

Exec Committee 29 March

David Gordon, Bali Birch-Lee, Ceri Doyle, Laura Goddard, Thiago Pontes, Alice Rigo-Saitta, Sarah Gerwens, Ellie Duplock, Faiso Kadiye

Matters Arising

Freya's action - requesting an update on assessment support package. This has not been completed yet but Laura can give an update at this meeting.

Update from Laura on Assessment Regulations

Assessment Regulations report is nearing completion. It has taken five months from start to finish to get to this point. Really excited to see how it's shaping up and the recommendations we can make. There is some reluctance from the School already – have a feeling that it is quite a damning report, especially in relation to Equality Impact Assessments. Will not be able to impact Summer Term assessments just yet – should have it done by the time we return for Easter.

Congratulations to Faiso

Faiso has been elected as the new Community and Welfare Officer, and will be the one continuing member of the Executive Committee! Congratulations, Faiso.

APP

Jennifer will be sending around an email regarding student consultation on APP. We've not had many sign-ups – please do fill out the form and come along tomorrow! It's the first time Office for Students has had a student submission for the access participation plan. Some of the current metrics (i.e. graduate outcomes/employability) are problematic, so we may be able to make an impact.

Update from Thiago

LGBT+ Mental Health Group is beginning, having the second meeting soon.

LGBT Steering Group have changed their approach. Going to make recommendations on things such as pronouns, transcriptions, as a steering group, feeling really excited.

Also had a conversation around gender neutral toilets. We don't have enough gender neutral toilets – met Head of Estates and Head of EDI with member of SU staff. The School will be updating signage on toilets, as well. The toilets in SSH are not gender neutral, students still need to choose between M/F toilets. Some students of faith have been in touch about this issue as well.

Hoping to create a documentary, although this is dependent on Covid restrictions.

Freya to support on concerns re: SSH. Thiago to email Freya, Freya will forward on to James Hann and Jennifer Hastings for support.

Update from Faiso

Faiso has been talking to Asian students about their experiences of anti-Asian racism. Trying to figure out what they can do to support. i.e. issues with lecturers, or when arriving in London.

Faiso also updated that she has been in contact with The Beaver, they're looking at doing a podcast/roundtable to discuss student experiences.

It was asked whether we do enough to engage Asian International students as a Students' Union. There was agreement – it was felt that assumptions are sometimes made about whether/how Asian international students want to engage. Some students are campaigning on this, but they aren't engaging with LSE/LSESU at the moment. Agreement that we need to work on racialised and racist assumptions - we need to campaign and confront these assumptions. We need to think about how we work as a Students' Union, need to actively think about how students can get involved.

Freya to share this conversation LSESU's SLT in relation to strategy setting.

Freya and Faiso to meet this week to discuss potential options.

Update from Alice

Last week, had a big campaign for LSE/St Mungos partnership called 'Donate Your Commute'. It was really successful, has been extended into this week. £2500 raised so far.

Wider conversations about the role of RAG President – that PTO/RAG split. Will be continuing conversations with the SU about this.

Any other updates

Teaching Award nominations – make sure to nominate staff and share

Handover – we will be supporting induction for new PTOs, but if there's anything role specific you'd like to do, let Freya know

Symposium – talking about what the SU has achieved and campaigned for, a last push for lobbying by inviting senior LSE stakeholders. We'll be presenting a few big reports, so let us know if there's anything you'd like to present.

PhD Officer – the role was not elected again due to lack of nominations. Can we advertise via PhD Academy again? Some discussion about what can be done to rectify this issue.

Freya to include contextual info about roles that we often struggle to fill in Elections report.