crisis pregnancies who travel from Northern Ireland to England to access a termination must pay to access treatment privately, while those resident in England, Scotland and Wales are eligible to receive abortion care on the NHS (within the limits of the 1967 Abortion Act). The cumulative cost of transport, accommodation and the procedure itself places a particularly heavy burden on pregnant people on low incomes.
- 4. Obtaining an early medical abortion by purchasing abortion pills online is much less expensive than travelling to England, therefore it is a method of abortion which is frequently relied upon by 16 to 25 year olds and those on low incomes.
- 5. Victims and survivors of domestic violence, people with disabilities and people with caring responsibilities can face additional barriers when travelling to access abortion, or find it impossible to travel altogether.
- 6. The criminalisation of abortion in Northern Ireland deters people from accessing aftercare, for fear of being reported to the PSNI if they disclose that they induced an abortion with medication.

Council believes that:

- 1 Individuals who make the decision to terminate a pregnancy should be supported and cared for in Northern Ireland, rather than disempowered and isolated by having to travel elsewhere to do so.
- 2 Access to reproductive healthcare is a student welfare issue: students can face crisis pregnancies which have an adverse effect on their university lives. The inaccessibility of safe and legal abortion in Northern Ireland places an undue burden on these students in an already distressing situation.
- 3 Abortion should be governed by the same robust regulatory and ethical frameworks as all other medical procedures.

Council thus resolves:

- 1 To commit to ensuring reproductive justice for all, including women, trans men, non-binary and gender fluid people, and removing barriers to abortion access in Northern Ireland.
- 2 To support the introduction of legislation which supersedes Sections 58 and 59 of the Offences Against the Person Act 1861, and has the effect of ensuring full decriminalisation of abortion in Northern Ireland.
- 3 Council will support legislation to decriminalise all aspects of abortion healthcare, including: to save the life of the pregnant person, to preserve physical and mental health, in cases of sexual crime, where there is a diagnosis of a fatal foetal abnormality, for socio-economic reasons, and at the request of the pregnant person.
- 4 To support the campaign for reproductive justice and decriminalisation of abortion worldwide.

Proposer: Rachel Watters (Student) Seconder: Grian Ní Dhaimnín (Student)

The motion was debated and, following a show of voting cards, the motion was <u>carried</u>.

13.6 Availability of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)

Council notes that:

- 1. Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) is a drug which reduces the risk of HIV infection in people who are at high risk by more than 90 per cent.
- 2. It is not currently available on the NHS.
- 3. PrEP is recommended by the World Health Organisation, UNAIDS, and US Centers for Disease Control.
- 4. HIV and AIDS diagnoses are increasing rapidly in the UK and Ireland.
- 5. Where PrEP has been made more widely available, the number of diagnoses have reduced.

Council supports:

- 1. The full introduction of PrEP which is accessible via the NHS.
- 2. The work of advocacy organisations who support the wider availability of PrEP.

Council Mandates:

- 1. The VP Equality & Diversity and VP Welfare to write to the Minister for Health to lobby for the introduction of PrEP to the NHS in each health trust.
- 2. To closely monitor the process by which decisions will be taken on this issue by governmental and health agencies.

Proposer: Stephen McCrystall (Vice President Equality and Diversity) Seconder: Jessica Elder (Vice President Welfare)

A friendly amendment was accepted such that the 'Council Supports' paragraphs of the motion read:

Council supports:

- 1. The full introduction of PrEP which is accessible via the NHS.
- 2. The work of advocacy organisations who support the wider availability of PrEP.
- 3. The decision by the NI Assembly to support a motion calling for the Minister of Health to bring forward proposals to ensure that everyone in NI has access to PrEP.

The motion was debated and, following a show of voting cards, the motion was <u>carried</u>.

13.7 Visa Issues for International Students

Council recognises:

- That there are cases where international students have had to pay additional fees for their UK Tier 4 visa for various circumstances, through no fault of their own.
- That these additional fees and expenditure can be burdensome for international students and their families.
- That some Study-Abroad students have to apply and pay for their UK Visa application twice due to miscommunication or even false advertising, between QUB and their Home University.

