**Student Council Agenda 20th February**

Everyone was welcomed to Student Council and reminded them that they need to scan their attendance on the form or using the link in the Teams chat. Victoria check if the meeting was quorate (75) and this was announced this before proceeding.

Victoria asked if everyone is happy with the minutes from the last meeting.

**Proposal for promotion of inclusivity and support for students with accessibility issues**

Sian Worton (Accessibility Officer) was invited to give a two-minute speech about their proposal. This did not happen as the meeting was not quorate. Now ask if anyone would like to provide a counter argument for the proposal.

**Inclusive and accessible facilities proposal**

Victoria invited Mattie to come to the front to explain their proposal for two minutes.  This did not happen as quoracy was not reached.

[**Policy renewals**](https://www.leicesterunion.com/pageassets/voice/democracy/constitution/Policies-expiring-in-academic-year-2023-4.pdf)

This did not happen as quoracy was not reached.

There are some policies that are due to expire but have been requested to bring back to student council. There are three policies to renew. Start with Declaring a Climate Emergency, where Alex Burt will give a speech.

Next, Victoria move onto the Free Education policy renewal and read out what the policy is:

This did not happen as quoracy was not reached.

*“This motion instructs the Students’ Union to reaffirm its commitment to the principle that access to a University education should be free and ensure this is built into its education strategy for the years ahead.”*

 Now invite students to vote on the proposal.

Invited Haleigh Gregory to come to the front to discuss the Children’s Room in Students’ Union.

Haleigh: “Having a child friendly space in the library would assist them with childcare and further education. This should be kept because some people in the library don’t want to be disturbed by children.”

Response -> Jack: “I’m not sure if this is a policy it should stay regardless of the policy so if you send me an email we can discuss this further.”

No votes happened as quoracy was not reached.

**South Asian Legacies Project**

Chair explained that the SU is doing a project called South Asian Legacies Project, which is going to be an exhibition to celebrate our South Asian students. Vic mentioned whether you are a third-generation British-South Asian living in the UK, or an international student, the SU would love to hear from you, whatever your connection to South Asia. This project will be shaped by students’ input, collaboration, and motivation and it is an opportunity for those interested in local and global history, curatorship, multilingual and colonial literatures, and much more. If you are passionate about sharing your culture and history with others, this is the perfect project for you! Students who are chosen for the project will receive a £50 Amazon voucher upon completion of the project. Students can email Aaliyah Khan at ak1017@leicester.ac.uk.

**Executive Elections**

The chair explained that the elections are still ongoing and that nominations close tomorrow at midday. Victoria encouraged students who would like to put themselves forward to go to the Elections webpage on the Students’ Union website and nominate themselves.

People on the exec for societies might have candidates contact them in the run up to voting week. Societies can endorse candidates publicly from 10am on 8th March and any time before then is a breach of the rules.

Key dates are: 7th March at 3pm where all candidates will be released publicly, and students can access their manifestos on the SU website. Once the campaigning period begins on 8th March at 10am then societies can tell people which candidates they endorse. Voting opens at 9am on Monday 11th March and closes on Friday 15th March at midday. Results will be announced from 4:30pm in the SU square.

There are 5 Executive or Full-Time Officer roles including the SU president, Community and Wellbeing Officer, Sports and Societies Officer, Liberation Officer and Education Officer. These roles are different to this year due to a vote made by the Trustee board. Each role has its own remit which you can find on the SU website. These are paid roles.

Part-Time Officer roles include LGBT+, Women’s, Trans and Non-Binary, Accessibility, Ethnic Equity, Sustainability, Mature and Part-Time, International, Distance Learning. Each role represents a different group of students. These officers receive a bursary for their contributions.

If you have questions speak to Amelia after the meeting or email su-elections@leicester.ac.uk.

Close the meeting.

*Please note there was not enough attendance to vote.*

**Officer updates:**

Jack

* Busy preparing for the Trustee boards tomorrow, refreshers went very well more accessible looking to implement what took place there at fresher’s fair
* Had Brookfield fair for the first time and it didn’t go as well as we thought we are looking to expand this
* Created a sustainability plan so it can be embedded in training and used in the future
* Busy sorting out plans for the big sleep which is happening in March on the 19th
* Finished Go Green Week which was good.

Joe

* Alongside Jade we have launched a flex gym membership which has been greatly received as 300+ students have signed up for
* Project physio has also been greatly received as we are looking at putting these trained physios in teams
* Looking at creating a program called rent a suit where students can rent suits for formal events.

Archie

* Busy planning and preparing for 100-year anniversary events, the money raised will go towards the hardship fund for SU activities so there will be a small panel to see whether it can be given
* Focusing on elections and restructuring and 14 roles are open

Jade

* Prayer spaces on campus and in royal infirmary have been implemented successfully
* Recently had transgender remembrance ceremony
* Sexual Violence Awareness Week last wee- we wanted to hear what students think the university can do better to support students
* Been busy planning the Black Excellence Gala where tickets will be released soon, cultural awareness event coming soon on campus
* Liberation campus maps have come through so now on the map you can see gender neutral toilets on the map and prayer rooms

Prachi:

* Busy focusing on January intake that has just happened, matriculation held with Jack and working with Archie, I have been invited to an award show about student activities

Minutes compiled on 26th February by Lucille Gwati.