

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY BELFAST STUDENTS' UNION

MINUTES

Special Meeting of the Students' Union Council
held on 7 December 2022 at 5.00pm on Microsoft Teams.

Present:

Aidan Moran	Student Officer Campaigns and Engagement
Ali Gardezi	Students' Union Council - Postgraduate Representative
Alicia Kerr	Students' Union Council - EPS Representative (Undergraduate)
Asha Marie Larson-Baldwin	Students' Union Council - Postgraduate Representative
Astrid Ware	Postgraduate School Rep - Social Sciences, Education and Social Work (SSESW)
Avery Johnston	Part-Time - Trans Students' Officer
Bea Holland	Students' Union Council - AHSS Representative (Undergraduate)
Beatrice Titcombe	Students' Union Council - Postgraduate Representative
Beth Elder	Student Officer Education
Bryony Tunney	Students' Union Council - AHSS Representative (Undergraduate)
Elliot Sellers	Undergraduate School Representative - School of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering (SMAE)
Emma Murphy	Union President
Eoin Ussher	Students' Union Council - Queen's Accommodation
Gwen Ridout	Postgraduate School Rep - School of Psychology (SBS)
Hazel McMorrow	Undergraduate School Representative - School of Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences (SMED)
Jamie-Lukas Campbell	Student Officer Postgraduate
Jenny Steele	Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (AHSS) Postgraduate Taught Faculty Representative
Jess Hindley	Students' Union Council - Postgraduate Representative
Jessica Crisp	Part-Time - Women Students' Officer
Julien Kolta	Part-Time - International Students' Officer
Kendra Sneddon	Students' Union Council - EPS Representative (Undergraduate)
Kieran Minto	Medicine, Health and Life Sciences (MHLS) Postgraduate Taught Faculty Representative
Kieron Portbury	Student Officer Equality & Diversity
Leo Davies	Part-Time - Student Parents' and Carers' Officer
Marta Cipriano	Part-Time - Mature and Part-Time Students' Officer
Matthew McCallion	Postgraduate School Rep - School of Law (SLAW)
Meghan-Louise Meban	Medicine, Health and Life Sciences (MHLS) Postgraduate Research Faculty Representative
Molly Quinn	Undergraduate School Representative - School of Law (SLAW)
Monica Amir Saad	Medicine, Health and Life Sciences (MHLS) Undergraduate Faculty Representative
Nadine Curtis	Students' Union Council - MHLS Representative (Undergraduate)
Niamh Bone	Students' Union Council - EPS Representative (Undergraduate)
Ryan Irwin	Engineering and Physical Sciences (EPS) Undergraduate Faculty Representative
Ryan Rogan	Students' Union Council - EPS Representative (Undergraduate)
Sean Dynes	Undergraduate School Representative - School of Pharmacy (SPMY)
Sean Fitzgerald	Undergraduate School Representative - School of Arts, English and Languages (SAEL)
Shea McCourt	Undergraduate School Representative - Social Sciences, Education and Social Work (SSESW)
Tara Lynne O'Neill	Students' Union Council - AHSS Representative (Undergraduate)
Thom Hinds	Students' Union Council - Postgraduate Representative
Tiarnan Smyth	Students' Union Council - EPS Representative (Undergraduate)
Tiarnan Tracey	Students' Union Council - AHSS Representative (Undergraduate)
Tj Lindsay	Undergraduate School Representative - School of Mathematics & Physics (SMP)

In Attendance:

DAMIEN CORRIDAN (CLERK OF COUNCIL)
BARRY CRUICKSHANK (REPRESENTATION SUPPORT OFFICER)
LOUISE MCGEOUGH (ACADEMIC REPRESENTATION ASSISTANT)
CIARAN HIGGINS (STUDENTS' UNION DIRECTOR)
EOIN USHER (UNION SPEAKER)

The Speaker of Council welcomed all attendees to a Special Meeting of the 2022-23 session of the Students' Union Council.

1. APOLOGIES

There were none.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2.1 There were none.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

3.1 There were none.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

4.1 Procedure for Conducting Council Business Digitally (SUC/P/22/72)

The Clerk of Council presented (SUC/P/22/72) on the Procedures for Conducting Council Business Digitally. The salient points included:

- Student Voice Email
- Raise Your Hand
- Live Captions
- Technical Issues
- Location of the Meetings
- Register Your Attendance
- Microphones Off
- Use of the "Chat" Bar
- Speaking
- Propose a Motion
- Procedural Motion
- Point of Information
- Point of Order
- Emergency Motions / Amendments
- Voting on Motions
- Rulings on Meeting Procedures
- Conduct
- Use of Data

5. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS/RULE AMENDMENTS

5.1 At the Statutory Meeting of Council held on Monday 5 December 2022, the following amendments to the Constitution were approved by Council:

- SUC/M/7/5.1 – Complete Amendment excluding the Student Officer Equality and & Wellbeing, Student Officer Community and Climate, Student Officer International
- SUC/M/7/5.2 – Academic Representation – Complete Amendment
- SUC/M/7/5.3 – Student Associations – Complete Amendment
- SUC/M/7/5.4 – Campaign Coordinating and Organising Committees – Complete Amendment

Enabling Motion (Constitutional Consistency)

Enabling motion to rename, reorder and renumber Constitutional clauses, and remove invalid references, as appropriate, to reflect the amendments approved by Council.

