

COUNCIL MEETING NO. 6

23RD FEBRUARY 2010, 6.00 P.M.

Chair: M Dunwell

Present: A Abbasi, S Ajoodan-Poor, J Akinagbe, H Anwar, Z Asghar, J Barth, T Chowdhury, H Conway, P Donohue, J Dresner, T Fairhurst, J Graves, G Hassan, A Iftikhar, S Jafri, C Jenkinson, H Kent, E Kerry, A Khan, D Lee, K Little, L Margolis, J Maskell, L Newman, H Omara, Y Pang, A Saleem, D Sheldon, D Shirion, A Tahboub, C Taylor, V Thompson, S Wakefield, A Walters, L Williams, O Worth, S Yusuf.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted for absence from A Abdullah, J Agg, L Kaipainen.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING NO. 5, 2ND FEBRUARY 2010

Minutes Accepted

MINUTES OF EDUCATION GOAL GROUP 1 MEETING NO. 1, 10TH FEBRUARY 2010

Minutes Accepted

MINUTES OF REPRESENTATION, ADVICE & WELFARE GOAL GROUP 2 MEETING NO. 1, 12TH FEBRUARY 2010

Minutes Accepted

MINUTES OF ACTIVITIES & CAMPAIGNS GOAL GROUP 3 MEETING NO. 1, 11TH FEBRUARY 2010

Minutes Accepted

MINUTES OF DEMOCRACY, SUSTAINABILITY & ETHICS GOAL GROUP 4 MEETING NO. 1, 8TH FEBRUARY 2010

Minutes Accepted

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY GOAL GROUP 5 MEETING NO. 1, 9TH FEBRUARY 2010

Minutes Accepted

MINUTES OF SOCIETIES COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 7, 25TH JANUARY 2010

Minutes Accepted

MINUTES OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 2, 12TH FEBRUARY 2010

Minutes Accepted

CUMULATIVE WEEKLY INCOME REPORT: 14.2.10

Executive had been presented with the management accounts for the period 1.8.09 to 31.12.09. It was anticipated that catering would make a small surplus this year. The low footfall on North campus was having an effect on the trading at Barnes Wallis.

Report Accepted

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS OFFICER'S REPORT TO COUNCIL – 23.2.10

Report Accepted

CAMPAIGNS OFFICER'S REPORT TO COUNCIL – 23.2.10

Report Accepted

STUDENT DIRECT OFFICER'S REPORT TO COUNCIL – 23.2.10

Report Accepted

WOMEN'S OFFICER'S REPORT TO COUNCIL – 23.2.10

Report Accepted

**PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION:
NIGHTLINE FULL-TIME CO-ORDINATOR**

Proposer: Gabriel Hassan
Secunder: Jacques Graves

THIS COUNCIL NOTES

1. The Union operates a voluntary listening service called Nightline.
2. The Nightline Committee have requested that the Union employs a full-time paid co-ordinator.
3. Council is the employing body of the Union.

THIS COUNCIL BELIEVES

1. Nightline is a valuable service to our members.

THIS COUNCIL RESOLVES

1. To set up a review group, made up of the General Secretary and at least two other Council members, to consider the matter and report back to Council at its next meeting.

Carried

C Jenkinson and O Worth would sit on the review group.

INTERPRETATION OF GAZA IN CRISIS MOTION

The Humanities Faculty Officer had put this item on the agenda, but he informed Council that a lot of points had now been clarified at an Executive meeting, and he did not feel that this matter needed to be discussed. He also thought that many Council members would not feel to be able to express their opinions freely because of the forthcoming elections.

Lengthy discussion ensued on this topic. There had been an Executive meeting where it had been agreed that the current Union policies would be examined to ascertain if there were any aspects which could raise problems with regard to legality. In future, when motions were submitted, if there was anything under 'Resolves', which could not be put into practice for legal reasons, this section would have to be moved to 'Believes' to minimise inconsistencies. Executive would seek legal advice if necessary. Different organisations, such as BDS, were also being asked for the opinion regarding the specific policy on Gaza in Crisis. Once further information had been received this would be made available to Council.

It was noted that some national organisations had tried to vilify named Executive Officers regarding the visit of the Israeli Deputy Ambassador.

C Jenkinson

"The matter be discussed further at the next Council meeting when further information would be available"

Carried

QUESTIONS TO EXECUTIVE

Visiting Speakers

Executive had agreed that if it was felt that any visiting speaker contravened Union policy, the matter would be flagged up two weeks prior to the event. The General Secretary and General Manager were attending a meeting with the University to discuss proposals to update the Code of Conduct with respect to Freedom of Speech.

General Meeting

Given that the last meeting was inquorate, questions were asked on how a quorate General Meeting could be obtained in order to pass policy. It was felt that there needed to be a more positive attitude from Council members, rather than always presuming that the meetings would be inquorate. It was noted that the motions submitted were always on the same issues. There had to be motions which interested more students so that they would want to come to a General Meeting.

It was suggested that consideration should be given to holding some General Meetings on North Campus.

Stop the War Coalition

Concern was expressed that the above organisation had published an article about the demonstration inside the Students' Union, stating that an under cover Israeli task force had stormed the building, which was obviously untrue.

The Muslim Public Affairs Committee had also published an article expressing no confidence in the Academic Affairs Officer, and given that they were not members of the Union, this was unacceptable.

MEETING CLOSED: 7.20 P.M