**MINUTES:**

**Union Council Meeting – 25/05/2022**

**Attendees**  
Gaebriel Min  
Sol Gjøines  
Julia Pentz  
Amanda Francis

**Apologies**  
None

**No Apologies**

Bianca Radoslav

Fee Hobbs

1. Union Council looked to review several policies. For each policy, UC need to decide whether to:

* continue with the policy as it is
* continue with the policy but make amendments, or
* reject the policy renewal i.e. policy will no longer exist.

**Support BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions) - out of date**

<https://ucasu.com/union/how-were-run/ucasu-policies/support-bds-boycott-divestment-sanctions/>

UC voted to keep this policy but amendments are required to out of date information.

***Action: Support BDS Policy to be renewed for next 3 years. Start date will be once amendments are made.***

***Action: Taylor Kane - Union Development Manager to look over and update required information***

***Action: Kara to discuss with Andy Squire and Taylor how we announce renewal of policies***

**Executive Committee Awareness Policy - out of date**

<https://ucasu.com/union/how-were-run/ucasu-policies/executive-committee-awareness-policy/>

UC voted to keep this policy but amendments are required to out of date information, including name change to ‘Union Committee…’.

**Sol** raised that more action points are required under Union Resolves section

***Action: Union Committee Awareness Policy to be renewed for next 3 years. Start date will be once amendments are made.***

***Action: Kara and Sol to add additional action points***

**Transgender and Non-Binary Students Policy**

<https://ucasu.com/union/how-were-run/ucasu-policies/transgender-and-non-binary-students-policy/>

UC voted to keep this policy but amendments may be required to out of date information. **Amanda** raised the need to consider other sexualities and not just students who are gay, lesbian or bisexual.

***Action: Transgender and Non-Binary Students Policy to be renewed for next 3 years. Start date will be once amendments are made.***

***Action: Taylor Kane - Union Development Manager to look over and update required information***

**Disabled Students at UCA**

<https://ucasu.com/union/how-were-run/ucasu-policies/disabled-students-at-uca/>

UC decreed that this wasn’t a policy. **Gaeb** suggested that it should form part of a policy on Disability, Mental Health and Neurodivergence.

***Action: Disabled Students at UCA to be removed from SU website as not a policy - Kara to remove.***

***Action: Union Council 22/23 to create a new policy on Disability, Mental Health and Neurodivergence. Kara to bring to the first meeting.***

**Flight Ban Policy**

<https://ucasu.com/union/how-were-run/ucasu-policies/flight-ban/>

UC wanted to remove this as a standalone item. There was a suggestion to include it as part of a Union Sustainability Policy or series of recommendations.

***Action: Flight Ban Policy to be removed from SU website - Kara to remove.***

***Action: Union Council 22/23 to discuss creating an SU Sustainability Policy. Kara to bring to first meeting.***

**AOB**

To be noted that this was Gaeb and Julia’s last Union Council. Huge thanks given to both of them for their hard work over the past few years, they will be very missed.

**The next meeting is TBC.**