

# Falmouth & Exeter Students' Union

## Student Forum Minutes

<b>Date</b>	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	<b>Time</b>	16:00 to 17:30
<b>Location</b>	The SU, Penryn and online		
<b>Chaired By</b>	Moraa Seikei		
<b>Attendance</b>	9 (including one online)		

#	Item	Presented by	Links to papers	Voting
1	<b>Welcome and Introduction to Forum</b>	Moraa started the meeting, welcoming students in and explaining the process of forum.	N/A	N/A
2	<b>Make a Change Proposal Current priorities &amp; passed proposals</b>	<p>Moraa ran through the current priorities and proposals.</p> <p><b>Current Priorities:</b> Student bus prices Single person study rooms and explore provision for neurodivergent students Reduce unnecessary lighting on campus Gender neutral/inclusive bathrooms Cash on campus</p> <p><b>Current proposals:</b> Sleeping pods and rest places on university campuses No to occupation! No to imperialism! Solidarity with Palestinian youth and workers SU endorsement for Ecosia to be used as default search engine The SU to commit to mature student enrichment Declaring a climate and nature emergency SU to endorse plant-based universities campaign and all SU events to be plant Better bike shelters and storage on Penryn Campus</p>	All proposals can be found <a href="#">here</a>	N/A
3	<b>Sabbatical Officer updates</b>  <b>Jadelle</b>	Jadelle has chaired the Falmouth Student Experience Group which focuses on improving the student experience at Falmouth. As part of this, Jadelle has worked to secure a trial at Fox	Read Jadelle's update <a href="#">here</a>	N/A

	<p>Cafe with extended opening hours – offering games and serving drinks.</p> <p>Jadelle attended NUS England, focusing the talks they attended on issues &amp; topics surrounding the Cost-of-Living Crisis to help shape their priority for their second term, next year.</p> <p>Jadelle has been working on the AMATA forum proposal and has worked to ensure that prices will be capped and will then be reassessed. AMATA will also work to collaborate more with societies.</p>		
<b>Connie</b>	<p>Connie updated on their Curriculum for Change work that they have been working on throughout their time as an Officer, where they have led student focus groups and co-created the process with students. This is an ongoing project.</p> <p>Connie has been doing work on the Palestine proposal, supporting a student to bring Ilan Pappé down to give a talk and Q&amp;A on the Israel and Palestine conflict. Connie is in the process of writing a piece on what has been done over the last two years to support students.</p> <p>Connie has been working on governance aspects of their role, part of this is sitting on the University of Exeter's Council ensuring that the student voice is at the heart of the decision making &amp; governance. Connie is also Chair of the Board for The SU and meets regularly with our CEO and Deputy Chair to develop &amp; support this aspect.</p> <p>Connie has been continuing the work around food poverty, including soup &amp; the pantry with a focus on making it sustainable for future years and embedding it into the The SU's practices.</p> <p>Connie has also been working on climate related activities. Exeter is reassessing their climate targets, so work is being done around this.</p>	<p>Read Connie's update <a href="#">here</a></p>	
<b>Marketa</b>	<p>Marketa has been working towards getting more noise cancelling headphones for the library. They have also attended SOS UK and NUS England recently, attending a range of talks. Marketa focused their attendance at NUS around tackling the far right and is hoping to have some events next month around this.</p> <p>Marketa has been working on the review of the Meat Free Monday's trial from March. There appears to be some decline in sales but will present this to the Universities next month.</p> <p>Marketa has also been working on rep sustainability training – facilitating reps to work</p>	<p>Read Marketa's update <a href="#">here</a></p>	

