

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY BELFAST STUDENTS' UNION

MINUTES

Inaugural Meeting of the Students' Union Council
held on 7 November 2016 in The Space, Level 1, Students' Union

Present:

AARON MACDAIBHÉID	AHSS
AMY HANNA BROWN	Executive Management Committee
ANDREW FLETCHER	EPS
ANDY MCWILLIAMS	PG
ANTHONY FLYNN	EPS
ASHLEY JONES	Open First Year
CAMERON NEIL MACINTYRE	School Representative
CHEN YE	PG
CHRIS LENEGHAN	Executive Management Committee
CIARAN CUNNINGHAM	School Representative
COLLETTE JANE MCALLISTER	AHSS
CONALL KEENAN-REILLY	EPS
DANIEL CALLAGHAN	EPS
DANIEL O'CONNOR	Executive Management Committee
DOYIN YAHİ	EPS
EMMA MCERLEAN	School Representative
EMMA SHAW	School Representative
EMMA-JANE FAULKNER	Executive Management Committee
EUGENE TINNELLY	Executive Management Committee
GAVIN LUNDY	MHLS
GRIAN NÍ DHAIMHÍN	AHSS
HAMSAVANI RAJESWAREN	Executive Management Committee
JAMES BOYD	AHSS
JAMES CAMBLIN	EPS
JAMES VERNER	EPS
JAMIE WOODS	AHSS
JASON BUNTING	AHSS
JESSICA ELDER	Executive Management Committee
KANG ZHENG TAO (JASON KANG)	School Representative
KELLIE COWAN	EPS
KIRSTY WALLACE	School Representative
LAHIRU ELVITIGALA	Executive Management Committee
LAURA CATHERINE DORAN	AHSS
LAURA CORNER	Executive Management Committee
LUCY GAULT	School Representative
MARC C MCDONNELL	School Representative
MARK MCDONNELL	EPS
MATTHEW CARSON	AHSS
MATTHEW MCCALLION	AHSS
NIAMH O'HARE	EPS
NIAMH SCULLION	AHSS
NICHOLAS JAMES SALT	PG
OISÍN HASSAN	Executive Management Committee
OLIVIA POTTER-HUGHES	Open First Year
PAUL LOUGHRAN	Executive Management Committee
PETER SMYTH	AHSS
RACHEL WATTERS	Open
REECE PRICE	EPS
RHEA GOH LEE SHIA	Open First Year
RICHARD GARLAND	AHSS
RIOGHNACH KAVANAGH	AHSS
ROBERT MURTAGH	AHSS
ROBERT STEWART	School Representative
SARA MCDOWELL	MHLS
SEÁN FEARON	Executive Management Committee
SEAN O'SULLIVAN	PG
SHANE MCVEIGH	School Representative
SHIPRAH DIXON	AHSS
SINEAD DEANE	Executive Management Committee
STEPHEN MCCRYSTALL	Executive Management Committee
TIARNÁN HEANEY	Executive Management Committee
ZOIE WHAN	AHSS

In Attendance:

DAMIEN CORRIDAN (CLERK OF COUNCIL)
KATE NICHOLL (DEPUTY CLERK OF COUNCIL)
LORD MAYOR BRIAN KINGSTON (LORD MAYOR OF BELFAST)

Séan Fearon (Union President) welcomed all attendees to the Inaugural Meeting of the 2016-17 session of the Students' Union Council.

1. APOLOGIES.

Apologies were received from the following Councillors:

CONSTANTINOS NICOLAOU	MHLS
OLIVIA POTTER-HUGHES	Open First Year
ORLA YOUNG	MHLS
PAUL LOUGHRAN	Executive Management Committee
PETER SMYTH	AHSS

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2.1 Annual Business Meeting of 10 May 2016

It was noted that the minutes of the Annual Business Meeting of 10 May 2016 (SUC/M/16/4) will be considered at the Statutory Meeting of 15 November 2016.

3. BUSINESS ARISING

There was none.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

4.1 Presentation from the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor Alderman Brian Kingston

The Lord Mayor of Belfast, Alderman Brian Kingston, gave an overview of the responsibilities of being an elected representative and encouraged councillors on their year ahead.

4.2 Student Officer Plan of Work

In accordance with current Union policy, the Student Officers provided an overview of the Student Officer Plan of Work, which will be circulated to members of the Council and requested that Councillors submit any feedback that they have to the relevant Student Officer.

The Council agreed that formal approval of the Part-Time Student Officers' Plan of Work contribution be deferred to the December Statutory Meeting of Council, to give the recently elected Part-Time Student Officers time to contribute to the document.

4.3 Appointment of Returning Officer for the Student Officer Elections 2016-17

The Council approved the proposal by the Director of the Students' Union to appoint Keelin McGrogan (Senior Development and Campaigns Advisor, NUS-USI) as Returning Officer for the 2016-17 Student Officer elections.

The Council approved that, with the exception of any operational decisions made by the Returning Officer and any Rulings made by the Returning Officer, the Election Rules for the 2016-17 Student Officer Elections shall be the same as the Election Rules for the 2015-16 Student Officer Elections.

4.4 Part-Time Student Officer Reports

The Council approved a proposal deferring the requirement for Part-Time Student Officers to present their initial report to Council to the December meeting of the Council.

4.5 Apologies for Absence

Councillors were advised that they are required to send apologies to the Deputy Clerk of Council if they are unable to attend a meeting of Council.

4.6 Council Resignations

It was noted that any member of Council who misses three consecutive meetings of Council shall have been deemed to have resigned their seat.

4.7 Introduction to Executive Management Committee

The members of the Executive Management Committee present at the meeting introduced themselves to the Council.

