

**BIRKBECK STUDENTS' UNION
STUDENT PARLIAMENT
MINUTES
15th NOVEMBER 2023**

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES:

Apologies from Emilie Pearson, Lily Boodhoo, Miriam Swan, Ella Edwin and Viabhav Dureja

2. QUORUM:

Quorum was confirmed.

3. CO-OPT:

Those elected in the meeting:

Clubs and Societies Officer: Sneh Vikramkumar Agrawal

Research Students Officer: Khan Mohammed Amir

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

William (WS) raised a conflict with having an additional role means less representation, and suggested electing one student from a network to ensure representation. Chair confirmed.

5. MINUTES:

First meeting of the year, no minutes to be confirmed.

6. ACTIONS AND MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

7.

Date:	Actions:	Responsible:	Progress:
15 th November 2023	Encouraging Societies to put on non-evening events	William Sarendon	Ongoing

8. ELECTED LEADER UPDATES

- (I) Verbal Updates from William Sarendon (Welfare), Artemi Falzon (Trans), Ellie Rivera (Education).
- (II) Written updates from Miram Swan (Womens) and Lily Boodhoo (BAME)
- (III) No updates from Ella Edwin (Disability)

9. ITEM 1: PARLIAMENT MEMBER TRAINING (NO PAPER) (EW)

Non-minted.

10. ITEM 2: SCRUTINY PANEL RECRUITMENT (ATTACHED)

Emily (staff) presented Parliament with a new scrutiny Structure for the Birkbeck Students' Union. 4 Elected members of Parliament were chosen to be scrutiny panel members.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Society Events

Student attending parliament stated that societies tend to have meet-ups in the evenings which clashes with classes, can it be a mix and match for mixers so people can have more options. William (Welfare) agreed that societies should have mixed timings.

Action: William (Welfare) to encourage Societies to put on non-evening events for students.

Elections

Floyd (Environment and Ethics) questioned the student engagement with the last voting period which was extended. Suggested having someone standing outside engaging with students with leaflets, better promotion and speaking to students.

Emily (staff) answered fewer communications have gone out to do with Autumn Elections but more focus was on the referendum, what time is best to elect parliament?

Floyd (Environment and Ethics) suggested alterations to how manifestos are created and put online.

Students attending Parliament added that students joining in October, but some in January, how do you manage to get everyone to have their say equally? How is it fare to those that start in January and haven't had a chance to have their say. Emily (Staff) answered that electing can be staggered for parliament to allow more students access.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

- a. The next Student Parliament meeting will be held on 17/01/2023 at 15:00.
 - i. Please note this meeting will be conducted on Microsoft Teams. Please ensure you have access prior to the next meeting.