	<p><b>Fina</b></p>	<p>with the SU to work towards environmental justice.</p> <p>Fina has been working on supporting our trans and non-binary students and continuing to strengthen this support amidst the recent Supreme Court ruling.</p> <p>Fina has been working on setting up International Student Experience Advisory Boards in Cornwall (for University of Exeter Students) and the first session is this week.</p> <p>They have been continuing the work around buses with research and meetings on this.</p> <p>Fina is also supporting the SU Awards, continuing the work around Exeter's UMHC assessment and attending meetings such as FX Plus Board.</p>	<p>Read Fina's update <a href="#">here</a></p>	
4	<p><b>Executive Committee Proposal – Student representatives actively support trans students' right to exist as themselves.</b></p>	<p>Connie explained the process of Executive Committee and emphasised the importance of the proposal.</p> <p>Fina introduced the proposal and explained that as student representatives they are actively supporting Trans students to exist as themselves. They outlined that the UK supreme court ruling concerning Transgender women is horrifying and that this is an inclusive environment to be in and can make change to positively impact our students.</p> <p>The attendees then broke off into a group to discuss the proposal. Students felt like there needs to be support in place and something that trans student consider when coming to university and whether it is a safe place for them. There was the feeling that the Universities were apprehensive on speaking on the matter, but they need to say something. Students suggested there needs to be small things like posters in the bathroom to show trans people love and support.</p> <p>Marketa &amp; Jadelle are meeting with Falmouth University this week and will lobby them to support students and make a stance on this.</p> <p>Students felt that it is important that both universities take an active approach to protect and advocate for their Trans+ students.</p> <p>The proposal then went to a vote and passed unanimously.</p>	<p>You can read all the proposals <a href="#">here</a></p>	<p><b>Voting</b></p> <p><b>For: 9</b> <b>Abstain: 0</b> <b>Against: 0</b></p> <p><b>Passed</b></p>

		Vote: 9/9 say yes : PASSED unanimously		
5	<b>Make a Change Proposal: Bring Back U3 Buses</b>	<p>The proposer introduced their proposal outlining that the U3 buses benefit many students who travel to campus through busy periods or early in the morning. The new U1 takes longer and passes through Penryn (increasing stops and time to commute), it is often late due to roadworks. The U3 would make students less worried about being late and missing lessons and would allow connections through Woodlane.</p> <p>Students stated that the U1 no longer offers a direct connection between campuses and many first year Falmouth students are in Penryn, so they don't have a direct route to Woodlane which poses challenges for those with accessibility issues. It was also noted that going through Penryn can cause delays due to the increased presence of roadworks. There was also a rumour that the U3 was losing First Bus money due to more people buying Under 19 tickets, but this has not been fact checked/confirmed. Students shared that it is beneficial for Falmouth students to have the U3 as whilst the U1 stops at Woodlane on the way back, it doesn't on the way there. The U3 could be supported by the community as it would relieve pressure on other buses during peak times. It was suggested that the University could invest in a shuttle bus to run a U3 circular bus and First Bus would then be forced to compete with the prices.</p> <p>The proposal was then voted on and passed.</p>		<b>Voting</b>  <b>For: 9</b> <b>Abstain: 0</b> <b>Against: 0</b>  <b>Passed</b>
6	<b>Priority Voting</b>	<p>Attendees then chose to review existing priorities and vote on the two proposals which had passed. It was decided to vote on the removal of cash on campus from priorities – this passed.</p> <p>Both the Executive committee Proposal and the Bring Back the U3 were passed as priorities.</p>		<p>Removal of Cash on Campus:</p> <p>For: 8 Abstain: 0 Against: 0</p> <p>Passed, Cash on Campus removed as a priority</p> <p>Executive Committee Proposal:</p> <p>For: 8 Abstain: 0 Against: 0</p> <p>Passed as Union Priority.</p>

				Bring Back the U3:  For:7 Abstain: 0 Against: 0  Passed as Union Priority
7	<b>AOB and date of next meeting</b>	<p>Jadelle thanked Moraa and the other sabbs for forum this year.</p> <p>Marketa voiced concerns on the ease of removing priorities and the current voting system which was agreed by other attendees – this will need to be discussed with the byelaw in mind to assess any changes that can be made.</p> <p>Next meeting October 7<sup>th</sup></p>		