

CITY UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' UNION

**MINUTES OF UNION COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 24 JANUARY
2006 AT 5PM IN ROOM CM 353**

Part One – Preliminary Items

1. **Members present and apologies**

See attached list.

2. **Minutes**

The minutes of the last Union Council meeting were approved.

Meeting skipped to *Part Six – Reserved Items*

1. **Resignation of Louis Appiah**

Union Council received the resignation of Louis Appiah from the post of Mature Students Officer.

2. **Resignation of Anthony Leaver**

Union Council received the resignation of Anthony Leaver from the post of Vice-President Communications and Publications.

Part Two – Elections

3. **Elections**

Nominations for the three Sabbatical positions and two NUS Conference delegates are now open. Closing date is 10 February. There will be one week for campaigning, commencing on 13 February. Voting will commence on 20 February until 24 February. These dates are in accordance to the Union constitution - further details to be released once finalised. The Council approved the proposed dates and format of the election. [TA]

4. **Promotion/Advertising**

It is important that we improve voter turn out for the upcoming elections. Suggestions were to tie in with Union events, via Union and City websites, student e-bulletin with links to the constitution page of the Union website to explain the roles. TA will email the finalised timetable of events forthwith. [TA]

Part Three – UAGM

5. **Union Annual General Meeting**

The Students' Union hasn't had an AGM for many years. As we have made great strides we feel it would be a good opportunity to have one this term to find out what the Students' want from the Union. [TA]

6. UAGM Working Group

Council members are asked to form a UAGM Working Group. The group will be in charge of planning the UAGM along with the Sabbaticals. The group will be Amna Ali, Michael Brooks, Alper Ismail Yagmur and Saloni Shah. [TA]

Part Four – Campaigns

7. Diversity Week

A week of events to showcase the diversity of City University's student population is being planned for November 2006 and the Union is keen to be heavily involved. Council members expressed an interest to be involved and suggested that the project manager from the University attend the next meeting to discuss ideas. [IS]

8. CUSU Diversity Show

The Students' Union would like to put on a Diversity Show towards the end of this semester. Council members are asked to form a working group to organise the show along with the Sabbaticals. The group will be Shereen Sally, Saloni Shah, Chitra Panjabi and Jenifer Ehi-Oshi. [IS]

9. Health Awareness Campaign

The Students' Union is organising a Health Awareness Week begins on the 6 March with a healthy eating day. The week coincides with national no-smoking day and will also include drugs and alcohol awareness day, sexual health day – with free condoms being handed out and a speed-dating night in the Saddlers. The final day will be general safety, with self-defence demonstrations and visits from the Police Student Liaison Officer and representatives from the Greater London Authority to talk about safe travel in London at night. Members were asked to email any further ideas to Imran. [IS]

Part Five – Clubs and Societies

10. Dialogue Society

Tom introduced the aims and objectives of the proposed Dialogue Society. The society was passed. [TA]

Part Six – Any Other Business

11. CUSU Survey

Members were given a copy of a survey drawn up by the Union. The aim is to find out what the students' want out of the Union. The survey's were filled in with comments by members. [TA]

12. Court Meeting

Four council members will attend the University Court meeting on 9 February. They are Shereen Sally, Alper Ismail Yagmur, Michael Brooks and Ron Bhagan. [TA]

13. Other Business

The Olive Tree Trust sees a mix of Israeli and Palestinian students live and study at City University. One of the students' in the Olive Tree Trust suggested that we have a question and answer session on the project and the situation between Israel and Palestine. [SS]

Good idea, but we need some more detail. Could the student in question write down a proposal so we can review at the next meeting? [TA]

Can we find out the possibility of extending the opening hours of the library, especially during exam periods? [RB]

We will look into this. [TA]

Meeting closed

Members present:

Tom Abbott – President – TA

Anthony Leaver – Vice President Communications and Publications – AL

Imran Sheikh – Vice President Education and Welfare – IS

Shereen Sally – Women's Officer – SS

Ron Bhagan – Postgraduate Officer – RB

Saloni Shah – International Students Officer – SS1

Amna Ali – Students' with Disabilities Officer - AA

Aneeka Patel – General Executive Officer – AP

Michael Brooks – Council Member and Executive Committee Member – MB

Jenifer Ehi-Osifo – Council Member and Executive Committee Member – JE-O

Alper Ismail Yagmur – Council Member and Executive Committee Member – AIY

Hema Bhatt – Council Member – HB

Anne Olie – Council Member – AO

Chitra Panjabi – Council Member - CP

Minutes taken by Lucy Penn

