

Meeting:	D&S Exec Meeting
Location:	1 East Meeting Room
Date & Time:	20/03/24 12:15 – 13:05

Present:	
Melissa Oram	Student Voice Coordinator (C&I)
Annette Goddard	Skills Development Coordinator (SDC)
In attendance:	
Mahikha Murali Sundar	Exec Chair
Hanna Hajzer	SU Community Officer
Jess Smith	Disability Action Group Chair
Blake Walker	LGBT+ Chair (external)
Dhanishtha Upadhyay	Nightline Internal Coordinator
Hannah Brighty	Nightline External Coordinator
Perina Woods	Feminism & Gender Equality Chair
Eesha Ganesh	Race Equality Chair
Aditi Bhandarkur	Publicity Officer

Item	
1.	<p><u>Welcome and Apologies</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair opened the meeting. Apologies were noted from: Valerie Tsang, Tarini Seghal and Joe Addisson
2.	<p><u>Community Officer Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HH has been working to support Officer Elections and extended her congratulations to the newly elected Community Officer – Benji. She also praised the DAG Chair for putting herself forward for the role. HH has met with Council regarding voter registration. Comms for early arrivals pilot will be going out in April. The Chair queried why under 18s are not included in this pilot and HH clarified that this is due to safeguarding. Gave an overview of recent events such as the Multicultural Fair in February and recent 93% Club mixer. The Exec expressed an interest in supporting this and suggested that they should have a place on the Exec even if they become a society. SVC to get in touch with the proposers of the 93% Club to feed this back.

<p>3.</p>	<p><u>Inclusion Workshop</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Exec were asked for feedback on an SU proposal to run inclusivity/EDI workshops for Student Leaders, a joint project which would be run by the SVC and the SDC. • One member agreed that it would be good to have something interactive rather than just online training. • One member queried how we get buy in from all areas, especially those who would need the training the most. • One member queried how best to run these so the burden does not fall entirely to D&S Groups. • One member asked what safeguarding would be in place for those who agree to be on a workshop panel. AG clarified that it would be completely optional to be involved and that panellists would only share what they are comfortable with. • A member asked if there could be a reward & recognition element to being involved such as a voucher or even a LinkedIn endorsement. • One member thought topics identified were good but raised that panels would need to be appropriately diverse in order to tackle complex, multifaceted topics such as race. • The Chair asked about the scale of the workshops and how we would reach all student leaders – this will need to be considered.
<p>4.</p>	<p><u>Group Updates</u></p> <p><i>DAG</i> Ongoing projects such as working with accommodation to publicise & promote the sensory room and the Chair is writing a blog for this. Committee elections seem to have gone well and looking to have a core committee for 2024/25. Ongoing issues with installation of The Edge ramp.</p> <p><i>LGBT+</i> Successful collaboration with Nightline, events for LGBT+ History Month were a success, the Gender Expression Fund has been approved. Asked for support from the Exec to advertise their upcoming event, DragForSwag.</p> <p><i>Race Equality</i> Committee are struggling with capacity and ability to run events. Concerns around key roles being filled for next year’s committee. Working with Nightline to support a training workshop for volunteers on race and xenophobia.</p> <p><i>F&GE</i> Some committee positions will go into the by-election; focusing on regular social media stories and will be running an event for Trans Day of Visibility.</p> <p><i>Nightline</i></p>

	<p>Planning to do a workshop as calls recently have been tricky to handle; Good turn out for next year's committee elections; focus is on re-affiliating with NLA; still struggling to fill shifts.</p> <p>Other: a member mentioned that the lift in 1 East often breaks – accessibility committee are addressing this.</p>
5.	Next meeting: Friday 19/04/24 12:15

Owner	Actions from Meeting
MO	Get in touch with the proposers of the 93% Club to feedback interest from the D&S Exec.
AG/MO	Take Exec feedback and continue developing a plan for inclusivity workshops.