

Date: 03/12/2019

Time: 16:00-18:00

Venue: Copper Rooms 1

Present:

- Harry Weaver (Chair)	(HW) Voting Card 008
- Lucy Morris (Deputy Chair)	(LM) Voting Card 009
- Talip Yaldaz (International Officer, EU)	(TY) Voting Card 016
- Zishi Zhang (International Officer, Non-EU)	(ZZ) Voting Card 017
- Prisco (Trans Students' Officer)	(P) Voting Card 012
- Ben Newsham (President)	(BN) Voting Card 001
- Nathan Boroda (Democracy Exec Chair)	(NB) Voting Card 024
- Bede Lunn (Women's Officer)	(BL) Voting Card 013
- Luke Mepham (Societies Officer)	(LM) Voting Card 007
- Charlotte Lloyd (Sports Officer)	(CL) Voting Card 006
- Samuel Baldwin (Societies Exec Chair)	(SB) Voting Card 020
- Amin Lmoh (Welfare Exec Chair)	(AL) Voting Card 021
- Nathan Parsons (Disabled Students' Officer)	(NP) Voting Card 014
- Constance Gordon (LGBTUA+ Officer)	(CG) Voting Card 011
- Milly Last (Development & Democracy Officer)	(ML) Voting Card 004
- Taj Ali (Ethnic Minorities Officer)	(TA) Voting Card 010
- Tiana Holgate (Welfare & Campaigns Officer)	(TH) Voting Card 005
- Chloe Batten (Education Officer)	(CB) Voting Card 002
- Valentin Mancas (Academic Council Chair)	(VM) Voting Card 018
- Aaraan Dass (Sports Exec Chair)	(AD) Voting Card 023

Apologies/Not present:

- Alex Fugariu (Part Time & Mature Students' Officer)
- Alice Churm (Postgraduate Officer)
- Scott Dwyer (Postgraduate Exec Chair)
- Rebecca Brown (Environment and Ethics Officer)
- Fraser Amos (Development Exec Chair)

1 Welcome and Apologies

Chair of Council Harry Weaver (HW) (008) welcomed all council members to the second Student Council meeting, and explained the schedule and structure of today's meeting. HW also announced that Lucy Morris will stand in as Chair for the Occupation section of Student Council.

Apologies have been received from the following; Alex Fugariu (Part time and mature Officer), Alice Churm (Postgraduate Officer) and Scott Dwyer (Postgraduate Exec Chair). Rebecca Brown (Environment and Ethics Officer) and Fraser Amos (Development Exec Chair) also not present.

2 Announcements

None received

3 Minutes from last meeting

Chair asks for any comments, none received.

Chair then asks to vote for the minutes to be approved. **Unanimously approved.**

Chair asked whether the actions from the last meeting had been completed:

Action List from last Student Council:

Action	Who?	Due Date
Action: Democracy Team to announce votes electronically via email for co-options of Sports Exec, Faculty of Arts Exec and Faculty of Science Exec.	ML	ASAP - completed
Action: Motion 7.1 to go to ASV	ML	11/11/2019 – completed
Action: Motion 7.2 to go to ASV	ML	11/11/2019 – completed
Action: Motion 7.3 to go to ASV	ML	11/11/2019 – completed
Action: Motion 7.4 to go to ASV	ML	11/11/2019 – completed
Action: Motion 7.5 to go to ASV	ML	11/11/2019 – completed
Action: Motion 7.7 to go to ASV	ML	11/11/2019 – completed
Action: Motion 7.8 approved and passed as policy	ML	03/12/2019 – completed
Action: Emergency Motion 7.9 approved as policy	ML & BN	03/12/2019 – completed
Action: DDO to circulate policy lapses to relevant execs and be deferred for the next meeting	ML	03/12/2019 – completed
Action: DDO send email for training dates for council members before the next student council, 03/12/2019	ML	ASAP - ongoing

ML responded:

- First action done
- Asked that if any of co-opted members of execs have not been added to the Execs to let her know/ if anyone else wants to co-opt
- All motions done.
- 7.8 passed into policy and big action done by SU for student registration.
- Emergency motion has been completed
- Council training dates sent out but have not taken place due to occupation, ongoing training will take place another time

4 Co-option

No Co-options received for this Council

5 Sabbatical Officer Reports

Ben Newsham (President, University of Warwick Students' Union)

