**Minutes:** **Student Council**

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| **Unconfirmed:** | Meeting […] |

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| **Date / Time:** | Wednesday 15th November 2023 5-7pm |

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| **Location** | Function rooms |

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| **Chair:** | DM |  |

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| **Attendee name** | **Role of Attendee** |
| Nerissa Doran | Liberation officer |
| Vanessa Lopes | Course rep |
| Judith olurankinse | Liberation officer |
| Jessica Harris | Course rep |
| Grace Tamba | Course rep |
| Charlotte Smith | Course rep |
| Arbaaz Khan | Student participant (Want to be a voting member) |
| Caitlin Doleman | Course rep |
| Nicole Lindblad | Committee member |
| Gina Oakley | Committee member |
| Alfie | Course rep |
| Jessica Oakley | Course rep |
| Paige Billings | Course rep |
| Adam Proctor | Course rep |
| Toni Fazaeli | Liberation officer |
| Olly Neska | Committee member |
| Hayley Gule | Student participant (Want to be a voting member) |
| Manav Madlani | Course rep |
| Farzana Sonir | Course rep |
| Mateusz de Sousa | Course rep |
| Ryland Loosley | Committee member |
| Lauren Riley-white | Course rep |
| Shaik vahidbhasha | Course rep |
| Naveen | Student participant (Want to be a voting member) |
| Jacqueline Boakye | Course rep |
| Melissa Botho Ramatlhakola | Course rep |
| Abhinaya Rajeshkumar | Course rep |
| Saffron Athill | Student participant ( Observer - Don't want to be a voting member) |
| Jaspreet Kaur | Course rep |
| Phoebe Rowlands | Course rep |
| Jorja | Student participant ( Observer - Don't want to be a voting member) |
| Anotida Mufudza | Course rep |
| Rose Dsouza | Course rep |
| Avani mehta | Course rep |
| Mahek Rijhwani | Course rep |
| Chimdi Oriaku | Liberation officer |
| Lake Dinv | Course rep |
| Michael Joseph Harrison | Course rep |
| David Howat | Course rep |
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1. **Introduction and Apologies for Absence**

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| DM | Apologies were received from […] |
|  | Priya Karasala (Opportunities and Engagement Executive Officer)  Fluffy Adewola (Welfare Executive Officer)  Komal Shahzadi (Equality and Diversity Executive Officer)  Aria Dudhia (Women's Liberation Officer)  all could not make this event. |

1. **Minutes from the Previous Meeting:**

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| CN | N/a |

1. **Matters arising from the minutes**

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1. **Student Council Membership**

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| DM | **Chair elected:** Farzana Sonir |
| DM | **Deputy chair:** Hayley Gule |
| ND | **Scrutiny panel members:**  Paige Billings,  Lauren Riley-white  Avani Mehta  Mahek Rijhwani  Manav Madlani  Jacquey Boakye |
| AI | **Student voting members:**  Hayley Gule  Aaliyah Orridge |
|  | **Officer updates** |
| AI | Due to the Cost of Living crisis**,** Amir has been currently looking at graduation costs and a weekly campus fruit market. This means that he is writing a report to the university's leadership board to gain support and find clients for the fruit market. Last week he supported two awareness stalls as part of honor base abuse as part of his awareness campaign with Aria (liberation officer) and the Mandala team. |
| DM | In collaboration with the Voice and Advice team, Destiny has delivered a ‘Don’t commit a offence” campaign and Course Rep training. Now her focus is on helping students manage their time better around their studies, by looking to introduce flexible lectures for ones that are repeated during the week. She would also like to look into Adobe personal licenses for ADH students as they were something that was given during COVID-19 but unfortunately taken away post-pandemic. Lastly she would like to improve study spaces! |
| ND | Disability History Month is here! Nerissa has been been working on an exhibition call ‘My Disability = Any Capability’, as well as being featured on the Disability Visibility Showcase. Nerissa has gained a huge win, with the development of an accessibility focused campus map which is in the works along with DMU’s Marketing. She will also be doing a mental health campaign to encourage students to take on self care to help take the strain off the DMU mental health services. |
| JO | Judith would like to create a network where postgraduate students voices are raised in unison, ideas are shared and perspectives are considered. She also wants to ensure there is cultural diversity, and that students express their opinions freely. Judith holds the mental wellbeing of these students at high importance as she knows the hurdles they face - from the high costs of fees and housing to the pressures of Postgraduate academic achievement. |
| AD | Aria has received amazing feedback from her “Stitch and Bitch”; she is currently look to make this bi-weekly and build a safe space for difficult topics to come to light. This will hopefully grow into a collaborative piece which will be displayed on National Women’s Day. Aria has worked with Amir and the Mandala project on the Honor Based Abuse stall and is now conducting research to implement rape alarms and self-defense classes. |
| CO | Chimdi is working with international students to promote inclusivity. His goal is to bring back TED X to inspire the international community by inviting professionals to talk to students and showcase diverse perspectives and foster unity. This will hopefully be in collaboration with Demon Media. He is currently gathering research for topics to cover through a questionnaire, which can be found [here](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=48B4T1DS3027HBXTFFaXzACj0CUQhctArfj_UB8e9QtUMjhKRVcwSzBGR1hLUEY3MElIUDVYQk5EVS4u) |
| TF | Toni is establishing chats and meet ups with the mature students as a social as well as mutual support sessions to benefit mature students. These will be continuing on the first Wednesday of each month, 1-2pm. Toni is looking at the quality of teaching and learning demonstrated to work with Centre for Innovation of Teaching and learning + talking about what type of teaching works well for mature students, Due to Cost of Living, Toni is looking at the possibility to extend the age limit for railcards. |
| MK | Muhammad would like to bring more exposure to all the diverse cultures in DSU. Muhammad is looking to make a video which tours around Leicester exposing a variety of ethnic grocery stores and restaurant's for BAME students. To promote this Muhammed will have a stall on campus to give away spices. Muhammad has been gathering research through a questionnaire which can be found [here](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=48B4T1DS3027HBXTFFaXzACj0CUQhctArfj_UB8e9QtUM1ZPUThDRlFQMzFINkxXTFo3TldEVktEWS4u) about food options in Leicester, he would like to find out all the best places where BAME students can find familiar foods. |
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1. **Trustee Board Update**

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| AI | We are a student led organisation that works for the interest and needs of the students |
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|  | Freshers update: This year Freshers was a huge success! Over 8,000 students attended and feedback has been very positive  Approving of annual audit accounts:  The Trustees are looking at finalizing the annual accounts, reflecting on the financial position of the DSU, which has come back positive vs. previous years.  Planning for Annual Members Meeting is on the way alongside Freshers 24/25! |

1. **Open Forum**

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1. **GENBERAL Discussion**

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|  | Key discussion points   * Changing weekly timetabling to be more flexible for part-time students. * Nursing course experiencing difficulty being taught in different buildings. * Inductions: Freshers experience – It was really good, however there were often long queues. * Accessibility issues for Freshers were also raised.   AOB: Block teaching combine into one block. This has caused a friction for those who started with block teaching and are now having to learn modules alongside each other. |

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| **CN** | Closed the meeting. |