

COUNCIL MEETING NO. 7

27TH APRIL 2010, 6.00 P.M.

Chair: M Dunwell

Present: J Agg, J Akinagbe, H Anwar, Z Asghar, H Brada, T Chowdhury, P Donohue, T Fairhurst, J Graves, G Hassan, L Kaipainen, H Kent, A Khan, D Lee, K Little, L Margolis, J Maskell, H Omara, Y Pang, H Scott, D Sheldon, A Tahboub, C Taylor, V Thompson, S Wakefield, A Walters, L Williams, S Yusuf.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted for absence from J Dresner and C Jenkinson.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING NO. 6, 23RD FEBRUARY 2010

Minutes Accepted

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING NO. 16, 13TH JANUARY 2010

Minutes Accepted

MINUTES OF EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE MEETING, 17TH FEBRUARY 2010

Minutes Accepted

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING NO. 17, 22ND FEBRUARY 2010

Minutes Accepted

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING NO. 18, 4TH MARCH 2010

Minutes Accepted

MINUTES OF EDUCATION GOAL GROUP MEETING NO. 2, 17TH MARCH 2010

Minutes Accepted

MINUTES OF REPRESENTATION, ADVICE & WELFARE GOAL GROUP MEETING NO. 2, 19TH MARCH 2010

Minutes Accepted

MINUTES OF DEMOCRACY, SUSTAINABILITY & ETHICS GOAL GROUP MEETING NO. 2, 15TH MARCH 2010

Minutes Accepted

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY GOAL GROUP MEETING NO. 2, 23RD FEBRUARY 2010

Minutes Accepted

MINUTES OF SOCIETIES COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 8, 5TH FEBRUARY 2010

Minutes Accepted

MINUTES OF SOCIETIES COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 9, 19TH FEBRUARY 2010

Minutes Accepted

MINUTES OF SOCIETIES COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 10, 1ST MARCH 2010

Minutes Accepted

MINUTES OF SOCIETIES COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 11, 4TH MARCH 2010

Minutes Accepted

MINUTES OF SOCIETIES COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 12, 11TH MARCH 2010

Minutes Accepted

MINUTES OF SOCIETIES COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 13, 18TH MARCH 2010

Minutes Accepted

MINUTES OF SOCIETIES COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 14, 25TH MARCH 2010

Minutes Accepted

CUMULATIVE WEEKLY INCOME REPORT: 11.4.10

Report Accepted

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS OFFICER'S REPORT TO COUNCIL – 16.3.10

Report Accepted

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Report Accepted

CAMPAIGNS OFFICER'S REPORT TO COUNCIL – 16.3.10

Report Accepted

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Report Accepted

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT TO COUNCIL – 16.3.10

Report Accepted

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT TO COUNCIL – 27.4.10

The General Secretary directed Council to his report regarding staffing restructuring. The General Manager advised Council that the matter contained within this report should not be discussed in this forum as it is subject to a collective grievance, which has been invoked by the staff trade union – UNISON. The General Manager stated that if it was discussed staff would have to leave. Despite this the General Secretary continued to discuss his report under open business (contrary to staff protocol). At this point the General Manager withdrew both himself and the secretary from the meeting.

WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT TO COUNCIL – 16.3.10

Report Accepted

WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT TO COUNCIL – 27.4.10

Report Accepted

WOMEN'S OFFICER'S REPORT TO COUNCIL – 16.3.10

Report Accepted

WOMEN'S OFFICER'S REPORT TO COUNCIL – 27.4.10

Report Accepted

The General Manager and secretary returned to the meeting.

INTERPRETATION OF GAZA IN CRISIS MOTION

J Agg “Defer this discussion until the next Council meeting”

**19 : 10 : 0
Carried**

**PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION:
REPRESENTATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

Proposer: Joseph Akinngbe
Secunder: Zubair Ashgar

THIS COUNCIL NOTES

1. International students represent 25% of the University. This is almost the combined sizes of the Faculty of Life Sciences and Faculty of Medical and Human Sciences.
2. The University plans to increase the number of International students it admits yearly.
3. Undergraduate Non-EU Students pay on average three times more than Home Students.

4. According to the ISB Survey (2008) International Students Learning Satisfaction in the University of Manchester is below average.
5. Currently there are no channels for unique academic experiences of international students to be fed through.
6. The University Senate is the principal academic body of the University of Manchester.
7. Without an International Student Perspective, decisions made could – through non-awareness – ignore impacts on international students.
8. The Union sends five members to the University Senate yearly, three of which are elected from Council.
9. The International Students' Officer traditionally deals with welfare issues.

THIS COUNCIL BELIEVES

1. International students deserve proper academic representation.
2. This motion would immediately allow international students to be represented at the highest academic decision making body while the Union works on improving representation for international students.
4. International students are an important group of students not least because of the income generated for the University and the diverse culture they bring.
5. Perspectives through personal experience are important.
6. The role of the International Students' Officer should include more academic issues and liaising with the Academic Affairs Officer.

THIS COUNCIL RESOLVES

1. Of the three members elected to the University Senate, a minimum of one has to be an international student.

Carried

QUESTIONS TO EXECUTIVE

Executive were asked why members attending the meeting with the Deputy Israeli Ambassador had to give their details. It was clarified that this was to make sure that tickets issued to specific individuals had not been handed on to others so that the Union could ensure the safety and security of the meeting, as requested by the University. Any lists would be shredded after the meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair suggested that Council members elected for the 2010/11 session be invited to the next Council meeting so that they could experience how a Council meeting was conducted.

MEETING CLOSED : 7.15 P.M.