- Have opened discussions with the University about the need for a new SU building, current discussions focus on it being delivered in the next 5-10 years
- Made the case for greater flexibility in university space to increase service capacity (e.g. increased study space per student) without undermining carbon reduction efforts
- Worked with the University to ensure students returning from Hong Kong are supported and safe
- Spoke against Prevent at University Council
- Worked with UCU and senior university representatives to improve Warwick's approach to lecture capture so more lecturers feel able to use it
- Challenged the VC on Warwick's failure to respond to the EHRC inquiry into racial harassment in higher education and received an assurance the university would do better in the future
- Hosted with the other sabbs a day long immersion visit from the Department for Education to show them what an SU does and the difference we make for our members
- Met with the new University Director of Transport to give student views both on long term solutions to transport infrastructure at the university, and to make sure short term solutions are also being considered and implemented. This included a focus on buses to and from campus and the role the university can play in fixing what is currently a broken market

Chloe Batten (Education Officer, University of Warwick Students' Union)

Absent, but sent in report to be read out:

- Challenged those overseeing social inclusion at the university on how they measure success, how they ensure accountability and the level of meaningful student engagement that they practice. Lobbying for students to be shaping goals and success measures - particularly the Part Time Officers
- Bringing the broken pipeline from UG to PhD for Black students to the forefront of discussions about "Widening Participation" and the Black Attainment Gap
- Working with the university to ensure students have more opportunities to get involved in structural and spatial changes at the university
 - E.g. teaching room development - making sure students get a say in what the basics should be

- E.g. improving the accessibility and awareness of when the university tests out new developments, such as the did with the new Mitigating Circumstances porta
- Continuing discussions with the Library about the increased use, and demand for more effective management of study space - not just in exam season but from the beginning of Term One

Milly Last (Development & Democracy Officer, University of Warwick Students' Union)

With regard to the 'democracy' side of my role, the 'Democracy Review' has now been circulated to the Democracy Exec, with positions on each working group to be decided in the next meeting. Meanwhile, the democracy team has been pushing voter registration both online and through our wonderful democracy assistants who've been leafleting across campus. After some successful lobbying, I also managed to get the University to agree to allow teaching staff to set 5 minutes aside in lectures for students to register to vote online. Unfortunately, the National Hustings that was scheduled for Tuesday 26th November had to be pulled due to the unforeseen circumstances the SU has been dealing with over the last week.

Over on the 'development' side, in accordance with the motion for Climate Justice recently passed at ASV, I supported the protest for the Global Climate Strike that took place at University House on the 29th by not only attending and publicising the event, but also enabling communication between the University and the protestors in order to provide the protestors with the best possible platform to maximise their voices. On the same day, I also hosted climate change briefings in The Graduate, led by academics from the University, and worked with the SU Student Development team to produce a talk around careers in the Environment Sector, which is now available online. Further in fulfilment of this motion, I have been lobbying the University to remove the BP Archive from campus, meeting with the Chief Financial Officer of the University just earlier today.

Another motion I have been working to fulfil is: 'Switch to Ecosia as the default search engine on all campus computers', for which an installation guide for Ecosia has been circulated to all staff within the SU, overall receiving an enthusiastic response from recipients. I have also been in contact with the University IT staff.

More generally, I have also attended several sustainability conferences on campus and have nabbed a place on the University's Climate Emergency Task Force with Becca, our Environment and Ethics Officer, which I expect will be a great forum for the SU to influence the University's environment policy. Finally, thanks to the support of the Campaigns team, an academic from the Classics department, Professor Michael Scott, has been scheduled to speak in March about the decolonisation of the subject as part of the SU's 'Hidden Histories' lecture series.

Luke Mepham (Societies Officer, University of Warwick Students' Union)

Since the last student council meeting I have been busy interviewing loads of new societies, as well as attending Student Support Fund panels and distributing funding to several societies. I have been in talks with the MyWarwick team about allowing societies to send notifications through the app to their members, as well as placing articles from The Boar in the app. I have met with exec members from Pakistani Society and the Ethnic Minorities Officer to begin to plan an anti-racism forum for next term. Alongside this, myself and Charlotte presented to University Council on the University and SU's employability offering and the future goals for placements and employability. I have continued to develop SocsMark including adding criteria relating to accessibility for those with disabilities. I have also started to develop a Societies Federation hardship fund, and have started to think about how this could be implemented

Tiana Holgate (Welfare & Campaigns Officer, University of Warwick Students' Union)

Absent, but sent in statement to be read out:

- Drawn out the scope of a body positivity campaign with timelines to launch during term 2
- Had a very successful housing day with almost 1000 attendees at talks throughout the day
- Collaborated with the University to hold a meeting for residents of colour in Canley on how to tackle racism in the community
- Held the university to account on the scope and aims of their Social Inclusion committee
- Collaborated with the University's Student Liaison Officers to put on training for Clubs & Socs execs on how to use and signpost to Report & Support
- Working with Minhaz our new Advice Centre manager to look at its current position and finding best practice from other Advice Centres in the sector
- Worked with key members of staff on the demands from Warwick Occupy and widened discussions on tackling institutional racism
- Scoping the SUs objectives for the University-wide Student Wellbeing Strategy

