

Minutes Template



Council Details

Date: 19/02/2025

Time: 18:00 – 20:00

Iteration: Second Council Meeting

Chair: Karina Whelan (KW)

Deputy Chair: Harry Forgham (HF)

Voting Members Present

Bobola Ajibola (BA) – Welfare and Diversity Officer

Ness Garratt (NG) – Activities and Opportunities Officer

Karina Whelan (KW) – LGBTQ+ Network Lead

Harry Forgham (HF) – Course Representative for Sociology

Mkhosi Shiba (MS) Mature Students' Network Lead

Nathan Welham (NW) – Course Representative for Zoology

Pearlgin Goba (PG) – Course Representative for Urban Planning

Apologies from Voting Members

Angelina Sibal (AS) – Students with Disabilities Network Lead

Kit Boulting Hodge (KBH) – Education and Community Officer

Supporting Guests

Drew Humphry (DH) – Student Voice and Campaign Coordinator, Acting Clerk to the Council & Minute Taker

Minutes

Meeting Section	Minutes
Welcome and Introductions	<p>KW commenced the meeting.</p> <p>The council did not meet quoracy, however, KW decided to continue to hold the second iteration of the student council.</p>
Updating Items (Officer Reports)	<p>BA – Welfare and Diversity Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Actively engaged with the #WeBelong campaign, focusing on promoting inclusivity, accurately capturing student experiences,

and addressing the awarding gap through evidence-based strategies.

- Delivered a keynote speech representing the Students' Union at the recent graduation ceremony.*
- Addressed journalism students, highlighting union activities, and attended the Undergraduate International Student Forum to better understand student needs and challenges.*
- Collaborated with the Careers and Employability team to explore possibilities for an NHS Careers Fair and other employment opportunities beneficial to students.*
- Participated in the Student-Led Staff Awards, acknowledging exceptional contributions from university staff members.*
- Provided extensive support to students joining in the January 2025 intake, facilitating their transition and ensuring access to necessary resources.*
- Finalised arrangements for Diversity Night 4.0, scheduled for 6th February 2025, aimed at fostering student interaction and community spirit.*

KBH – Education and Community Officer (Read by DH)

- Successfully delivered "Speak Week," collecting substantial student feedback on academic courses and university services.*
 - Advocated for revocation of imposed Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) regulations in Gloucester, addressing student housing concerns.*
 - Praised the Student-Led Staff Awards at school-wide meetings as evidence of positive Students' Union impact.*
 - Formed a focus group aimed at revitalising the School House Café as a community-centred venue.*
 - Encountered challenges with the Mental Health Campaign, with partner charities requesting £35,000, a sum considered impractical.*
 - Supported Student Voice Assistants in diverse initiatives, from enhancing canteen services to improving international student orientation.*
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- *Facilitated collaboration between academics and employers through the Circle2success initiative.*
 - *Advocated student involvement in university quality assurance roles and co-creation processes.*
 - *Initiated plans for a guaranteed interview scheme intended to support international student induction.*

NG - Activities and Opportunities Officer

- *Made notable progress with the #kNOwmore campaign, achieving sufficient student responses to the SOSUK Drugs and Alcohol Impact Survey and preparing subsequent action plans.*
- *Engaged actively with the working group revising the Student Code of Conduct, aligning with the Office for Students (OfS) requirements and Mental Health Charter.*
- *Coordinated the 2025 Varsity programme under the campaign "Play Your Part," promoting active bystander intervention and ensuring a safe and inclusive environment for all participants.*
- *Successfully hosted the Varsity pledge signing event on 3rd February 2025, involving team captains from Worcester and Gloucester universities.*
- *Launched the 'Feel Good Feb' initiative, participating personally in various student clubs and societies to encourage student engagement and promote recreational memberships.*

Updating Items
(Change It)

NG – There were no new changes to change its posts, with no post reaching the quoracy to be taken to Student Council.

Any Other Business

MS proposed that the closing of Park library and removal of services was putting Park Campus students at a serious detriment and that the University should consider reopening them.

Action – The Student council should submit the idea to change it, and the SU will help promote and push the idea.

Action – DH to send out a student voice newsletter to all actively engaged reps with an update from Student Council (completed).

Close of Meeting

The meeting was adjourned.
