

Student Forum Minutes

Date	Tuesday 26 th November	Time	15:00 to 16:30
Location	The SU, Penryn and online		
Chaired By	Moraa Seikei		
Attendance	15 at highest capacity (including two online)		

#	Item	Notes	Outcome
1	<p>Welcome and Introduction to Forum</p> <p><i>Introduction to the meeting, reminder of the hand signals used and an introduction to the democracy pilot & assembly model.</i></p>	<p>MS opened the meeting by introducing what Forum is and explained the assembly model, what happens when a proposal is passed.</p> <p>MS also explained how the hand signals for the meeting would work.</p>	N/A
2	<p>Sabbatical Officer Updates</p> <p>Jadelle – President Falmouth</p> <p>Connie – President Exeter</p>	<p>Jadelle has run focus groups for the Falmouth University UHMC student submission, each group had around 10 students and had good discussion around student experiences. They attended Academic Board and Board of governors' meetings. Alongside Marketa has been collaborating on the financial information presentation. Jadelle has launched the hygiene station by the Penryn SU pantry with refillable hygiene station by the Penryn SU pantry with refillable toiletries & hygiene items. This will be refilled weekly and expanded to Falmouth in the new year if successful. Following on from the last forum, Jadelle has agreed to talk to the communities' team about how societies can incorporate online students.</p> <p>There was a question for Jadelle regarding whether there were any online focus groups for the UHMC submission, Jadelle highlighted that it was focusing on courses based on campus.</p> <p>Due to some technical difficulties with the sound and Connie joining online, Fina read Connie's update. Connie has been advocating for Cornwall students at EDSEEC, SEPB, Senate and Council. Connie is chairing and organising a SEPB away day focusing on partnership principles. After the last Forum, Connie attended the NUS national lobbying day in parliament</p>	N/A

		<p>with Fina. They're working on improving NSS scores and has organised focus groups for Curriculum for Change.</p>	
	Marketa – Vice President	<p>Marketa has been working on replacing Starbucks with an ethical, local company and has collaborated with the Illustration courses to allow students to submit work for the campaign as part of their assessment. Marketa has been working on the Exeter on Ecosia campaign with Chloe (the student who submitted the original proposal) and has also been part of the working group for the plant-based unis campaign. They have attended the CEC board meetings and advocated for students relating to climate issues. Marketa has been organising plant-based food bags to go out around Christmas for students staying on campus. They have also been sitting on a Disabled Students Working group to empower disabled students to advocate for themselves and been organising a range of climate & nature related guest speakers.</p> <p>There was a question for Marketa on whether online students could participate in the Starbucks campaign, Marketa suggested getting in contact with her directly to discuss this.</p> <p>Marketa was also asked whether online students could join the DSWG, Marketa said yes there would be opportunities, but they were still in the early stages of this working group.</p> <p>It was also raised whether the guest speaker events could be recorded and share with online students, Marketa will investigate this, but the next session was the following day so would realistically not be possible on this occasion.</p> <p>Marketa was also asked whether there were additional aspects to the Starbucks Campaign in addition to the illustration students' work, Marketa explained that yes there would be including a coffee tasting.</p>	
	Fina – Vice President	<p>Fina has been collaborating with Falmouth Trans+ Collective to bring them more into the process of building The SU's Collective. As an agreed action from the Executive Committee following the last forum, Fina has met with the head of FXPlus to discuss the scope for provision of Gender-Neutral toilets. There is currently an assessment happening across campus on the number of toilets and areas where things could be changed. Fina has been working on supporting the Cornwall Culture Celebration which will be happening in March as well as the UHMC submission for Exeter. Fina shared that the library is redoing the wellbeing section and is supporting this to make it more positive rather than focused on clinical aspects. They have been collaborating with the advocacy team to bring Brook and Eddystone Trust onto campus, who have been running pop ups for students. Fina is continuing to plan SHAG week and has also been supporting free soup Fridays.</p>	