Charlotte Lloyd (Sports Officer, University of Warwick Students' Union)

Have successfully managed to get the Big Screen to waiver their timelines so we can send in BUCS results on a Thursday morning for them to be displayed on the big screen throughout Thursday and Friday so more people are aware of what goes on in the sporting community. The next step is to work with Sports Exec to come up with an easy way to collate results of the more irregular games (e.g. non-BUCS games) so we can shout about these too.

Campaign weeks have gone really well – trans-awareness week, This Girl Can and Pride week. Lots of social media traction from sports clubs as well as workshops and events – e.g. trans only swimming, how to run a trans-inclusive club, This Girl Can open taster sessions, wearing rainbow laces and running LGBTUA+ open taster sessions. Happy that this year compared to last, people are referring to LGBTUA+ phobia rather than homophobia and have been invited to talk on BBC Radio Coventry to talk about our trans-inclusivity. Clubs also have been partaking in #showracismtheredcard and we're looking to co-ordinate a BUCS Wednesday in term 2 where all clubs wear a red armband in support. Next term we're looking to continue with our #ReshapingSport campaign, with a particular focus on Varsity and supporting a different cause per day of the competition e.g. Friday disability, Saturday sexual violence, Sunday LGBTUA+ (these are not finalised but likely).

Sports Forum went well in terms of allowing clubs the chance to raise concerns with Warwick Sport. It's allowed the conversation to be started in terms of reviewing and building on the Sports Partnership to make it much more efficient and provide a better service for clubs.

Varsity preparations are going well with Coventry – we've agreed showcase sports and are now finalising external facility bookings and working on marketing for the 30th anniversary. Have managed to arrange with the university to do a #TeamWarwick photoshoot which is great because along with the Big Screen win, it looks like they're starting to actually care a bit about sport and the positive publicity it can bring. Unfortunately had to cancel a suicide awareness event on the piazza due to unforeseen circumstances, but we'll hopefully be rearranging this with It Takes Balls to Talk in the new year.

Alice Churm (Postgraduate Officer, University of Warwick Students' Union)

I have continued my work with the University around staff to student sexual misconduct, and had an initial meeting with them to discuss how this work will be done. I also attended the conference 'Managing Staff to Student Misconduct', which helped me, get some interesting insight and best practice to how we can do this

work at Warwick. Going forward I will be working alongside the University to ensure that there is a student voice in all their work on this.

I am currently working with a member of academic staff at Warwick Medical School in applying for WIHEA funding to run a project on looking at how PGT students are able to gather research skills and experience in their curriculum.

I have been the sabbatical officer lead on the SU supporting the UCU strikes; I have been liaising with UCU to discuss our continued support. I also spoke on the first day of the picket lines with Chloe talking about how marketization affects students; I created visual graphics for us supporting the strikes and wrote the official SU statement, the website copy and the FAQs for supporting the strikes. I also did a lot of work on ensuring that staff at Warwick SU feel prepared and informed to help students during the strike period. On The Graduate project I have continued conversations with the University following them confirming funding this project, and will be having a meeting with the designer to discuss through with them what we would like the space to look like.

Questions to Full-Time Officers:

HW asked anyone in Council had any questions to officers based on their reports – **None received**

6. Chair of Execs and Part-Time Officer Reports (optional)

Nathan Parsons (Disabled Students' Officer, University of Warwick Students' Union)

Rebecca Brown (Environment and Ethics Officer, University of Warwick Students' Union)

What have I been doing?

Meetings with Management

Meetings with the newly established Environment Committee

Correspondence with UCU President Duncan Adam regarding CREW

NUS Sustainability Conference, Sheffield, 04/11/2019

Responsible Futures Scheme

Presentation/meeting with the Department for Education

Meetings with local MPs – Matt Western

Working closely with The Boar

Answering student queries regarding University environmental action

Near future work:

Meetings with team for Energy and Infrastructure Masterplan

Fossil Fuels and Insurance London Meeting with Global Witness, 04/12/2019

Green Week – interdisciplinary departmental events/local area/global view

Decolonise, Decarbonise, Democratise

Immediate divestment and ethics transparency

Protest

All of this work is ongoing.

