



# Executive Committee

## Minutes

date: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 09  
 time: 6.00pm  
 location: Room N1.01 High Wycombe Campus

**Present;** Yasmin Omar (Chair), Matthew Clark, Kat Arlington, Tom Foy, Ben Robinson, Chris Miller, Claire Breen, Chris Clark, Will Dart, Rebecca Djemi, Chris Barlow, Yvonne Worrall, Jill Kittle, Karen Yates, Callum Judge, Guy de Macedo, Mal Edgson (Secretary)

	Item	Action
1	<b>Apologies for absence;</b> Tremain Douglas	
2	<b>Elections:</b> to note candidates and uncontested positions	<b>YO</b>
4	<b>Approval of minutes of the meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 09:</b>	
5	<b>Matters Arising:</b>	
5.1	<b>Training day for new exec members:</b> nothing done, ME to progress	<b>ME</b>
5.2	<b>May Ball meeting</b> took place, wizard of OZ theme agreed.	
5.3	<b>SR Scheme</b> – no progress in negotiations with Operon yet	<b>YO</b>
5.4	<b>Student Voice:</b> BR reported he is editing the footage and appealed for all members of the exec to come and give filming a try with the script we have prepared	<b>BR</b>
5.5	<b>Halls issues:</b> No reports have yet been received about whether JNH and Mount Vernon will be brought on stream	<b>BR</b>
5.6	<b>Card entry system that spots banned students:</b> This is not currently possible with the current system.	
5.7	<b>Cancelled lecture text number:</b> BR is not clear what systems are currently in place. BR will chase this	<b>BR</b>
5.8	<b>Media Society:</b> Pack completed and awaiting submission.	
5.9	<b>RAG trolley</b> failed due to a lack of contributions of alcohol and is being run again next week	<b>MC</b>
5.10	<b>Boxing:</b> budget for training equipment was found	
5.11	<b>Photography competition:</b> CM reported that this is being launched next week	<b>CM</b>
5.12	<b>LRC Summer closures:</b> details are in the LRC's and on the web, there is currently concern about whether the system will be able to respond to student demand. BR is working on this with the LRC managers	<b>BR</b>
5.13	<b>Halls Fire Alarms:</b> ME to check fire alarm procedure now SR's are defunct	<b>ME</b>
6	<b>To approve new Sabbatical Role Descriptions:</b> Approved	
7	<b>To approve a policy on responsibilities towards officers elect:</b> Approved	
8	<b>Note minutes from other Union Committee's :</b> Finance & Staffing Cttee	

		29.01.09: Noted	
	<b>9</b>	<b>Sabbatical Reports:</b> This was treated as a question time; CM reported that we were organising a Mike Reilly memorial sports fixture and encouraged exec to take part. CM to look into University staff and student been given time off to attend. CM to take this forward. Union staff OK	<b>YO, CM, BR</b>
	<b>10</b>	<p><b>What do you need help with? Round table discussion – ALL</b></p> <p><b>RAG Booze trolley volunteers:</b> MC requested</p> <p><b>Womens' Officer:</b> CB suggesting doing away with the Women's officer position because it was not needed.</p> <p><b>LGBT:</b> CC echoed this sentiment for LGBT and suggested that liberation issues be dealt with in a collective way. TF expressed the view that these are awareness raising positions not just about dealing with localised injustices. CM suggested that the role is what you make it and there are always things that can be done. YW expressed the view that this requires an in depth discussion that if you removed the liberation officers and merged them into one they might become less approachable. CC spoke again in favour of a single position which groups could liaise with. CM expressed the view that each position is here to take part in an open forum not just represent their constituency. YW asked for there to be specific one to one to clearly define the opportunities in each role. YO suggested that we should draw together the helpful suggestions and try the current system for a second year to evaluate the situation properly. YO will look at how liberation groups are represented in other Unions and ask our own students</p> <p>YW asked for help with Comic Relief night to help with the set up.</p> <p>BR asked for help writing a brief 200 word article in their role on exec, how it will help you in the future and what it has been like.</p>	<b>YO</b>
	<b>11</b>	<b>Financial Report:</b> CB will the venue be refurbished, only touch ups. What is the social facility in the new halls, BR responded that we are not sure. CB would there be more money for ents. BR very unlikely. YW realised concern that the venue won't be big enough. CM answered that that would happen only very rarely and actually it would make the events better.	<b>ME</b>
	<b>12</b>	<b>Exec Question of the week – feedback and next question - none</b>	<b>YO</b>
	<b>13</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
	<b>13.1</b>	<b>Officer Campaigns Budget:</b> BR notified the meeting that this money can be spent on almost anything including conferences etc.	
	<b>13.2</b>	<b>Labour Party offer:</b> YO asked if the exec would like the Wycombe PPC to come and take questions from the Exec. YO to organise a separate meeting	<b>YO</b>
	<b>13.3</b>	<b>Visit from America:</b> YO reported that there is a welcome party from Penn State Uni on 9 <sup>th</sup> March	
	<b>13.4</b>	<b>Elections:</b> vacant positions will remain open until 3pm Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March. Elections for NUS Conference are now open and will take place by internet vote	
	<b>13.5</b>	<b>Exec party:</b> CM will organise this as a BBQ at CH	<b>CM</b>
	<b>13.6</b>	<b>Positions for next year:</b> WD complained that people don't understand what the roles entail. BR responded that the descriptions have been on the web site.	
	<b>14</b>	<b>Date and time of next meeting:</b> Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 6pm Wycombe campus	