

Executive meeting

Attendees

Ceri Doyle, David Gordon, Morgan Fairless, Edouard Panciulo, Ellie Cottrell, Ellie Duplock, Isra Saker, Laura Goddard, Bali Birch-Lee, Sarah Gerwens, Alice Rigo-Saitta

Apologies

None received

Quora: The meeting was quorate.

1. To approve the minutes and discuss matters arising

The minutes were approved.

An update from Isra Saker about an event she ran. The event itself went well, but she said the promotion was too last-minute. There was a discussion about the changes proposed about PTO events and communications more generally. Ellie C was happy about the changes were implemented but would like to review at the end of the next PTO event to see how it went.

An update necessary from the staff team (possibly Freya) on how we communicate about UGMs.

2. Discuss the Beef Ban motion. LSESU motion here: <https://www.lsesu.com/pageassets/organisers-hub/eventsplanning/eventservices/Catering-Menu-5.pdf>

Ellie wanted to find out the following information: If beef stocks have run out; if beef has been taken off the menu at the Denning Learning Café; if beef will be removed off the catering orders.

3. To hear updates from those officers who would like to

Ceri: Some sports have started again. She said a few student staff weren't put on furlough as they didn't reply to an email asking to sign up to furlough. She said the email was too long to see that furlough was mentioned. She said it had a major impact financially on several student staff. David promised that Bali and Ellie will look into it with James Hann, who was in charge of this.

Isra: She spoke about the event she organised. She's writing up suggestions and ideas for what can be done. She's also working on a survey with Jay about working class students which will be the basis of a report. By July it will be used to lobby and potentially to campaign on increasing funding from LSE for working class students. Isra wants to run a week in March with an exhibition in the SU. This will include a takeover of Humans of LSE. Isra will work with Sabir. She mentioned feedback from the Townhall that students want the emails from the SU to be more to the point.

Ellie: She has been working with the Grantham Institute with Mike Wilkinson and Charles Joly (Sustainability) to do a full assessment of LSE investments. She's also had a commitment from Head of Operations to implement the assessment. There will be a report in January.

David clarified that the SU Environmental policy was approved last executive. He asked for the policy to be circulated. An action for this policy to be passed to the staff team.

Ellie also asked how to add any further actions. David advised to bring it to an exec vote. She will investigate over the break how KCL and UCL plan to become carbon neutral by 2030.

Isra mentioned that Decolonise LSE had wanted to be involved in the BLM motion. Morgan offered to speak to Decolonise LSE.

4. To hear about LSE's proposal to implement online proctoring

Bali provided an update. They explained it involves software that logs all activity on your computer including microphone and webcam during an online, timed, synchronous assessment. It tracks all movement, e.g. eye movement, absence from screen. They set out the inequalities concerns and fairness concerns about this proposal. Recordings of students doing the assessment would be used if there are issues with the script or recording. This would mostly affect students with quantitative exams. There was a discussion around who was for and against the proposal at LSE.

Edouard shared his experience with online proctoring and found it to be inefficient.

Bali said they were against synchronous exams but that this concern has been taken off the table as the issue of online proctoring is now dominating the conversation.

David highlighted the equalities issues that come with online proctoring and the lack of equality impact assessment when the proposal was looked at at Education Committee. Bali shared that there was no mention of the effects on disabled students in the minutes even though it was discussed.

Ellie C suggested to include students with inclusion plans in focus groups.

Bali shared how tight the deadline was for submitting the paper to Education Committee and that it was difficult to do this on that basis.

5. An opportunity to raise anything we might have missed during the meeting, or to raise an item not related to the rest of the meeting.

No items raised.

Actions:

1. Update from **Freya** about UGM communications
2. Sabb Beef motion lead (**David**) to talk to Catering team about: if beef stocks have run out; if beef has been taken off the menu at the Denning Learning Café; if beef will be removed off the catering orders.
3. **Bali and Ellie** to look into student staff and furlough with James Hann
4. Environmental policy to be circulated with the next minutes (**Sophie vd H**)
5. **David**, as sustainability motion lead, to speak to relevant staff about implementing policy.
6. **Ellie C** to collate list of further SU actions relating to sustainability, circulate it in advance of exec and bring it to a vote.
7. PTO's to work on a specific focus group for online proctoring (suggested in chat)