Taj Ali (Ethnic Minorities Officer, University of Warwick Students' Union)

Talip Yaldaz (International Students' Officer, University of Warwick Students' Union)

What I have done as an SU Officer:

- Attended first students' council meeting
- Supported UCU in their strikes.
- Have empowering international students to become involved in leadership positions within the SU and University
- Have supported and assisted international students to become involved societies and support clubs

What I will do as an SU Officer:

- Will create an online platform and organise interactive drop-ins to let students' worries, suggestions and ideas been heard.
- Propose motions if/when necessary, related to the students' feedbacks
- Will make sure international students do not feel isolated and get the support they needed
- Will provide briefings regarding Brexit (current rules, settlement, and university fees) regularly.

Zishi Zhang (International Students' Officer, University of Warwick Students' Union)

Connie Gordon (LGBTUA+ Officer, University of Warwick Students' Union)

Alexandru Fugariu (Part-Time and Mature Students' Officer, University of Warwick Students' Union)

Prisco (Trans Students' Officer, University of Warwick Students' Union)

Policy: Improve access to and quality of mental health services.

Since wellbeing services has had major restructuring, I am collecting feedback on the new service. If there is no improvement I will endeavour to establish a hardship fund for mental health.

I am currently reviewing university and SU policy to make trans inclusivity training mandatory for those in safeguarding positions (eg. personal tutors, resident tutors, counselling service staff and SU advice staff). This may also be addressed through the Trans Advisory Committee (see below) once participants are selected.

Policy: Continue work on Trans Inclusivity and Awareness.

Aside from organizing events for the trans community, I have also continued to host events on trans inclusivity and awareness, including a visit from Eden Ladley (NUS Trans Officer) and workshops aimed at society and club execs.

I have also worked with Charlotte (Sports Officer) and other staff/students to push BUCS to make their BUCS Play platform trans inclusive. I am currently reviewing the trans policy for men's hockey.

I am planning a campaign around wider community inclusivity and accessibility for term 2 in collaboration with Warwick Pride. This will involve a launch event composed of a pop-up barber and a couple workshops/talks on how to make businesses LGBTUA+ inclusive. This would all be delivered by Open Barbers, a LGBTUA+ inclusive hairdresser.

Additionally, I have been gathering feedback on a new workshop series aimed at giving trans students practical advice concerning matters in their daily lives. The first workshop in this series will be a trans fashion workshop.

As the university has increasingly embraced the use of pronoun badges, I will be looking into ensuring pronoun badges are in the welcome week bags which are given to students along with a quick note on why pronouns are important. At the same time, I will pressure IT services to add a pronoun option to student profiles.

Policy: Pressure university to restructure the policy making system.

I was able to secure £880 from the Warwick Innovation Fund to establish a Trans Advisory Committee (TAC). The TAC will look at policies that need revision to be trans inclusive, meet with appropriate university staff to push for policy change and includes a budget for food (as compensation for volunteers) as well as funds for guest speakers. I am currently selecting members for the committee.

Policy: Create a liberation space on campus.

Throughout term 1 the Flexigrid space has been booked as an LGBTUA+ space from 9 am to 9pm every Monday. Once the trial is over I will collect feedback on the initiative to establish a permanent liberation space.

Tara and Bede (Women's Officer, University of Warwick Students' Union)

- Held a meeting about sex work on campus
- Arranged meetings with affected students on the subject of drink spiking
- Went on RAW to raise awareness and information on consent, drinking spiking and how girls can support girls
- Organising a women's surgery for the end of this term
- Wrote a motion on drink spiking that will be submitted within the week

Within the near future we also are hoping to get beer mats and stoppers in uni bars, hold some charity fundraisers for women's charities, contribute events to sexual violence awareness week, and keep hosting women's meetings every term. As we have just started the role, this term has primarily been focused on spreading our names on campus and looking into how to make our ideas concrete. We're both very excited for next term to see our ideas become more actualised.

Fraser Amos (Chair of Development Exec)

Nathan Boroda (Chair of Democracy Exec)

Araan Dass (Chair of Sports Exec)

Scott Dwyer (Chair of Postgraduate Experience Exec)

Samuel Baldwin (Chair of Societies Exec)

