



## 1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies:

No apologies were given.

Present:

- Will Brewer (President)
- Harry Jee (Chair)
- Hamza Rehman (VP Postgrad) (Online)
- Tomi Amole (VP Welfare) (Online)
- Jack Sperry (VP Democracy)
- Anna Taylor (VP Societies)
- Emma Birch (VP Sports)
- Chih-Hsiang Lo (VP Education)
- Jack Bateman (LGBTQUA + Officer)
- Ella Osho (Trans Students Officer)
- Enaya Nihal (Women's Officer)
- Tom Garth (Chair of Environment Committee)
- Tom Chaloner (Chair of Education Committee)
- Ella Seear (Chair of Welfare Committee)
- Nathan Stone (Chair of Democracy Committee)
- Nathan Cox (Chair of Development Committee)
- Person?
- Person?
- Person?
- Yasir Yeahia (Student Voice Manager)

## 2. Chair and Deputy Chair Introductions

- No introductions were made

## 3. Announcements & Co-options

- No announcements or co-options were made.

## 4. Minutes from last meeting

- HJ asked the present members if they have any questions from the minutes that were circulated.
- JB asked about voting for minutes from the last meeting
- HJ calls for the vote.
- YY asks members joining online to cast votes. It is unanimous including voting online.
- HJ calls for the vote against. No one raises their hand.

- HJ calls for the vote to abstain. No one raises their hand.
- HJ notes that the Minutes have passed.

## 5. Motions

- JS states that everyone got an All-Student's Meeting Card and it would said '86'. The All-student meeting has been advertised a lot according to JS but there is a low attraction and turnout for this. This motion includes not including the £20 society fee to join. The motion states that we may have an ASV and has the benefit of having different methods to approach an All-Student Meeting
- WB mentions a quick question impact assessment on the motion. Notes that there are a few minor changes within the motion 'all Campaigns will receive the same within a given year'. WB wants JS to update these changes and JS agrees to do so.
- HJ calls the floor for any further questions in relation to this motion.
- EO wants to ask the chair of council the rationale behind the decision in sharing it to the chair.
- JS responds with the fact that it would be shared when the chair or the deputy chair is not available.
- HJ calls the floor for any further questions in relation to this motion.
- HR asks JS to repeat the question about the chairing.
- JS replies with the chair usually leads the meetings but the chair and deputy chair were unavailable for the last meeting and therefore JS had to chair because JS was the next democracy related person for the role.
- HJ calls the floor for any further questions in relation to this motion. No one replies. HJ calls for the vote.
- HJ calls for those in favour. Everyone raises their hands.
- HJ calls for those in against. No one votes.
- HJ calls for those who want to abstain. HR raises his hand.
- HJ announces that the motion passes.

## 6. Policy Review

### 6.1 Remember Remembrance Sunday

HJ notes the first policy is 'Remember Remembrance Sunday' and asks the related chair committee to take over the conversation.

TG believes that it is a good policy and have no problems to raise about it.

WB asks TG about putting out copy boxes within the mandates. Within charity law, is the SU allowed to have copy boxes for people to donate to charity. The SU would be in charge of that and reminds the council that they need to review this in order to make sure this is allowed.

JB says that this was raised in the development committee last year. Having a box to collect money is fine and has been confirmed by SU staff's Louise.

HJ calls the floor for any further questions in relation to this policy. No response. HJ calls a vote for this recommendation.

YY reminds online attendees to cast their votes.

HJ calls for those in favour. Everyone votes in the room.

HJ calls for those against. No one raises their hand.

HJ calls for those who want to abstain. No one raises their hand.

HJ announces that the policy is passed.

## **6.2 Support the fossil-free campaign on campus**

HJ calls for the next policy to be discussed: Support the fossil-free campaign on campus.

TG notes that Environment committee says that they want to relapse this one due to the motion references two reports. 2015 pledge and a 2013 report. The date of these reports are wrong and need to be re-written in line with SU and university policy.

HJ calls the floor for any further questions in relation to this motion.

WB asks why are the environments committee are voting to 'relapse' the motion rather than updating the sources.

