

Falmouth & Exeter Students' Union

Student Forum Minutes

Date	04/12/2025	Time	12:30-2:30PM
Location	Peter Lanyon, Lecture room 1, No online		
Chaired By	Forum Facilitator: Joshua Matemura		
Attendees	7		
Minutes By	Forum Facilitator: Farah Assi		

#	Item	Information	Presented by
1	Welcome and introduction	The Forum Chair opened the meeting by welcoming all attendees and outlining the ground rules for discussion and voting.	JM
2	Exec Proposal Discussion Voting	Timetables That Work: Enhancing Student Success Through Fair and Accessible Scheduling Background/Presentation Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Getting started survey - heard from students who worked alongside their studies Looked at timetable efficiency and not having long back-to-back blocks Ensure resources e.g. lecture recordings are easily accessible Discussion points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint lecture and seminars Cut off time for lectures for 2nd and 3rd years living off campus (e.g. not past 4pm) More consistency with timetabling Voting outcome: No voting at this stage, presented for feedback only.	IB

3 and 4	Make a Change proposals	Wider availability of sanitary products for isolated facilities	
	Discussion	Background/Presentation Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to essential sanitary products is a fundamental part of ensuring student wellbeing, dignity, and comfort. 	JL
	Voting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Architecture SSLG had raised concerns about the lack of sanitary supplies available in the Kathmor studio space, an isolated learning facility where students often spend long hours. 	
	Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FXPlus stated that products are available elsewhere on campus, but Forum agreed it is unreasonable to expect students to leave their learning environment, cross car parks and main roads, and search across campus for necessities. 	
	Voting	Discussion points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was started as an SU initiative which FXPlus took on to set up provision across campus. JL reported that recent conversations have been had between the SU and FXPlus and discussions are in a good place to move this forward. This issue extends beyond one department. Many isolated learning spaces across Falmouth and Exeter campuses face similar challenges, leaving students without accessible, emergency sanitary provisions. 	
		Voting Outcome: <p>Voted as an agreed action, unanimous (7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This proposal was voted through as an Agreed Action as the provision of sanitary products is an existing scheme across campuses, and this would be focusing on enhancing/expanding the existing provision. 	JL

		<p>Significantly reduce laundry prices at falmouth/exeter university</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To significantly reduce the pricing of laundry or completely replace Circuit-GO with a better alternative. • Circuit-GO reportedly made £3.2 million in profit in 2022 alone, the previous year they made £3.9 million. Doing your laundry shouldn't be a privilege, it should be a necessity. For the amount we pay for accommodation, I think we all deserve the right to (at the very least) have (significantly) cheaper pricing for our wash loads. • This would help students' cost of living to be quite a bit easier. <p>Discussion Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion centred around quality of service alongside cost, that machines were often out of service/broken and that the machines are outdated. • Suggestions made to reduce cost: costs of laundry could be included in the price of accommodation . Set the price of laundry included in accommodation fees. A laundry plan: £20 a week or month for unlimited washing. <p>Voting outcome: Voting as a Union Priority (6 for, 1 against)</p>	
	Pizza Break		
5	Current Union Priority Updates	<p>Student Representatives actively support trans students right to exist as themselves (2024/5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SC decision led SU to emphasis inclusion • Joined trans by solidarity alliance • Training by LGBTQ+ charity • Proposed and encouraged local MPs to support minority groups and oppose motions blocking inclusivity • Gender expression funding continued to offer support 	AB

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gender affirming event in LGBTQ history month. Had donations from Lush and body shop for Make Up event. Fal Trans collective and SU Pride Soc consulted to ensure trans voices are included when discussing their rights In conversation with Truro for LGBTQ+ experiences there <p>Single Person Study Spaces (Provision for Neurodiverse Students) (2024/5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-painted the walls so they were in more neurodivergent friendly – muted palette Proposed making the pods in exchange courtyard available to book Refurbishment in library e.g. dimmable lights Greater staff training to support students at Falmouth uni <p>Buses (2024/25)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First bus exiting Cornwall in February so conversations around bus provision up in the air Talks about FXPlus launching carpooling scheme for students Bus tickets have been available though the SU and we have nearly given out all weekly tickets 	<p>IB on behalf of AL</p> <p>JL</p>
6	<p>Sabb priority updates</p> <p>Questions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AL: Amplifying the voices and improving the wellbeing of neurodivergent and culturally diverse students. JL: Pushing for greater transparency, ensuring the university shows students the true value of their money and where it goes. IB: Increasing placement and internship opportunities available for all students, while ensuring they are financially accessible and supporting 	EXEC

		<p>student employability for future careers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AB: Championing action to help all students gain access to resources such as nutritious food, household products, and course equipment. 	
7	Amendments to Constitution	Will be discussing during the next student members meeting on 14 th January.	JL
8	Date of next meeting and close	January 29th	JM