We were pleased to have received nearly 40 applications to form new societies for the next academic term. Since the Committee first came together, we have been combing through each of these new society applications, evaluating them against the Warwick SU criteria. Over the past week, we have been interviewing representatives from the societies to ask them key questions about their objectives for forming an official Warwick SU society, how their societies would/could bring benefit to a significant number of Warwick SU members, and the events that they plan to run to achieve those objectives. We have also had productive discussions about our plans for the rest of the year. For example, we are considering organising another week of society showcase activities (probably in Week 2 of Term 2) where all societies, including the new ones that will have established by then, are urged to run free or low-cost taster sessions available to all Warwick SU members in order to encourage them to join new societies. We believe this will be a fantastic opportunity for Warwick SU members who did not or did not have chance to attend the Societies Fair in Week 0, to access everything that societies have to offer and get involved. Furthermore, we are discussing re-branding the Societies Emergency Fund to widen and expand the criteria for societies to get some extra help. Additionally, we are looking into using funds to support those on the University's hardship program gain access to societies, by subsidising the Societies Federation fee

Amin Lmoh (Chair of Welfare Exec)

As Welfare Exec we have been at the planning stages of what campaigns we want to run this year. Working groups are being created and timelines should be drawn up soon for these campaigns. In addition to this, we have been liaising with Tiana about the support we can provide her for her tasks and campaigns.

Nathan Parsons (Chair of Liberation and Diversity Exec)

Megan Clarke (Chair of Arts Faculty Exec)

Peter Barlev (Chair of Social Sciences Faculty Exec)

Valentin Mancas (Chair of Science, Engineering and Medicine Faculty Exec)

Questions to Part-Time Officers:

HW asked anyone in Council had any questions to officers based on their reports – **None received**

7 Occupation Update

HW stepped down as Chair, LM took over. Requested 2 minutes limit to speaking before opening up floor to discussion.

BN – Gave the council an update and explained what the occupation is and who has been taking part in the protest. Explained that the demands of the occupation have been made public and there is ongoing dialogue taking place with the occupation - moving towards resolution.

TA – Wanted to give clarity on why the protest happened and gave background to it occurring. Explained about the news of Palestinian civilians which happened the same week as the speaker came to campus – occupation occurred as a spontaneous reaction. He and the occupation were told there would be apology for statement released by the SU but have not yet received one, a lot of anger still there as a result. Occupation set to carry on.

Procedural motion 4 – unanimously approved

Member of floor (President of JISoc) – stated he was not here to respond to the allegations with regards to speaker, instead directed people to the society's Facebook page. Posed question to the Ethnic Minorities Officer: In your position as Ethnic Minorities Officer you represent all ethnic minority students on campus, including the Jewish community. What have you done in your position to represent Jewish students on campus - particularly regarding the occupation protest?

TA - responded, reminded council that he was elected to his position by student votes, in times there are conflicts of interest and in those cases he must follow Human Rights. In same week as the speaker came to campus 34 Palestinian citizens were massacred, as a result felt the talk taking place was not appropriate. Stated that the organisation the speaker is part of is Islamophobic. There was intimidation to Palestinian students by having the speaker on campus – was his duty to represent them. Will not take any lessons about racism from people who support this organisation which supports Apartheid.

Procedural motion 4 – unanimously approved

Member of floor (President of JISoc) – reiterated that he was not here to respond. Brought up that recently a Jewish student sat through lecture at the University in which a lecturer included an anti-Semitic conspiracy theory in the lecture content. Asked the Ethnic Minority Officer: What have you done to respond to this? Is racism against Jews not same as racism towards other ethnic minorities?

TA – responded that he knew someone who attended the lecture, he said that the professor made distinction between anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism. It is not anti-Islamophobic to criticise Saudi Arabia, should be the same for Israel.

SB – defended previous question as being about role as Ethnic Minorities officer, said it is not an excuse to say the protest was spontaneous, without taking into account perspectives of Jewish students.

CG – doesn't think that this speaker should have been on campus, but felt she has had her own voice silenced by the Ethnic Minority Officer. Is herself of Jewish origin, and wanted to remind

people to be kind towards others, the circumstances of people are not known e.g. people may have lost family, we should all listen to each other.

TA – clarified that incident mentioned by CG was something that happened at a meeting. During this meeting there was discussion of a motion against the full-time Student Officers, but he disagreed with this motion as pitting the two against each other (Student Officers and PTOs) is not way to do it and he knows that some of the full time Student Officers of colour have been working with the occupation.

CG – in the meeting felt like you could only contribute if you were an ethnic minority student, felt silenced as a result.

Procedural motion 4 – unanimously approved

Member of floor (President of JISoc) – responded that the Ethnic Minority officer should not lecture students. For the Ethnic Minorities Officer to not think it (the lecture incident) was anti-Semitic is a disgrace. Jewish community does not feel the Ethnic Minorities Officer represents their community, which he feels is shameful.