This motion shall be deemed to have been moved and approved if any Constitutional amendment at this meeting is moved and carried.

Constitutional Amendment Motion:

“This Council empowers the Clerk of Council to rename, reorder and renumber Constitutional clauses, and remove invalid references, as appropriate, to reflect the amendments approved by the Statutory Meeting of the Students’ Union Council, held on 5 December 2022 and the Special Meeting of Council, held on 7 December 2022.

The Clerk of Council shall be empowered to composite all amendments approved at the Monday 5 December and Wednesday 7 December Meetings of Council and to make any minor necessary amendments requires to enable constitutional consistency.

Any such composited amendments shall be deemed to be the consolidated amendments approved at the meetings for the purposes of conducting a referendum and for any other required approvals.”

Enabling Motion (Referendum)

Enabling motion to conduct a Referendum on to ratify Constitutional amendments approved at the Statutory Meeting of Council.

This motion shall be deemed to have been moved and approved if any Constitutional amendment at this meeting is moved and carried.

Referendum Motion:

“A Referendum shall take place, via by a secret ballot of all student members on QUBSU.org, on by end of the Teaching Week period in December 2022, at a date and time to be determined by the Returning Officer.

The purpose of this Referendum shall be to ratify those amendments to the Students’ Union Constitution and its Rules that have been approved by the Students’ Union Council during the Special Meeting of the Students’ Union Council, held on 5 December 2022”

If Sustainability is not included in the role title and substantive responsibilities of any Full-Time Student Officer Role:

DELETE all references to the Environmental Officer

INSERT (into new RULE – STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS)

Environmental Action Students’ Association

The Environmental Action Association shall be represent students interests on issues relating to the environment, sustainability and ethical trading.

Eligibility for Executive Committee positions shall be open to all Student members of the Association.

If International is not included in the role title and substantive responsibilities of any Full-Time Student Officer Role:

DELETE all references to the International Officer

INSERT (into new RULE – STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS)

International Students’ Association

The International Students’ Association shall represent International Students, as defined by the University.

Eligibility for Executive Committee positions shall be restricted to International Students, as defined by the University.

Council

5.2 Constitutional Amendments – Proposed SUC/P/22/71

Council approved consideration of the proposed amendment options in the order detailed below.

5.2.1 **OPTION 1 – Proposed at Monday Night’s Council Meeting**

AS DETAILED IN 5.2 (SUC/P/22/71)

Student Officer Campaigns and Engagement

Student Officer Equality and Diversity

Student Officer Welfare

INSERT THE POSTS OF

Student Officer Equality and Wellbeing

Student Officer Community and Climate

Student Officer International

Following a debate a motion to vote was called.

The proposal was debated and following a vote, the motion to vote passed.

Following an online vote, this constitutional amendment fell.

5.2.4 **OPTION 4**

AS DETAILED IN 5.2 (SUC/P/22/71)

REMOVE THE POSTS OF

Student Officer Campaigns and Engagement

Student Officer Equality and Diversity

Student Officer Welfare

INSERT THE POSTS OF

Student Officer Equality and Sustainability

Student Officer International and Welfare

Student Officer Community

The proposal was debated and following a vote, the motion to vote passed.

Following an online vote, this constitutional amendment fell.

5.2.3 **OPTION 3**

AS DETAILED IN 5.2 (SUC/P/22/71)

REMOVE THE POSTS OF

Student Officer Campaigns and Engagement

Student Officer Equality and Diversity

Student Officer Welfare

INSERT THE POSTS OF

Student Officer Equality and Sustainability

Student Officer Community

Student Officer International

The proposal was debated and following a vote, the motion to vote passed.

Following an online vote, this constitutional amendment fell.

5.2.2 **OPTION 2**

AS DETAILED IN 5.2 (SUC/P/22/71)

REMOVE THE POSTS OF

Student Officer Campaigns and Engagement

Student Officer Equality and Diversity

Student Officer Welfare

INSERT THE POSTS OF

Student Officer Equality and Sustainability

Student Officer Community and Welfare

Student Officer International

The proposal was debated and following a vote, the motion to vote passed.

Following an online vote, this constitutional amendment fell.

5.6 **An amendment to remove environmental and sustainability responsibilities from the Student Officer Equality and Sustainability and rename the role Student Officer Equality.**

DELETE (FROM Rule 4 – Section X – Student Officer Equality and Sustainability)

INSERT (INTO Rule 4 – Student Officer Equality)

The proposal was debated and following a vote, the motion to vote passed.

Following an online vote, this constitutional amendment fell.

6. BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were none.

7. BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

There were none.

8. BYE-ELECTIONS

There were none.

9. ELECTIONS

There were none.

10. MOTIONS

There were none.

11. REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD AND RECOMMENDATIONS

There were none.

12. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND RECOMMENDATIONS

There were none.

13. REPORTS FROM OTHER UNION COMMITTEES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

There were none.

14. REPORTS FROM UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

There were none.

15. CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

There were none.

16. QUESTIONS (TO ELECTED STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES)

There were none.

17. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

There were none.

18. DATE OF NEXT STATUTORY MEETING OF THE STUDENTS' UNION COUNCIL

The fourth Meeting of the Students' Union Council 2022-23 will take place Thursday 26th of January 2023 at 5.00p.m. in Blue Sky Room, Level 1, Queen's Students' Union.