TG responds with the difficulty in finding similar source. They did not feel like it was the committees place to do that and that the motion was brought forward with a purpose. States that different groups on campus may have different purposes who would like to raise a motion.

WB still asks if the motion could be renewed with new sources.

JB has a lot of policies to organise. This kind of area is so large and is good to expect a new motion will come out that is less narrow than the one that WB proposes to update. It's not bad to encourage new motions to come forward.

HR agrees with what WB said in updating this policy with new information. It relates to a specific issue and should continue to exist. There have been other motions that are in line with this one.

NS says that updating this motion is the same as rewriting this motion. By changing all the stats and figures, it would be worth rewriting the motion entirely to have it more relevant and significant.

HR clarifies that to NS that it isn't rewriting, it is just updating a few statistics.

JS states that a new policy, in his opinion, has more impact and when officers are newly mandated to do. If you keep updating this, there's less likely chance for officers to act upon it.

HJ asks whose responsibility it is to update this policy from those who are present in the meeting.

YY replies that the Democracy team would be in charge of this change, if reviewed with amendments.

JS asks if it will come back to council.

YY notes that there are 3 options: renew, renew with amendments or relapse.

JS repeats its question if it will come back to council.

YY says it wouldn't come back to council. The Council can also make a decision on this on a later day.

JS asks if YZ can renew the amendments now?

TG points out the issue of that an updated motion will focus on student transport for example, and would counter or clash with all the other progress that the other environment motions that have passed in the years.

EO wanted to clarify the rewriting part. Will there be someone who is interest in this motion who rewrites it or would you be waiting for a different proposer to bring forward a new motion? Rewrite or wait for another student body to write this.

NC links back to JS's point about motions overlapping is that these policies come up. The specific motion on fossil fuel and this one exists. NC does not know how to endorse the new report. The original document references a specific report that the council at the time agreed. The goal of the motion is potentially a motion that should be on the 'policy books. But the main issues are 'overlapping' and 'preventing the new version to come to practice'. Nevertheless, appreciates the purpose of the motion.

EO wants to add on to NC's comment by clarifying the lapsing – would the SU no longer support the motion.

TG notes that the policy would not be disavowed but no longer be listed.

JS adds on to NC's point out that it's better to have more recent and up to date policies which the student body agree with rather than updating an old policy.

WB if voting to lapse, if someone reaches out, what will happen then?

TG replies that the environment will probably support it.

NS states that they have had 3 different same environment issues that came up and one eventually will.

HJ calls for any further comments to be made on the policy.

TA notes that these new developments are very vague. The motions are quite present with the issues on campus and strengthens mandates on campus. The motion deals with the issue of divestment from the University on fossil fuels so the fact that it deals with the fossil fuel issue directly is important. TA concludes that there is no point lapsing the motion.

HJ calls for any further comments to be made on the policy. No other responses. HJ hopes that the environment committee will listen to the little changes discussed in the meeting. HJ calls for a vote.

HJ calls for those in favour of lapsing the motion and working with other groups to produce another one. 6 members raise their hands.

HJ calls for those against. 8 members raise their hands.

HJ calls for those who want to abstain. No abstains.

HJ asks what alternatives could be proposed instead of this recommendation.

WB recommends that there be consultation with relevant societies and the SU will update the motion until next Student Council meeting.

HJ calls for a vote if those in favour of this recommendation. Everyone agrees.

HJ calls for those against. No against.

HJ calls for those who want to abstain. No abstains.

HJ announces that this motion will be delayed until the next council meeting.

### **6.3 Wheely Good Bikes Facilities**

TG states that the general view is that these bikes are good. This motion notes that a person is unhappy with the current bike facilities on campus and wants to introduce bike lockers. CCTV has been established near the bike rack near the Oculus. Recommendation is to lapse this policy because there are already facilities in place for this to happen. If people are unhappy with this, then they should raise more specific motions related to the location and the specific facilities that they want to implement.

HJ calls for any further comments to be made on the policy. HJ agrees that this motion should be removed due to having so many listed policies on the agenda. HJ calls for a vote.

