

COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2

2ND NOVEMBER 2004, 6.00 PM.

Chairperson: S George

Present:: B Osawe, R Burrett, C Orjuela, A Gainsbury, A Lee, K Byron, D Brannan, M Fazal, R Kalam, L Topper, M Alhadithi, F Bashir, H Batley, D Bendel, J Booer, N Charfare, S Cohen, R Conyers, M Ejaz, N Fairweather, F Ghafour, M Granger, A Haladh, L Holmes, K Hunt, M Khan, U Khan, R Khatun, K Kirkpatrick, N Kreeger, J Levy, A Maycock, D Meyer, M Molloy, M Nessa, R Owen, S Shaikh, D Stiles, S Woolfson, D Zie.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted for absence from M Deeney, S Ahmed, M Mokhtary, S Khatun, A Ahmed-Ebbiary, K Choudhury and S Belkarchouche.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

It was considered that further advertising, including Student Direct, was required regarding the election of Chairperson.

“The election of Chairperson be postponed until the Council meeting on 9th November”

Carried

ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES ON UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

Board of Governors	S George
University Senate	B Osawe, S Khatun, D Brannan, R Owen, N Chafare
General Assembly	M Fazal, J Booer, A Maycock, N Fairweather, M Ejaz S George (ex-officio)
Finance	S George

ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES ON UNION COMMITTEES

Disciplinary Committee

Chair of Council	
Welfare Officer	A Lee
General Secretary	S George
Women's Officer	K Byron
3 other Council members	A Gainsbury, R Owen, M Alhadithi

It was agreed that a brief description of Union Committees and their remits should be circulated to Council members.

ELECTION OF NUS REGIONAL CONFERENCE DELEGATION

The above conference would take place at University of Manchester Students Union on Thursday, 4th November and the following delegates were duly elected:-

A Lee, K Byron, R Burrett, D Brannan, S George, M Fazal, J Levy, D Bendel, U Khan, D Xie, L Holmes, M Granger, S Cohen, M Molloy, P Baker, R Khatun, N Chafare.

ELECTION OF NUS EXTRAORDINARY CONFERENCE DELEGATION

November and the following delegates were duly elected:-

K Byron, M Yusaf, L Topper, R Burrett, M Ejaz, A Maycock, D Stiles, J Levy, H Batley, L Holmes, M Granger, R Owen, S Cohen, K Kirkpatrick, M Molloy, F Bashir, M Nessa, S Shaikh.

The Campaigns Officer would submit names of ordinary members who wished to attend to the General Secretary to complete the permitted delegation of 20.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING NO. 1, 28TH SEPTEMBER 2004

Minutes Accepted

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING NO. 6, 7TH SEPTEMBER 2004

Minutes Accepted

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING NO. 7, 27TH SEPTEMBER 2004

Minutes Accepted

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING NO. 8, 8TH OCTOBER 2004

Minutes Accepted

MINUTES OF SOCIETIES COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 1, 6TH & 7TH OCTOBER 2004

Minutes Accepted

MINUTES OF SOCIETIES COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 2, 14TH OCTOBER 2004

Minutes Accepted

MINUTES OF SOCIETIES COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 3, 21ST OCTOBER 2004

Minutes Accepted

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS OFFICER'S REPORT TO COUNCIL – 2.11.04

Report Accepted

STUDENT DIRECT OFFICER'S REPORT TO COUNCIL – 2.11.04

Report Accepted

WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT TO COUNCIL – 2.11.04

Report Accepted

WOMEN'S OFFICER'S REPORT TO COUNCIL – 2.11.04

Report Accepted

ENGINEERING & PHYSICAL SCIENCES FACULTY OFFICER'S REPORT TO COUNCIL – 2.11.04

Report Accepted

MEDICAL SCIENCES FACULTY OFFICER'S REPORT TO COUNCIL – 2.11.04

Report Accepted

POSTGRADUATE & MATURE STUDENTS OFFICER'S REPORT TO COUNCIL – 2.11.04

Report Accepted

**PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION –
LIBRARY OPENING HOURS**

Proposer: Benson Osawe
Seconder: Amelia Lee

THIS COUNCIL BELIEVES

1. The University of Manchester aims to be a world class university.

Proposer: R Owen
Seconder: R Burrett

THIS COUNCIL BELIEVES

1. That General Meetings are the most important part of our Union's democracy as they allow ordinary students to discuss and decide Union policy.
2. That the Union should prioritise highlighting the issues to be discussed at the General Meetings and promoting the General Meetings to ordinary students.
3. That the issue of what our Union should do about the BNP on campus is a vital debate for our Union that must be had by ordinary students.
4. That the Student Union must aim to raise awareness about the facts and arguments about what should be done amongst our membership.
5. That Student Direct is the best tool the Students Union has in reaching ordinary students.

THIS COUNCIL NOTES

1. That our last General Meeting did not reach the quota of 300 students.

THIS COUNCIL RESOLVES

1. That the Communication and Campaigns Officers should build the General Meeting as their priority.
2. That Student Direct shall cover motions to be discussed on its front page subject to editorial discretion.
3. That the Student Direct Editor, Communications and Campaigns Officers should work closely together in deciding on coverage and how to build the General Meeting.
4. That Council members should see it as part of their role to advertise the General Meetings and attend them.

Carried

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The question of publicity for the General Meeting was raised. Publicity would be sent out via the events runs, flyers would be distributed at halls of residence and a banner would be put up outside the Union building. It was pointed out that other student unions around the country had unlimited access to the university email systems, whereas at Manchester the students union could only use the system twice a year. This matter would be pursued, although at present there were technical problems incorporating the two existing systems at Manchester University and the former UMIST.

The Academic Affairs Officer confirmed that two training sessions for Constituency Representatives had been arranged on the afternoons of Friday, 5th and Friday, 12th November.

The Welfare Officer asked for volunteers to set up a Participation Working Group to draw up recommendations regarding student participation, elections, publicity, election regulations, etc.

MEETING CLOSED : 8.30 P.M.