3	Introduction to Union Priorities <i>An overview of what Union priorities are and how these impacts passed proposals.</i>	MS explained to the students what Union priorities were and how the voting process would work in addition to passing the proposals.	N/A
4	Executive Committee Proposal – Lighting on Campus	<p>Jadelle raised that there was a need for better lighting on the lane past the sports centre due to the safety of walking along here in the dark. The proposal is that there was additional light introduced to enhance the safety and accessibility of this route. There were concerns for student safety and that if additional light was introduced, it would have a positive impact to students who rely on and use this lane.</p> <p>It was asked if the lighting could be added to lane at the bottom of the campus as well. The attendees and executive committee agreed to vote to amend the proposal. The amendment passed.</p> <p>Students then split into groups to discuss the motion, there was some conflicting opinions within groups of the impacts to biodiversity and the safety of students with both groups recognising the importance of both aspects. There was some discussion of whether the lanes are used enough, and research would be needed to assess this. It was also raised that any research done into footfall on the lanes would also need to consider students who do not use them because of the lighting. A suggestion was raised that lighting sensors could be used. The other groups also shared the impacts on environment but suggesting surveying the lighting across campus and repurposing lights where they're not needed.</p> <p>The proposal passed.</p> <p>The proposal then went to a vote to make it a Union Priority, this did not pass as a priority.</p>	<p>Vote to amend the proposal: For – 9 Against – 0 Abstain – 2 The amendment passed</p> <p>Vote to pass the proposal: For - 7 Against - 0 Abstain – 4 The proposal passed.</p> <p>Vote to make the proposal a Union priority: For – 1 Against – 3 Abstain – 8 The proposal was not passed as a priority.</p>
5	Make A Change Proposal 1: Single Person Study Rooms	<p>Fina presented on behalf of the student, explaining that there are limited single study spaces specifically causing issues for neurodivergent students. The proposal is that there are more bookable places for single study, acknowledging that not everyone is able to study from home.</p> <p>The students then split into groups to discuss the proposal. The suggestions were that there needs to be more consideration into neurodivergent needs when creating these spaces and that it could be looked at converting areas into</p>	

		<p>super quiet study spaces where possible as well as getting noise cancelling headphones for student hire. The other group also discussed noise cancelling headphones and identifying where rooms are already available on campus and the accessibility of booking these rooms.</p> <p>There was a proposal to amend the proposal to focus on exploring the better provision for neurodiverse students on campus. The amendment passed.</p> <p>Students voted to pass the proposal.</p> <p>Students then voted for the proposal as a Union priority – this passed and is now a Union priority.</p>	<p>Vote to amend the proposal: For – 12 Against – 0 Abstain – 1 Amendment passed</p> <p>Vote to pass the proposal: For – 11 Against – 0 Abstain – 2 The proposal passed.</p> <p>Vote to pass as a Union Priority: For – 4 Against – 1 Abstain – 7 The proposal passed as a Union priority.</p>
6	<p>Make A Change Proposal 2: Stop charging societies for using AMATA spaces</p>	<p>Sean (the proposer) shared additional points to their proposal: there are seven affiliated societies that they are aware of that use AMATA all of which have to pay for room bookings. For 1 ½ session, Orchestra are paying £24. A separate society is paying £3000 a year for their room hire. Comparatively, there is room hire such as £15 an hour for a church in Truro which includes more benefits than the AMATA space. There is also disparity with the Orchestra in Streatham who do not have to pay for their room bookings. There are also ongoing issues with the communication with AMATA and students with emails not being answered.</p> <p>There was a question on whether nominal charges for heat, light etc would be accepted. Sean didn't agree that societies should need to pay a nominal fee for space on campus when other areas (such as seminar rooms) are bookable for free.</p> <p>Group discussion feedback was that they felt it was unfair that students are having to book and pay for them. There was an agreement that external groups should be charged but student groups should be exempt from this – particularly as there is a lack of understanding of where this money is being spent.</p> <p>The proposal was passed.</p> <p>The proposal was then voted as a Union priority.</p>	<p>Vote to pass the proposal: For – 11 Against – 0 Abstain – 1 The proposal passed.</p> <p>Vote to pass as Union Priority: For – 11</p>

			<p>Against – 0</p> <p>Abstain – 1</p> <p>The proposal passed as a Union priority.</p>
6	AOB and date of next meeting	<p>We are still looking for Student Trustees, there is information available on the website.</p> <p>There is also still the Falmouth Forum Chair role available if any students are interested.</p> <p>LE (online attendee) also raised that they'd like to know who is following up ensuring online student voices are included in the UHMC, more information on the Starbuck campaign and additionally assessing if events can be recorded.</p>	