



Executive Committee Minutes

Date: 7th February 2023

Time: 5pm - 6pm

Location: Hybrid

Members:

Yara Derbas (YD)	Co-President Equality and Liberation
Gioia Scazza (GS)	Co-President Democracy and Education
Sushant Singh (SS)	Co-President Welfare and Campaigns
Pragya Bansiwala (PB)	Liberation Caucus Delegate
Tanita Joyce Evans Lewis (TJE)	Liberation Caucus Delegate
Veera Lakshmi Ramayah (VLR)	Liberation Caucus Delegate
Upasana Dandona (UD)	Liberation Caucus Delegate
Declan Prout (DP)	Research Students Association Delegate

In attendance:

Charlotte Morris-Davis (CMD)	Student Engagement Manager (Secretary)
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Apologies:

Parwana Haydar (PH)	Co-President Activities and Events
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Item No	Item
1	Welcome and Apologies
<p>1.1. GS welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>1.2. The Committee note apologies from PH.</p>	
2	Conflict of Interest
<p>2.1. The Committee note no conflicts of interest.</p>	
3	Introduction to the Executive Committee and Democracy at SOAS SU
<p>3.1. GS provides an overview of democratic structures within SOAS SU, including the Preferenda Portfolio Part-Time Officers, Elections, Ideas Platform, Union Forum, Preferenda, Liberation Caucuses</p>	
4	Terms of Reference
<p>4.1. CMD provides an overview of the proposed Terms of Reference.</p> <p>4.2. The Committee approve the Terms of Reference.</p>	
5	Chair and Secretary Appointment
<p>5.1. GS informs the Committee that they are able to appoint a Chair and Secretary from their membership. GS suggests that this should happen at the next meeting once all members are appointed. The Secretary may also be a member of Union Staff.</p>	
6	Ratification of Ekabali Ghosh as the RSA Student Trustee
<p>6.1. The Committee approve Ekabali Ghosh as the RSA Student Trustee for the 2022-2023 Academic Year.</p>	
7	Ideas Platform Discussion
<p>7.1. CMD provides the Committee with information about the Ideas Platform and encourages Committee members to submit their ideas on the platform.</p>	
8	Officer Updates
<p>8.1. YD updates the Committee on engagement with Liberation Caucus and how this can be improved, History Months, general frustrations from students and providing support to the campaigns.</p>	

8.2. YD suggests adding an item on engagement and the Liberation Caucuses to the next Executive Committee Agenda.

8.3. GS updates the Committee on the Preferenda, and a series of events they are coordinating on 'Where is the A in SOAS'. GS encourages collaboration between members of the Executive Committee.

8.4. DP raises that it would be helpful to improve the relationship between Research Students/the RSA and the SU.

9	Date of the next meeting
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9.1. CMD suggests that the next Executive Committee take place during the last week of March. There is consensus that this does not work for the members of the Committee and instead, the meeting should take place at the start of the next term with a Doodle Poll circulated to confirm availability.

10	Any Other Business
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10.1. SS raises the Earthquake that took place in Turkiye and Syria and what the SU will do to respond. YD suggests speaking to the societies that are already coordinating activities. Members of the Committee are asked if they would like to support with SS leading this work.