

Falmouth & Exeter Students' Union

Student Council - Exceptional Meeting

Date	Wednesday 15th June 2022	Time	15:00-16:00
Location	MS Teams – online meeting		
Attendees	Ben Statham-Wilkins (Chair) (BSW)	President Falmouth	The Students' Union
	Charlotte Agnew (CA)	President Welfare & Inclusivity	The Students' Union
	Jack Myrick (JM)	Open Officer Falmouth	The Students' Union
	Lauren Taylor (LT)	Open Officer (Exeter)	The Students' Union
	Caius Datt (CD)	Community Officer	The Students' Union
	Kira Orchard (KO)	Widening Participation Officer	The Students' Union
	Bobby Angelov (BA)	Societies Officer	The Students' Union
Observers	Matt Parker (MP)	Student Voice Manager	The Students' Union
	Tom McIntosh (Minuter) (TM)	Student Engagement Manager	The Students' Union
	Penny Davies (PD)	Student Voice Co-ordinator (Falmouth)	The Students' Union

Item and Minute
<p>1. Welcome</p> <p>1.1. Apologies: Stevie, Ellie, Amelia, Jack</p> <p>1.2. Absence: Everyone else not in attendance</p> <p>1.3. Notes: n/a</p>

2. Matters Arising

2.1. Fossil Free Careers:

- (TM) updated on where we stand
- (CA) I like the idea but I'm unsure, maybe we can support but maybe our stance is talking to them and not necessarily guaranteeing this proposed outcome.
- (KA) Looking for clarity, agree with the idea but are there other alternatives to just adopting this.
- (TM) *Providing Clarity on what voting to adopt this policy means*
- (CA) This is touch because it will have an effect on our CSM students. It's awkward for us.
- (MP) Reiterating that mining has been removed from their proposal despite it being as part of.

- **Vote:** 7 for / 0 against

2.2. Activities Committee Reform:

- (MP) *Updating on previous meeting notes*
- (CD) one of my issues is that I've felt on the committee I wasn't actually able to discuss with the pending committees when we brought up concerns, perhaps them being present at ratification meetings would help?
- (ER) The process has a lot of issues, which were exasperated by pandemic and poor management of the committee. This reform is needed in my opinion, and while it will be a long process it'll be worth it.
- (LT) I feel like there definitely needs to be a bit of a change but I don't agree with everything that has been proposed in the Make a Change. I don't think that just the desire for a specific society shouldn't mean it gets ratified because that could lead to some damaging societies to be set up - just because there's a desire for it does not make it right. I think the system from last year was good where a representative from the society would talk to the forum and people would vote after asking questions and getting further clarification but having so many people in the forum was confusing so I feel like it should be all society presidents or Vice Presidents if the pres is unable to attend.
- (CA) If there are forums, I'd feel they need to be much more regular so societies can be approved quickly
- (BSW) No Further points, then we will move on

1. Make a Change:

1.1. Compensation for mistreated ex-Glasney Students:

- (BSW) If people agree, Presidents can take this to Universities to see what can be done

- **Vote:** 6 for / 0 against

MP update on strikes:

- No longer going to effect marking
- No further q's here

NUS:

- **(BSW)** Waste of time and money that could be used elsewhere. Feel like creative universities.
 - **(TM)** Updated on current NUS situation.
 - **(BSW)** It is a discussion on what we would like to see.
 - **(CA)** I agree with you, money is a lot and we get a lot more value out of things like WonkHE and it also connects us to other students Unions outside of NUS. They havent been that helpful. I know that a student Referenda would be needed here. I don't think we would be the only Union to disaffiliate with NUS. I feel that coming out of the pandemic now is a good time.
 - **(BSW)** This would go to trustees and referenda, this isn't directly our choice we would be giving the choice to our students.
 - **(ER)** I agree with Charlotte, NUS is a huge void we throw money at with little to no return in terms of support. It does not perform its use as a union
 - **(KO)** As a student I don't understand what they do. I think if it went to the students it would need to be made clear on what they do and how we interact with them and what our reasons for disaffiliation.
 - **(BSW)** If we did this we would invite NUS to give their side too whilst we give ours.
 - **(LT)** All I know is student discount cards but they're actually kind of rubbish
 - **(CA)** I agree KO, I wouldn't have a clue as a student and struggle to answer that in my role.
- **Vote:** 7 for, 0 against
- **Action:** Take action to disaffiliation from NUS Trustees and Student Referenda + decide a timeline

Holding Presidents to Account

(CA) Proud of how students have come together around personal safety and what the Union and Universities have participated in. VAWG have also been able to put money towards self defence classes. Also, the work with muslim students around prayer spaces should be in place by September. And still waiting to hear back from FXPlus around gender neutral bathrooms, I will be chasing that up before I go. Last thing, the trans and Non-Binary survey produced by Ellie Howell should be published either this week or next.

(ER) Well, my update is that obviously we are approaching the end of the year. But, just because we have been running down does not mean we've been less busy. In terms of council developments, the lending library suggested by our open officer for Exeter is going ahead, and the plans for the development for the student union space revamp is still going. Additionally, we're having the first library development group meeting next Wednesday to make some much needed changes to the fal campus library.

(BSW) BSL level 1&2 are live. Over 50 students are signed up. This is something the SU will keep. The SU mural has been completed on both campus and received good feedback across both campuses. Deadnaming is far reduced, there is still work to be done but it is much better than it was and systems now use chosen names and cards can be changed.

AOB:

(BSW) Falmouth have gone up 29 places in the league table. Exeter have dropped 6 but remain in the top 20.

Actions:

- Implement Fossil Free Careers Stance.
- Further discussion within the SU around Activities Committee following above notes.
- Presidents to look into Glassy Compensation.
- Take action to disaffiliation from NUS Trustees and Student Referenda + decide a timeline.

Next Meeting:

Next meeting will fall in the next academic term with the newly elected Student Council.
Exact date TBC by MP.