



**Minutes of a meeting of Student Council held on Tuesday, 30th October 2007
at 6.30pm in the Aneurin Bevan Room.**

Attendees

Sally Wood, Lydia James, Andy Button-Stephens, Ted Shiress, Rich Collins, John Cowie, Abdullah Kahloon, Alys Mumford, Ruth Jones, Joy Kirimi, Katie White, Shazia Khawaja, Lee Macaulay, Corinne Rhodes, Stephen Farrington Fern Gould, Kayleigh Mills, Laura Jones, Abdul-Azim Ahmed, Hussein Walijee, Ghaith Nassar, Rachel Thomas, Jenny Willis, Aditi Kotwal, Ben Turner, Amy Harrison, Ed Carey, George Howard, Mia Holling, Christopher Davies, Amien Chouchane, Jonny Cox, Rowena Vallasso, Sally Airey, Jo Plummer, Frances House, Eleanor Morris.

1. Welcome, apologies for absence and quoracy check

Present: Ed Carey (Chair)
See Attendance Sheet

Apologies: Gemma Long, Ben Brain, Mia Hollins, Ceri Roberts, Hannah Boden, Daniel Whitting and Robert Keene.

Reported: Item 7 on the agenda to be discussed at the next meeting.

2. Minutes from last meeting

Resolved: Save George Howard's name being recorded as "George Honard", the minutes of Tuesday 16th October 2007 were a true and correct record of the meeting.

3. Executive Reports and Timesheets

Reported: Aimen Chouchane questioned Jonny Cox, who confirmed that the Union does not advertise competitors, where the same service is provided within the Student's Union building.

Resolved: All reports accepted as read.

4. Election Results

Reported: Announcement of election results.

5. New Committees – Education and Welfare Officer to discuss

Reported: Need a Post Graduate student to attend the Academic Standards Committee.

Resolved: Jenny Willis will attend.

Reported: Need a Post Graduate research student to attend the Annual Review of Post Graduate Research subcommittee.

Resolved: Joy Kirimi will attend.

Reported: Need someone to attend the Gender Equality Scheme Committee.

Resolved: Kayleigh Mills will attend.

6. GUM Update – Education and Welfare Officer to discuss

Reported: People interested in helping to organise Sexual Health week, commencing 26th November 2007 also the campaign started by Kate Monahan to have a permanent GUM clinic on campus.

Resolved: Alys Mumford, Francis House, Chris Davies, Hussein Walijee, Abdul-Azim Ahmed and Ruth Jones interested in helping to organise Sexual Health week.

7. Bilingual interpretation

Resolved: To be discussed at the next meeting.

8. Motion to Student Council – Guillotine System

Reported:

- Motion explained to Student Council (SC).
- Majority of people want the meeting to be short therefore with the Guillotine System (GS) important issues may be passed over.
- In effect the GS would make time for real issues.
- Individuals could be unfairly swayed by the person proposing the motion.
- At the end of the 15 minutes, a minute could be given to each side to put their case for why the debate should continue/vote should be taken immediately.
- The GS would not interrupt a speaker.
- Not to be used for AGM.
- Suggestion that instead of the GS being automatic, someone could interject a discussion with the proposition of taking a vote on whether to continue the discussion or not.
- Sometimes a discussion needs to go on to the details, e.g. grammar and spelling.
- Not many people change their minds even if the discussion continues uninterrupted.
- The GS may not allow for people to have their first say.
- The use of the GS could be at the discretion of the Chair, depending on the issue.
- If the system adopted was that a person had to propose stopping the discussion and going to a vote, people may feel inhibited to do so.

Resolved: If adopted the GS would be used on a trial basis and reviewed in a few weeks.

Reported:

- Chair's discretion whether the first GS vote used at 15 or 30 minutes.
- A proposal to go straight to a vote could be made at any time after 15 minutes.
- SC could meet with the GS in place, and then not use the GS, and vote when all Councillors had experience of both. But this is difficult constitutionally, because a mix of systems is being used.
- John Cowie spoke against the passing the GS at this meeting in order to allow the new Student Councillors to appreciate what the old system was like.

Resolved: Jonny Cox put forward that if the GS was adopted today, to revisit the motion in the first meeting of 2008.

Reported: To go to a vote on whether to carry on with the discussion.

Resolved: In favour: Overwhelming majority. Against: 1

Reported: Vote to adopt the motion as it was presented.

Resolved: In favour: 1 Against: Overwhelming majority.
The GS is not passed.

Actions: Jonny Cox to revisit the motion, with consultation on Councillors to amend the motion, in light of the discussion in this meeting.

9. EGM: Confirmation of Date – 26th November 2007

Reported: The EGM will discuss a Student Parliament and the provision to be made for smokers in light of the recent legislation banning smoking in public places.

→Arrival of George Howard at 7:20

10. AOB

Reported: Those interested in attending NUS Winter Conference at Bangor University to contact Jonny Cox.

Reported: 6th December 2007 in the Aneurin Bevan Room there will be meeting titled “My Faith, My City” where Gareth Powell will report back on the methods of best practice he has found when looking at the provision made at other Universities for Students to practice their faith.

Reported: To put forward motions, email them to Eleanor Morris on morrise2@cardiff.ac.uk Sabbatical Officers also on hand to help Councillor’s write their motion, if the Councillor wishes. A guide on how to write a motion is in the SC welcome pack.

Reported: Ideas for motions can be put forward in AOB.

Meeting finished at 7:40pm

Next meeting to be held on the 20th November 2007 Aneurin Bevan Room 6:30pm.