(End of this section of Council - LM stood down as Chair and reverted to being Deputy Chair)

8 Motions

HW took over again as Chair

8.1 – Motion to support Hong Kong's movement and protect freedom of expression on campus

The Chair asked for speakers for the motion; (Proposer and Seconder)

- Proposer gave a speech in favour of the motion – explained in more depth the political situation in Hong Kong and problems with police and Government action, giving background to why the motion has been put forward.

The Chair asked for speakers against the motion;

- ZZ spoke against the motion – expressed anger at how this has passed to Student Council and gone through Impact Assessment.

(Speech stopped at this point due to audience member filming, staff member intervened to stop this filming and asked them to delete the footage).

- Speech resumed – ZZ argued this motion does not represent all Hong Kong students in Warwick, and that it is deliberately provocative. Raised allegations of his email being leaked and people contacting him via personal social media. Concluded by saying that as CG said earlier in Council dialogue should be respectful and intellectual.

P responded – Raised two points: 1) can't leak University email as it is freely available on Warwick website, 2) there was a Liberation and Diversity meeting where this Hong Kong motion was discussed, but ZZ did not attend and so was not present to debate and discuss this motion in the Liberation and Diversity Exec meeting.

BN – raised concern of personal names used in motion – (this however was due to an old version of the motion being shown on the projector, when in fact in the latest version of motion the names have been taken out).

AL – spoke in favour of supporting the Hong Kong people and the motion.

Procedural motion 4 – voted and passed

Member of the floor – in the International Non EU Officer position you are meant to represent all non-EU students, yet are clearly on a particular side - Hong Kong students deserve voice. Brought up the fact that campus security took down peaceful protest.

ZZ– responded to all comments: not all Hong Kong students support this motion and the events on the piazza, so he is representing these students whereas other side has made their point. Would like to thank campus security in trying to allow both sides to voice opinion. Following recent events, feels like the Council is broken.

Procedural motion 4 – all voted and passed

Member of floor – spoke in favour of motion, clarified this is not a debate about independence from China. It is about asking University as institution to base it's values on freedom of speech. Would like to point out that Hong Kong students have faced threats, earlier in term some students enacted a Lennon wall and then had photos taken in seminars – this was not resolved by campus security. UCL and Oxford SU's have given support to Hong Kong, so this University should also be supporting students in Hong Kong.

Procedural motion 4 – voted and passed

Member of floor – suggested that this motion actually would be of benefit to everyone in terms of freedom of speech. When the University isn't backing students, it should be the SU should be backing them instead. Urged Warwick SU to speak up for them.

HW – clarified that matters of University discipline are not for discussion here at Council.

Member of floor – asked for ZZ to declare conflicts of interest, doesn't understand why this Officer is so against this motion.

ZZ – asked for clarification on resolves 4 of this motion – can the SU publish political statements? Stated he does not have any conflicts of interest. Has full confidence that University is doing everything it can to protect freedom of speech. Also brought up the insulting image of pig used in the Lennon Wall – which has historical and colonial past linked to it.

BN – understanding is that as a charity the SU cannot put money into things that do not affect students as students, but it can take a stance on political topics.

The Chair (HW) asked for summary of points in favour of the motion – given by Proposer who summed up argument for passing this motion, urged students to pass motion.

The Chair (HW) asked for summary of points against the motion – member of floor spoke and represented point of Chinese students. Raised point of what happens if a motion is raised in response to instead support the Chinese viewpoint and the Hong Kong Police. Argued that the SU should not take a political position.

The Chair (HW) now moved to voting procedure - this is a vote to take the motion to ASV in the first instant;

Voting for Motion 8.1 to go to ASV;

For: 018, 0202, 011, 021, 013, 012, 023, 007, 001, 024, 008, 009, 006, 014, 016, 017, 005, 002

Against: none

Abstain: none

The Chair (HW) - explained what a motion going to ASV means, announced the date of the next one and explained how this process will work so that the audience understands what will now happen to this motion.

-10mins Access Break –

NB – raised point that Nazi comparisons should not be brought up in council

9 Policy Review

Policy Review

Policy	Exec Recommendation
063	Development Exec
100	Development Exec
098	Development Exec
066	Academic Council – Renew/Amendments
068	Academic Council – Renew/Amendments
102	Academic Council – Lapse
019	Welfare Exec - Amendments
064	Liberation & Diversity Exec?
097	Sports Exec – Not relevant to Sports
101	Sports Exec - Renew
035	Postgraduate Exec Decision?
099	Welfare Exec - Amendments
065	Welfare Exec - Amendments

063 – A Permanent Space for Environmental Sustainability on Campus (Development and Environment Zone) - <https://democracy-files.warwicksu.com/council/Policy/Policy/Development%20and%20Environment%20Zone/063%20-%20A%20Permanent%20Space%20for%20Environmental%20Sustainability.pdf>