HJ calls for a vote if those in favour of this recommendation. Everyone agrees.

HJ calls for those against. No against.

HJ calls for those who want to abstain. No abstains.

HJ announces that the recommendation to lapse passes.

### **6.4 Take Circuit Laundry to the Cleaners**

NC states that this motion might be out of date. This does not raise an immediate problem and uses out of date information. Due to being lack of priority, the recommendation is to lapse this policy.

JS notes that the data was from 2019/2020.

HJ calls for any further comments to be made on the policy. No further comments were made. HJ calls for a vote.

HJ calls for a vote if those in favour of this recommendation. Everyone agrees.

HJ calls for those against. No against.

HJ calls for those who want to abstain. No abstains.

HJ announces that the recommendation passes unanimously

### **6.5 Ethical Eats Ethos**

NC notes that a few things are out of date on the motion. The main problem is that the SU already does this. Operations is already working on vegetarian and vegan options. It's not a necessary motion. The recommendation is to lapse this policy.

HJ calls for any further comments to be made on the policy. No further comments were made. HJ calls for a vote.

HJ calls for a vote if those in favour of this recommendation. Everyone agrees.

HJ calls for those against. No against.

HJ calls for those who want to abstain. **JB abstains? (The person in between EN and AT)**

HJ announces that the recommendation passes.

### **6.6 Improve Eating and Drinking Services on Campus.**

NC notes that a large portion of the motion was about prices and it's redundant. Prices are already been working on to reduce them. The SU also has microwaves and a lot of the results seem unnecessary. The recommendation is to relapse.

WB states that the Uni has spent 10 grand on microwaves being provided around campus.

HJ calls for any further comments to be made on the policy. No further comments were made. HJ calls for a vote.

HJ calls for a vote if those in favour of this recommendation. Everyone agrees.

HJ calls for those against. No against.

HJ calls for those who want to abstain.

HJ announces that the recommendation passes.

### **6.7 Fossil Fuels RSC Divert from BP in the Arts**

TG states that this has already happened and the arts centre has terminated their partnership between RSC and BP. The goal has been achieved and renders this motion useless.

HJ calls for any further comments to be made on the policy. No further comments were made. HJ calls for a vote.

HJ calls for a vote if those in favour of this recommendation. Everyone agrees.

HJ calls for those against. No against.

HJ calls for those who want to abstain.

HJ announces that the recommendation unanimously passes.

### **6.8 A Green Future Our 25 years**

TG says that the motion appears to be grand but there are only a couple of lines which relate to the challenge of plastic, which no longer exists. The introduction of different bins, recycling, etcetera leading progress has been made on this. We've outlived the existence of this specific plastic challenges and ultimately the name itself. The committee believed for such a ground title, I appreciate that might be related to what the challenge said, but in future it be

good if such motions didn't have these titles because it makes it seem like it's a student union plan, a 25-year plan. So we should lapse this one because it is out of date.

HJ calls for any further comments to be made on the policy. No further comments were made. HJ calls for a vote.

HJ calls for a vote if those in favour of this recommendation. Everyone agrees.

HJ calls for those against. No against.

HJ calls for those who want to abstain.

HJ announces that the recommendation unanimously passes.

### **6.9 Reducing unnecessary paper waste**

TG it relates to promoting society elections to take place through QR codes which have been adopted. Additionally, with the shift to online learning, except some students who need physical resources more than others, the objective of the motion has been achieved. Therefore, we recommend lapsing the motion.

HJ calls for any further comments to be made on the policy. No further comments were made. HJ calls for a vote.

HJ calls for a vote if those in favour of this recommendation. Everyone agrees.

HJ calls for those against. No against.

HJ calls for those who want to abstain.

HJ announces that the recommendation unanimously passes.

### **6.9 Install Food waste bins on campus**

TG says that the committee was informed that food bins have been installed around accommodations on campus and have been installed, including for liquid foods. Therefore, the purpose of the motion has been fulfilled and committee recommends it to be lapsed.

HJ calls for any further comments to be made on the policy. No further comments were made. HJ calls for a vote.

HJ calls for a vote if those in favour of this recommendation. Everyone agrees.