Council has concerns:

- Although QUB is a recognised sponsor and issues CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies) to international students and has the responsibility of "...doing all it can to ensure that prospective students are genuine students who can comply with their Immigration Rules, and that students enrol, comply with their conditions of leave, and see their course through to completion" (Tier 4 of the Points Based System: Guidance for Sponsors; 2.3), the University management does not seem to reflect such behaviour.
- That due to miscommunication between international Study-Abroad students and the University management, such students are misinformed about their Student Visa until after they have received it, and have to incur significant costs to rectify it

Council instructs:

- The incoming Vice President of Equality and Diversity, International Officer and BAME Officer (2017-18) to organize a confidential survey aimed for international students on the subject of student visa issues, with the overarching aim of finding the number of international students whom have had issues with their student visa during their study in QUB.
- The incoming Vice President of Equality and Diversity (2017-18) to discuss and resolve the issue on the lack of communication between University Management and other partner universities whom send students for Study Abroad with regards to their Student Visas

Proposed by: Karen Kaur (Student / BAME Ambassador of Malaysia) Seconded by: Ishani Ratnayake (Student / BAME Ambassador of Sri Lanka)

A friendly amendment was accepted such that the final paragraphs of the motion read:

Council instructs:

- The incoming Vice President of Equality and Diversity, International Officer and BAME Officer (2017-18) to organize a confidential survey aimed for international students on the subject of student visa issues, with the overarching aim of finding the number of international students whom have had issues with their student visa during their study in QUB.
- The incoming Vice President of Equality and Diversity (2017-18) to discuss and resolve the issue on the lack of communication between University Management and other partner universities whom send students for Study Abroad with regards to their Student Visas.
- The Students' Union to work with other organisations and the national union to highlight the injustices imposed by the Home Office and call for reform.

The motion was debated and, following a show of voting cards, the motion was <u>carried</u>.

13.8 Student Partnership Framework

Following a successful proposal by the Vice President Education to suspend Council Orders to discuss a motion of extreme urgency, the following motion was tabled for consideration by Council:

That this Council approve a paper (SUC/P/17/20) detailing a proposal for a Student Partnership Framework in Queen's University Belfast.

The motion was debated and, following a show of voting cards, the motion was <u>carried</u>.

Following a further show of voting cards, the Council Orders of Council were resumed.

13.9 Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

This Council notes:

- The UK Government is currently being investigated by the UN on how their policies, particularly Welfare Reform, is breaching the rights of people with disabilities.
- The ongoing work the Disabled Students' Officer has done with the Equality Commission on breeches of the UNCRPD in the UK

This Council further notes:

That the ROI Government signed the CRPD in 2007 but still has not ratified it.

This Council mandates:

- The Disabled Students' Officer and VP Equality & Diversity, alongside NUS and NUS-USI, to continue to work on highlighting the Government's failings to uphold the rights of Disabled People, especially in terms of Welfare Reform and the introduction of PIP.
- The Disabled Students' Officer and VP Equality & Diversity to work with USI and necessary officers in Southern SU's to campaign for the ratifying of the convention, and campaign to tackle the injustices faced by Disabled Students' across the Island.

Proposer: Emma-Jane Faulkner (Disabled Students' Officer) Seconder: Stephen McCrystal (Vice President Equality and Diversity) The motion was debated and, following a show of voting cards, the motion was <u>carried</u>.

13.10 Distance Learning

This Council notes:

- As part of QUB growth, QUB are looking to create Distance Learning Courses.
- These courses are a growing trend across the UK and Ireland, with many Russell Group Universities already providing these courses at a Short Course & CPD, Undergraduate and Postgraduate Level.
- That these courses are growing in popularity for many minorities that may find traditional campus based courses inaccessible for them, such as Disabled Students, Mature Students and International Students.

This Council also notes:

- That the introduction of these courses will change the dynamic and demographic of the Student Body of Queen's.
- That these students may potentially be isolated from the Support Services they are entitled to.

