

The Students' Union Executive Committee

Chair: Kolawole Samuel Olure (President)

Secretary: Em Harvey (Representation Manager)

Minute Secretary: Becca Mosley (Representation Coordinator)

Location: [Online \(Microsoft Teams\)](#)

Date: 25 March 2025

Time: 16:30 – 18:00

<p>1) Welcome, Apologies & Housekeeping</p> <p>Present:</p> <p>Kolawole Samuel Olure (KSO, SU President & Chair) Em Harvey (EH, Representation Project Manager & Secretary) Rebecca Mosley (RM, Minutes Secretary) Muhammad Habib (MH, VP Sports & Health) Mohammad Muhit (MM, International Students' Officer) Jason Budd (City Campus Officer) Umar Abbasi (VP Socs and Comms) Khadiza Hossain (KH, VP Education) Lubnya Gardezi (LG, VP Comm & Welfare) Fayaz Kareem (Men's Welfare Officer),</p> <p>Absent: Ashlynn Htun (AH, Sustainability Officer) Adelaide Miles-Nielsen (AMN, LGBT+ Officer) Mercy Olorunda (Glenside Campus Officer)</p>	<p>Chair</p>
<p>2) Presentation from Plant Based Universities</p> <p>Plant Based Universities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Started campaign in October last year - Proposing more sustainable catering, specifically 60% plant-based catering by next academic year - After 60% has been implemented this will potentially increase by 10% following a financial and social review of the changes - Tackling the climate crisis - Encouraging people to make their lives more sustainable, starting with institutions - Animal agriculture responsible for 14.5-18% of global greenhouse gas emissions - River pollution in Bristol e.g. river Avon is very polluted by local farms - Supporting farmers by purchasing plants rather than meat - By transitioning to plant-based food systems, emissions would reduce around 85% - 2020 UWE announced a declaration to be carbon neutral by 2030 – PBU can support with this - Sustainability at the heart of Bristol culture - So far have had lots of engagement with students, UWE catering managers etc. - Plant based diet approved by the British and American Dietetic Associations - Eliminates allergies to dairy, eggs, fish, and shellfish - Plant-based food is both halal and kosher - Aim to work with neurodivergent students to create an inclusive menu - Students can still bring their own food onto campus, including animal products - Over 80 campaigns across the UK and Europe - University of Bristol was one of the Universities who recently passed this <p>ACTION: PBU/EH to share data on where the SU outlets are performing in terms of % plant based with Exec</p>	
<p>3) Student Ideas Voting</p> <p>The Secretary will invite members to discuss the Student Ideas which have passed and are awaiting approval by the Executive, which are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring back the free meals in The Students Union (1 star) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reminder that did not reach required rating to bring to a vote but can discuss how can 	

<p>support elements of this idea</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Potentially do it 1 day a week? - Students really enjoyed this before, how can this be financially viable? - Potentially increasing community larder stock or going back up to 2 days? - Decreased to one day due to students abusing the larder and staff <p>ACTION: KSO will speak to Tim about this idea as part of the wider cost of living research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant Based Universities campaign for a transition to 60% plant-based catering and pre-packaged food at the SU by the end of the academic year 2025/26 (3 stars) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Importance of majority plant-based rather than entirely plant-based - The potential financial and student impacts - The 60% is inclusive for students - The SU is currently slightly above 50% - Limited menu at the SU so increasing plant-based options might decrease customers - Lots of students complaining about limited meat based food options for them, this might further affect this - Different menu at City Campus? - More sustainable options but still using meat? - Quality of meat-based options should be reviewed - As long as the 40% meat options are high quality, supportive of PBU - Info from PBU meetings with commercial team will be shared - 6 votes in favour and 1 against, the idea will now go to Student Council <p>ACTION: EH to communicate outcome of vote to student</p>	
<p>4) Actions from Previous Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing Action: KSO to follow up with Clare and Carla Denyer with matters discussed – feedback to be communicated with Exec <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete • Ongoing Action: JB to work with Creative Network on creative clubs Student Idea. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Progressing with this - Creative passports also part of this • Ongoing Action: PTOs to speak to VP Education on any feedback, issues or ideas they may have with regards to their student groups being represented. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coordinated with 2 PTOs so far, please continue to feed back to Khadiza • Ongoing Action: KSO to meet with Credit Control to give them feedback from Exec <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presidents team have been helping students with queries • Ongoing Action: JB to explore options for e-bike Student Idea <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ongoing action - Discussions about e-bike options, private hire of e-scooter is illegal • Ongoing Action: KSO to explore if generic email accounts can be set up for PTOs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requested generic email addresses from the University - Will coordinate with PTOs when this is set up • Ongoing Action: EH & KSO to plan an Exec meeting at Arnolfini <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete, scheduled for 29 April - Suggestion to invite 2025/26 elected leaders afterwards for a meal • New Action: KSO to share Diversity Day materials with Mercy and Jason to share on their campuses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Closed, Diversity Day went successfully, materials were not shared but engagement across the campuses happened • New Action: KSO and MM to discuss future of International Students Forum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - University has approved this and moving forwards - Had a meeting, decided to initiate the first drop-in session for 29th April - This will be a trial run - Planning promotions with other UWE teams • New Action: JB to send details of Creative Passport discussed last Exec with KH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explored with City Campus students, good feedback - Thought it's best to be submitted as a student idea • New Action: KH to connect JB with School of Art Director of Learning and Teaching (Rachael Miles) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In progress • New Action: JB to send EH details on sustainable project to link with SU Green Impact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Document has been shared - Coordinating with Jack P - Ongoing action • New Action: KSO and EH to review remaining Exec meetings and communicate alternative dates to Exec members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ongoing action 	

5) Confirming Minutes from the Previous Meeting The Chair will invite members to request any necessary changes to the minutes of the previous meeting before voting to approve the minutes as an accurate reflection of the previous meeting's business. - Confirmed	Chair
6) Presidents Manifesto Updates from last Exec VP Education - Busy elections period - Went to a delayed feedback meeting and formed a working group - There will be fortnightly meetings - Working with the schools to find areas to work on VP Community & Welfare - Pilot program related to employment - Organising workshops with employers - Workshop about how to improve hiring process next month - Welfare committee planning videos and de-stress week - Student Experience Awards, tickets now on sale ACTION: LG & KH to check whether PTOs will be invited to Student Experience Awards as guests VP Sports & Health - Organising a workshop - No further updates VP Societies & Communication - Societies committee elections - Increased interest in elections this year - 9 new societies approved last week - Large number of new society applications President - Successful Diversity Day - Successful Elections	Chair & VPs
7) PTO Updates from last Exec City Campus Officer - No updates International Students' Officer - No updates	PTOs
8) AOB No AOB raised	All
9) Date of the next meeting The Chair will confirm to members the dates of the next meetings: - Executive Committee – 29 th April 2025, Arnolfini - Student Council – tbc	Chair