HJ calls for those against. No against.

HJ calls for those who want to abstain.

HJ announces that the recommendation unanimously passes.

### **6.10 Police Logging of Personal Details of Campaigners**

HJ asks if welfare has had a look at this policy

ES informs that council that it has not

HJ recommends delaying the motion till the next council meeting.

HJ calls for a vote if those in favour of this delaying the motion. Everyone agrees.

HJ calls for those against. No against.

HJ calls for those who want to abstain.

HJ announces that the motion is delayed till the next council meeting.

HR asks that if all welfare related policies are moved to the welfare committee, there are other welfare-related motions also affecting other issues.

YY clarifies that next committee will look at the recommendations.

WB states that the staff and committee may have been unable to mee due to illness,

HJ calls for another vote in favour if those in favour of this delaying the motion. Everyone agrees.

HJ calls for those against. No against.

HJ calls for those who want to abstain.

HJ announces that the motion is delayed till the next council meeting.

**ES confirms recommendations**

WB clarifies if voting will take place again

### **6.11 Academic Review Option 2: Complete Review**

HJ informs council about voting on motion and the committee's recommendation to lapse.

HJ calls for a vote if those in favour of this recommendation. Everyone agrees.

HJ calls for those against. No against.

HJ calls for those who want to abstain.

HJ announces that the recommendation to lapse unanimously passes.

### **Combatting payday lenders and protecting students financially**

#### **6.12 Keep Wednesday Afternoons Free WAF for Enrichment Wednesdays**

WB and EB clarify the amendment to the motion, point to the amendment being in red

WB says the amendment will be sent around to everyone.

LD says that the program done by Warwick Sports is outdated and the motion is being updated in line with what is being done now. Additionally, non-core languages sessions as part of the enrichment Wednesdays. Required to make sure students do not miss monitoring points.

WB suggest an additional amendment to get departments to move study sessions from Wednesday afternoon departments, whereas currently they can only be moved due to study clashes.

LD concurs and says that seminars are independent and should be included.

WB clarifies that he requires that this amendment to be voted as a policy.

HJ calls for any further comments to be made on the policy. No further comments were made. HJ calls for a vote.

HJ calls for a vote if those in favour of this motion with amendments. Everyone agrees.



HJ calls for those against. No against.

HJ calls for those who want to abstain.

HJ announces that the motion with amendments unanimously passes.

### **6.13 Accommodation for Postgraduate with Placements**

HR in favour of the motion

WB asks if the practice has not ended and whether students are still being charged

HR says that medical school students who are technically not postgraduates are still charged for accommodation while they are on placement years

HJ calls for any further comments to be made on the recommendation. No further comments were made. HJ calls for a vote.

HJ calls for a vote if those in favour of this recommendation. Everyone agrees.

HJ calls for those against. No against.

HJ calls for those who want to abstain.

HJ announces that the recommendation unanimously passes.

### **6.14 PGT Faculty representative in Warwick Medical School**

HR asks is there not a PGT Faculty representative in Warwick Medical School

YY clarifies that the nature of the role has been changed but there is someone in that position.

HJ calls for any further comments to be made on the recommendation. No further comments were made. HJ calls for a vote.

HJ calls for a vote if those in favour of this recommendation to lapse. Everyone agrees.

HJ calls for those against. No against.

HJ calls for those who want to abstain.

HJ announces that the recommendation to lapse unanimously passes.

### **6.14 Ongoing Warwick SU against Tuition Fees**

TC says it is the opinion of the Education committee to lapse this motion in line with the SU policy to lapse motions older than 10 years. Also says that as we have seen over 10 years, there is no point having motions which have little impact on government policy.

HJ calls for any further comments to be made on the recommendation.

EO says that just because there has been no progress on an important issue does not mean that the motion should be lapsed. We could be on the cusp of some substantive change so we should not back down.