This Council Mandates:

 EMC, especially VP Education, alongside the National Students Unions, to create a comprehensive and holistic strategy on how the SU can engage and represent these students and how the SU can fully support them.

Proposer: Emma-Jane Faulkner (Disabled Students' Officer) Seconded: Oisín Hassan (Vice President Education)

The motion was debated and, following a show of voting cards, the motion was <u>carried</u>.

13.11 Payment Schedule for Part-Time Members of Staff

This Council recognises and praises the work and dedication given by part-time staff to the University and to the Students' Union.

This Council notes that part-time members of staff are currently paid their wages one month in arrears, i.e. on the same basis as full-time members of staff.

This Council further notes that many part-time members of staff employed by the University and the Students' Union are students who have sought part-time work to help pay for maintenance costs, in addition to other costs.

This Council recognises the difficult financial situation in which these students find themselves, and the fact that the payment of their wages is usually an urgent and immediate necessity.

This Council believes that the current policy of paying these members of staff one month in arrears is inadequate to meet the financial challenges they face.

This Council further believes that, in order to address these issues, the University Finance Office must amend its payment schedule policies to allow for part-time members of staff to receive their month's pay at the end of that particular month, rather than the current policy of payment of wages one month in arrears.

This Council therefore mandates the [insert relevant Student Officer(s) here] to liaise with the University Finance Office regarding this issue, with the aim of amending its payment schedule policies according to the recommendations set out in the previous paragraph above.

Proposer: Matthew McCallion (Student) Seconder: Laura Doran (Student)

The motion was debated and, following a show of voting cards, the motion was <u>carried</u>.

13.12 Exorbitant and Increasing Tuition Fees for International Students

The Council recognises:

- That the tuition fees for international students at Queen's University Belfast are exorbitant and have been increasingly annually with a lack of transparency and without justification.
- That QUB currently has no regulation or restrictions on the amount they charge international students for tuition fees
- That the current fee rates at QUB can only be described as extortionate and using international students as 'cash cows'
- Home Office maintenance requirements are not a good indicator of, and underestimates the realistic expenses of studying and living in the UK.
- Hidden course costs have a huge impact on international students, and QUB should at least be transparent about these costs.
- That international students generally face additional barriers to accessing student support funding, including disabled students, whose funding is not as robust, or accessible.

The Council notes:

- That international student fees should not be increasing annually, even by inflation.
- That arguments to raise fees by inflation ignore large profit margins already made with current fee rates.
- Competition and Markets Authority's advice to HE providers on students' rights under consumer law states that universities should be transparent about hidden course costs.
- That non-EU student fees should not be different to that of home or EU students.
- That QUB should do more to retain international students and recruitment practices should act in the best interest of the student and not the institution.

The Council mandates:

- The Executive Management Committee must hold the University accountable towards the justification of the unexplained increases in international tuition fees and restrain further increases of tuition fees without sufficient justification. Furthermore, the Executive Management Committee must engage with the international student body to encourage participation, debates, discussions, and campaign activities to spread awareness regarding tuition fee increases.
- That the University should have a dedicated support fund designed to meet the specific needs of international students including those who may face additional barriers by virtue of being from lower socio-economic backgrounds, or being disabled.
- That the Executive Management Committee must take the issue of international tuition fees to NUS conference at the beginning of the next academic year to mobilise support from other universities and to facilitate a healthy dialogue between the student body and the policy makers.

Proposer: Hamsavani Rajeswaran (International Students' Officer)

Seconder: Mudra Kumar (Student / BAME Ambassador Programme Secretary)

The motion was debated and, following a show of voting cards, the motion was <u>carried</u>.

14. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

There was none.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Union Speaker announced that the next Statutory Meeting of the Students' Union Council was scheduled to take place at Tuesday 2 May 2017 at 6.00 p.m. in The Space, Level 1, Students' Union

KATE NICHOLL (Deputy Clerk, Students' Union Council)