100 – Improve Eating and Drinking Services on Campus (Development and Environment Zone) - <https://democracy-files.warwicksu.com/council/Policy/Policy/Development%20and%20Environment%20Zone/100%20-%20Improve%20Eating%20and%20Drinking%20Services%20on%20Campus.pdf>

098 – Adopting the Coventry Food Charter: Integrating Approaches to Food Sustainability (Development and Environment Zone) - <https://democracy-files.warwicksu.com/council/Policy/Policy/Development%20and%20Environment%20Zone/098%20-%20Adopting%20the%20Coventry%20Food%20Charter-integrating%20approaches%20to%20food%20sustainability.pdf>

ML apologized for Chair of Development Exec not being present and Development Exec not having had time to review policies in their meeting, will be sorted by next council.

Decision: The 3 policies above will be **deferred to the next Council meeting**

066 – Opposing the Teaching Excellence Framework (Education Zone) - <https://democracy-files.warwicksu.com/council/Policy/Policy/Education%20Zone/066%20-%20Opposing%20the%20Teaching%20Excellence%20Framework.pdf>

Chair of Academic Council (VM) spoke – forgot to do amendment, but have decided to keep this policy, not sure where to stand on this motion – suggested to renew it

CB - raised summary that chose to renew it but review at a later date

BN – asked for clarification on what next planned steps are for TEF

CB – responded, also put into context of strikes, does give room to do things and amend this policy once hear back from TEF review. Don't want to let it lapse in meantime as is important to keep it there.

NB – asked whether would be better to defer it to the next council.

BN – suggested to renew

Decision: **Unanimously voted to renew**

068 – Warwick SU Against Erasmus Fees (Education Zone) - <https://democracy-files.warwicksu.com/council/Policy/Policy/Education%20Zone/068%20-%20Warwick%20SU%20Against%20Erasmus%20Fees.pdf>

Chair of Academic Council (VM) spoke – Academic Council decided to renew this policy

Decision: **Unanimously voted to renew**

102 – Focus on Fees: End the NSS Boycott (Education Zone) - <https://democracy-files.warwicksu.com/council/Policy/Policy/Education%20Zone/102%20-%20Focus%20on%20Fees%20-%20End%20the%20NSS%20Boycott.pdf>

Chair of Academic Council (VM) spoke – Academic council decided to lapse policy as is no longer relevant and not an issue. If something new came up in future then would submit new policy

Decision: **Lapsed**

019 – Police Logging of Personal Details of Campaigners (Welfare Zone) - <https://democracy-files.warwicksu.com/council/Policy/Policy/Welfare%20Zone/019%20-%20Police%20Logging%20of%20Personal%20Details%20of%20Campaigners.pdf>

Chair of Welfare Exec (AL) – Welfare Exec suggested to renew it, just wanted to add amendments to update the policy.

Decision: **Unanimously voted to renew with amendments**

065 – Lobby for a change machine at the bus interchange (it's time for some change to this un-fare situation) (Welfare Zone) - <https://democracy-files.warwicksu.com/council/Policy/Policy/Welfare%20Zone/065%20-%20Lobby%20for%20a%20Change%20Machine%20at%20the%20Bus%20Interchange.pdf>

Chair of Welfare Exec (AL) – Welfare Exec decided to renew it, just wanted to add amendments to update the policy.

BN – raised discussions from meetings about redesigning interchange

NB – raised that this motion was steered to Welfare, but is probably more relevant to Development – Democracy Review should look at ways in which policies are steered to different groups

Decision: **Unanimously voted to renew with amendments**

099 – Warwick SU for safe and sensible drug policy (Welfare Zone) - <https://democracy-files.warwicksu.com/council/Policy/Policy/Welfare%20Zone/099%20-%20Warwick%20SU%20for%20Safe%20and%20Sensible%20Drug%20Policy.pdf>

Chair of Welfare Exec (AL) – Welfare Exec decided to renew it, just wanted to add amendments to update the policy.

BN – question to Welfare Officer, there was issue last year with not being able to use drug testing kits, has this changed/is it illegal?

TH – responded that this was raised last time in September, will raise it again in next meeting with Welfare Exec meeting in advance, and no it is not illegal.

CG – raised that there is disproportionate amount of drug use in LGBTUA+ community so should be handled sensitively and with compassion

Decision: **Unanimously voted to renew with amendments**

Procedural Motion 10 called:

Women's Officer (BL) – asked for Procedural Motion 10 (Prioritizing an emergency item), so that the occupation topic can be raised again for the last 15 minutes of Council as there was not enough time earlier – asked if it could be raised as AOB?