4.8 Introduction to Student Council and Procedures for Student Council

The Clerk of Council delivered a presentation on the Rules and Standing Orders of Council.

The Union President outlined some potential areas for procedural improvement at Council and requested that Councillors submit any feedback to the Students' Union.

4.9 Part-Time Student Officer Elections

Council noted that a bye-election will be arranged for the following Part-Time Student Officer Post: Student Carers' Officer.

5. BYE-ELECTIONS

There were none.

6. ELECTIONS

Nominations were invited for the following positions:

6.1 Union Speaker (1 vacancy)

Colette McAllister, Matthew McCallion, and Richard Garland were duly proposed. This election also featured Re-Open Nominations. Following the tallying of votes cast (McAllister 32, McCallion 22, Garland 5, Re-Open Nominations 4 and Spoilt Votes 1), Ms McAllister was declared elected and chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Council endorsed the convention, that the second placed candidate in the election of Union Speaker, Matthew McCallion, will assume the post of Deputy Speaker.

6.2 Students' Union Management Board (3 vacancies)

Richard Garland was duly proposed and deemed elected.

It was noted that nominations for the further two vacancies would re-open on Tuesday 8 November 2016 and close on Monday 14 November at 9.00am. The election will take place at the next Statutory Meeting of the Students' Union Council at 6.00 p.m. on Tuesday 15 November 2016 in The Space, Level 1, Students' Union.

6.3 Education and Welfare Committee (15 vacancies)

The following nominations were received before the close of nominations and deemed elected: Ashley Jones, Jamie Woods, Jason Kang, Rioghnach Kavanagh.

It was noted that nominations for the further 11 vacancies would re-open on Tuesday 8 November 2016 and close on Monday 14 November at 9.00am. The election will take place at the next Statutory Meeting of the Students' Union Council at 6.00 p.m. on Tuesday 15 November 2016 in The Space, Level 1, Students' Union.

6.4 Campaigns and Communications Committee (10 vacancies)

No nominations were received before the close of nominations.

It was noted that nominations for the ten vacancies would re-open on Tuesday 8 November 2016 and close on Monday 14 November at 9.00am. The election will take place at the next Statutory Meeting of the Students' Union Council at 6.00 p.m. on Tuesday 15 November 2016 in The Space, Level 1, Students' Union.

6.5 Community, Equality and Diversity Committee (14 vacancies)

The following nominations were received before the close of nominations and deemed elected: Ciaran Cunningham, Jamie Woods, Riognach Kavanagh.

It was noted that nominations for the further 11 vacancies would re-open on Tuesday 8 November 2016 and close on Monday 14 November at 9.00am. The election will take place at the next Statutory Meeting of the Students' Union Council at 6.00 p.m. on Tuesday 15 November 2016 in The Space, Level 1, Students' Union.

6.6 Student Activities Committee (10 vacancies)

No nominations were received before the close of nominations.

It was noted that nominations for the ten vacancies would re-open on Tuesday 8 November 2016 and close on Monday 14 November at 9.00am. The election will take place at the next Statutory Meeting of the Students' Union Council at 6.00 p.m. on Tuesday 15 November 2016 in The Space, Level 1, Students' Union.

6.7 Environmental and Ethical Committee (10 vacancies)

No nominations were received before the close of nominations.

It was noted that nominations for the ten vacancies would re-open on Tuesday 8 November 2016 and close on Monday 14 November at 9.00am. The election will take place at the next Statutory Meeting of the Students' Union Council at 6.00 p.m. on Tuesday 15 November 2016 in The Space, Level 1, Students' Union.

6.8 University Senate (1 vacancy)

Robert Murtagh, Matthew McCallion, Andy Williams, Richard Garland, Ashley Jones, Riognach Kavanagh and Daniel Callaghan were duly proposed.

The candidate whose name is underlined was elected.

6.9 Academic Council (1 vacancy)

Andy McWilliams, Sinead Deane and Jason Kang were duly proposed.

The candidate whose name is underlined was elected.

6.10 Academic Board (4 vacancies)

The following nominations were received before the close of nominations and deemed elected: Riognach Kavanagh.

It was noted that nominations for the further three vacancies would re-open on Tuesday 8 November 2016 and close on Monday 14 November at 9.00am. The election will take place at the next Statutory Meeting of the Students' Union Council at 6.00 p.m. on Tuesday 15 November 2016 in The Space, Level 1, Students' Union.

6.11 Postgraduate Forum* (2 vacancies)

(* There is one vacancy for Postgraduate Taught students and one vacancy for Postgraduate Research students.)

The following nominations were received before the close of nominations and deemed elected: Chris Leneghan (PGT).

It was noted that nominations for one, postgraduate research, vacancy would re-open on Tuesday 8 November 2016 and close on Monday 14 November at 9.00am. The election will take place at the next Statutory Meeting of the Students' Union Council at 6.00 p.m. on Tuesday 15 November 2016 in The Space, Level 1, Students' Union.

7. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS / RULES AMENDMENTS

There were none.

8. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND RECOMMENDATIONS

It was noted that this would be presented at the November 2016 Statutory Meeting.

9. REPORTS FROM OTHER UNION COMMITTEES AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

There were none.

10. REPORTS FROM UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES.

It was noted that these would be presented at the November 2015 Statutory Meeting.

11. CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

There were none.

12. QUESTIONS.

There were none.

13. MOTIONS.

There were none.

14. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

There was none.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Ms McAllister announced that the next Statutory Meeting of the Students' Union Council would take place at 6.00 p.m. on Tuesday 15 November 2016 in The Space, Level 1, Students' Union.

KATE NICHOLL (Deputy Clerk, Students' Union Council)