

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

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

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

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

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

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