SB – contradicted this

BL – raised issue that is only one week left of term

NB – argued for carrying on with policy

Chair of Council called a vote for or against returning to the occupation topic:

Voting for Procedural Motion 10 to prioritise an emergency item (the occupation):

For: 002, 005, 006, 004, 009, 007, 010, 012, 013, 021

Against: 018, 020, 001, 008, 024, 017

Abstain: 023, 011, 014

The following policy items are therefore **postponed to the next Student Council:**

064 – Counter Terrorism & Security Act: Students Not Suspects (Liberation & Diversity Zone) -

<https://democracy-files.warwicksu.com/council/Policy/Policy/Liberation%20and%20Diversity%20Zone/064%20-%20Prevent%20&%20the%20Counter-Terrorism%20and%20Security%20Act%20-%20Students%20Not%20Suspects.pdf>

097 – SocsFed Made Simple: Introducing Multi-Year Societies Federation and Increasing Financial Transparency (Student Activities Zone) - [https://democracy-](https://democracy-files.warwicksu.com/council/Policy/Policy/Student%20Activities%20Zone/097%20-%20SocsFed%20Made%20Simple%20Introducing%20Multi-Year%20Societies%20Federation%20and%20Increasing%20Financial%20Transparency.pdf)

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101 – Keep Wednesday Afternoon Free 'WAF' for Enrichment Wednesdays (Student Activities Zone) - [https://democracy-](https://democracy-files.warwicksu.com/council/Policy/Policy/Student%20Activities%20Zone/101%20-%20Keep%20Wednesday%20Afternoons%20Free%20'WAF'%20for%20enrichment%20wednesdays.pdf)

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035- Accommodation for Postgraduate with Placements (Postgraduate Zone) -

<https://democracy-files.warwicksu.com/council/Policy/Policy/Postgraduate%20Zone/035%20-%20Accommodation%20for%20Postgraduates%20with%20Placements.pdf>

Policy 012 has to be flagged up for next Student Council

7 – Returning to Occupation Update (Item 7 on agenda)

Floor member: question to ZZ – throughout this meeting International Officer has voted to postpone and has repeatedly thanked Campus Security, which is an issue with PREVENT problem. Have also heard allegations of ZZ making fun of the protest.

ZZ – responded that he was at event, emotions are high at both sides. Is not taking any particular stance at the moment, and there is no evidence for him mocking the occupation.

BL – occupation has been in place for over 2 weeks, most of PTO team has spoken about it and has either responded or supported it.

AL – as Chair of Welfare Exec pertains to student welfare they have been caught up in occupation. Palestinian and Arab student welfare has been undermined, SU must back all students. SU is letting down both students and staff, which has links to institutional racism in SU – both students and staff need to be respected and their voices heard.

Member of floor – Warwick Occupy at its core is anti-racism, encouraged people to come and support, converse with them and get involved – many people present here at the Council have not been seen by the occupation. Is also against anti-Semitism so the protest should be supported by JISoc too.

Member of floor – suggested that due to both Hong Kong and Palestinian issues – it is an idea to do Vote of No Confidence against the International Non EU Officer. Would like to call in a VoNC.

LM (Deputy Chair) - raised that Democracy Department can help with this.

CG - responded that has been in disabled position and has not been able to physically and mentally able to attend occupation and support it due to circumstances.

SB – supported this and said it was unfair to say that he should show his face when he has been turned away at the door by the occupation.

BL – stated that this was not aimed at CG, there are others from council who could've supported but didn't.

VM (Chair of Academic Council) – some of the Officers aren't directly involved with the occupation, if some want to take any particular stance they should, but should also have freedom to not take a particular stance.

10 AOB

11 – Date of next council is the 28/01/2020 in the Kevin Gately Room 2 (formerly known as MR2 SUHQ)

Council Ends.

Action List from Student Council:

Action	Who?	Due Date
Action: Motion 8.1 to go to ASV	ML	03/02/2020
Action: Policies 063, 100 and 098 to be reviewed by Development Exec and brought to next Council	ML	28/01/2020
Action: Policy 066 to be renewed	ML	ASAP
Action: Policy 068 to be renewed	ML	ASAP
Action: Policy 102 to be lapsed	ML	ASAP
Action: Policy 019 to be renewed with amendments	ML	ASAP
Action: Policy 065 to be renewed with amendments	ML	ASAP
Action: Policy 099 to be renewed with amendments	ML	ASAP
Action: Policies 064, 097, 101, 035 to be postponed for review at the next Student Council	ML	28/01/2020