

<b>Date</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	<b>Time</b>	14:00-16:00
<b>Location</b>	The SU (Penryn)		
<b>Chaired by</b>	Farah Assi		
<b>Attendees</b>	17		
<b>Minutes by</b>	Joshua Matemura		

#	Item	Information	Presented by	Time
1	Welcome and introduction	Ground rules	FA	
2	Exec Proposals	<p><b>Commit to supporting and representing students of colour</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jadelle and Aisha aim to reduce challenges faced by students of colour at Falmouth and Exeter.</li> <li>• Proposal seeks to expand existing SU support for marginalised communities.</li> <li>• Both officers finish roles in June and want measures in place to ensure continuity.</li> <li>• Current dissatisfaction with events; stronger prioritisation needed from future SU presidents.</li> <li>• Ongoing work includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Highlighting lack of representation in senior meetings</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	EXEC (AL)	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Increasing awareness of available support</li> <li>○ Producing informational videos</li> <li>• Aisha will run pop-up sessions to gather feedback from students of colour.</li> <li>• Forum to decide whether this becomes a <b>Union Priority</b> or <b>Agreed Action</b> (1 Union Priority slot remaining).</li> </ul>		
3	Make a Change	<p><b>Free Soup Fridays</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Running since October 2024; proposer requests continuation.</li> <li>• Provides a <b>free, healthy meal</b>, particularly for less organised students.</li> <li>• Reported benefits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Supports healthy habits</li> <li>○ Encourages engagement with SU and student communities</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Challenges: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Logistical issues (space, staffing)</li> <li>○ Reduced delivery this term</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Concerns raised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Perception soup was canned (confirmed only briefly)</li> <li>○ Food safety standards</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Proposer + EXEC	



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Contact with local MPs regarding HMRC guidance</li><li>○ Escalation to Bridget Phillipson</li><li>○ Outcome: guidance prevented from being approved</li><li>○ Local work: engagement with Falmouth businesses on inclusivity</li><li>• <b>Buses</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Situation worsening due to external factors.</li><li>○ Issues raised:</li><li>○ Reduced frequency</li><li>○ Removal of student passes</li><li>○ Route changes (e.g. 32A not stopping at campus) without SU awareness</li><li>○ SU actions:</li><li>○ Discussions in House of Commons contributed to Cornwall receiving funding</li><li>○ Working with FXPLUS on securing a review of costs and routes over the summer</li><li>○ Impact on students:</li><li>○ Reduced access to campus</li><li>○ Earlier travel times and inconvenience</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Neurodiverse Student Support</b></li></ul>		
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Discussion and voting outcomes	<b>Commitment to Supporting Students of Colour</b>		FA + EXEC	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10 votes → Union Priority</li><li>• 4 votes → Agreed Action</li><li>• 0 against / 0 abstentions</li><li>• Clarified: Agreed Actions have no allocated budget</li></ul> <p><b>Free Soup Fridays</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10 votes → Union Priority (conditional on remaining free)</li><li>• 2 votes → Agreed Action</li><li>• 2 abstentions</li><li>• 0 against</li><li>• Discussion points:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Suggestion to move to the Stannary (SU preference to keep within SU space; risk of losing free provision)</li><li>○ Operational concerns:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ No commercial kitchen</li><li>○ Staffing limitations</li><li>○ Food safety challenges</li><li>○ Key student priority: maintaining free access</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul> <p><b>Votes on moving existing priorities to Agreed Actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trans support → no change</li><li>• Buses → no change</li><li>• Neurodiverse support → no change</li><li>• Laundry prices → no change</li></ul>		
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Sabb priority updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting neurodivergent and culturally diverse students</li> <li>• Increasing transparency around university finances and student value</li> <li>• Expanding accessible placements and internships</li> <li>• Improving access to essential resources (food, household items, course materials)</li> </ul>	EXEC		
Questions				
AOB (Any Other Business)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students raised concerns about the presence of AI-related content across courses and modules.</li> <li>• Perception that AI is being promoted heavily, particularly within creative courses (e.g. gaming, art).</li> <li>• Concerns include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Lack of critical engagement or acknowledgement of differing perspectives on AI</li> <li>○ Ethical tensions, particularly in relation to university sustainability commitments</li> <li>○ Political dimensions underlying student concerns</li> <li>○ Potential impact on attention spans</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	FA		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Noted that the issue is complex and requires further, more detailed discussion</li></ul>		
	Date of Next Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>May (day TBC)</li></ul>	FA	