

DURHAM SU ASSEMBLY

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING 9 March 2023

The Learning Lounge, Dunelm House

1. OPENING OF MEETING

AK opened the meeting, welcoming members, and attendees, explaining zoom etiquette, outlining that no offensive or unacceptable behaviour would be accepted and would result in being removed from the meeting.

The SwDA representative noted a conflict of interest with Item 4 due to being nominated for a HLM.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS ON 9 FEBRUARY 2023 AND MATTERS ARISING

There were no amendments to the minutes of the last meetings.
Minutes from the last meetings were approved.

Routine business items

3. BOARD REPORT

RECEIVED: an update report from the Board of Trustees.

4. HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

RATIFIED: nominations for Durham Students' Union Honorary Life Memberships:

Fin Brown
Benedict Mensah
Aditya Lathar
Simon Stevenson
Sophie Whitfield

5. OFFICER UPDATES

NOTED: updates from the SU Officer Team on their priorities for the year. Updates were provided by:

Joe McGarry, SU President
Josh Freestone, Undergraduate Academic Officer
Laura Curran, Welfare and Liberation Officer
Jack Ballingham, Opportunities Officer

6. COMMITTEE UPDATES

NOTED: updates from Committees:

JCR PresComm
Academic Affairs Committee

Apologies: DUCK, Student Groups Committee, MCR PresComm, SU Rep Committee, Assembly Procedures Committee.

Officer Scrutiny Committee members had not yet been elected, so no update was provided.

7. ASSOCIATION UPDATES

NOTED: updates from Associations:

Trans Association
Students with Disabilities Association (SwDA)

Apologies: International, Students' Association, LGBT+ Association, Durham People of Colour Association (DPoCA), Women's Association, , Working Class Students' Association, Mature Students' Association (MATSA),

****ACCESS BREAK****

Items for discussion:

8. DURHAM UNIVERSITY ANTI-SPIKING POLICY: DISCUSSION

DISCUSSED: what a university anti-spiking policy should consist of and resolve to set up a task and finish group to continue further consultation into this issue.

The Chair presented the discussion topic and then members split into small discussion groups to talk on the topic and feedback to Assembly.

The Chair formally proposed the task and finish group and said that this still needs a lot of work, but this discussion is a good start, but more students will need to be spoken to, to get a broader range of responses. The Chair noted that anyone interested in joining, should speak to Laura Curran after the meeting.

There were no speeches opposing the group.

AK moves to vote.

Assembly resolved to set up the task and finish group.

This meeting of Assembly was not quorate, all decisions were ratified following the meeting via electronic vote.