NC says that the government simply does not care about what the Warwick SU says and that we must accord to the reality of the situation. It would be better to influence the value we get for our money rather than

HR says that stuff that if outdated stuff should be removed, TC should mention which motions need to be lapsed. Also says that having this motion is important to emphasise the education officer supporting free education. Warwick SU has an important position across the UK along with other SUs so we need such an emphasis to pressure the government to change the motion

TC cites the outdated policies listed

JS notes that the policy has been listed for 10 years and mere lapsing the policy does not amount to disagreement with it. So the motion should be allowed to work

TC says that the focus on facilitating access to universities will not be possible if the goal is to create infinite universities to make them free for all

SO says that having something unrealistic to be working towards and making it more accessible is an important goal for the officers to be working towards. Can potentially write a motion that can be more realistic

TA concurs with renewal due to positions of students in the labour market and student debt. TA says that it goes against the aim of policy to create and work towards aspirational goals and it has not been attained, then we must keep going on. Labour soc has written a letter to Kier Starmer to adopt the policy.

JS clarifies that the motion cannot be brought in front of the ASV.

TC says that officers should not be spending their time working towards unattainable goals rather more tangible goals, can hold them back.

JB says that the impact assessment for the motion was removed because it was not going to get anywhere.

WB says it was removed because of it was contained in the motion itself.

JS says impact assessment removal was outside the ambit of the motion.

WB reiterates that the impact assessment was removed because it was already part of the motion.

EO says people's mindsets are pessimistic and that is understandable. Even though the government is excluding people and people may be thinking of other ways of dealing with the issues, if it is lapsed- we would imply so wrongly.

JS says there would be no impact of the renewal in generating headlines for the issue being addressed by the motion.

KB brought attention to the relevant experiences of students from lower social economic backgrounds and that the lapsing of this motion will take away from the efforts towards widening participation. Suggests doing the same as the Fossil Fuels motion to be delayed till next council meeting.

WB suggests this is not a taxing motion on officers but indicates where to take certain stances on certain issues. Indicates the values of the union and slowly moving towards the

goal. Recommends using the same notion by amending the notes. We must consider how that looks in front of the media

HJ calls for lapsing motion and giving responsibility to a council member to propose another motion to refresh the headlines according to what JS said.

ES says we should let Education committee write the motion and update it to a more attainable goal.

TG says that the results section will have to be removed.

AT agrees with SO and says that the results are not as attainable as others. But it is essential as it is a policy that we need to adopt as an SU.

EN concurs with AT and says that the 6<sup>th</sup> result is important as it references the issues of international students.

AT says that if the motion was lapsed in some form, it will be required to be held as a union wide position and would prefer passing with an amendment than rewriting

HR agrees with WB and highlights the relevance of 6<sup>th</sup> result for international students by the Education and International Students Officer for freezing and subsidizing the costs for international students. Some work has been done for PGR students due to pressure from Students, officers and the Student Union for access to education through high fees. Including bursary schemes and grants to be given to students.

TA notes that students in a cost-of-living crisis. 30000 students with credit through maintenance grants. Not just some abstract political debate but their lives.

SO comments on optics. Notes where JS is coming from but says that we must report our policies more transparently.

ES mentions that what is the point of not rewriting it, says it will pass anyhow.

HJ notes proposal by Education committee to lapse the policy.

HJ calls for a vote on whether to lapse the policy.

HJ calls for a vote if those in favour of this recommendation to lapse. 8 in favour.

HJ calls for those against. 11 against.

HJ calls for those who want to abstain.

HJ announces that the recommendation to lapse to be replaced with a renewed policy from the Education committee write it and submit to PG committee, WPO and Welfare committee

HJ calls for a vote.

HJ calls for a vote if those in favour. 8 in favour.

HJ calls for those against. 11 against.

HJ calls for those who want to abstain.

HJ announces that the recommendation to lapse and rewrite passes.

### **6.15 Warwick SU against Erasmus Fees**

TC says that the education committee is of the opinion that the motion be lapsed because the UK has left the EU, we are no longer part of the scheme.

EO requests clarification about how the scheme affects students

TC says they do not know.

JS says that it is an exchange scheme.

TG says a UK based exchange scheme is also being introduced in its place.

HJ calls for any further comments to be made on the recommendation. No further comments were made. HJ calls for a vote.

HJ calls for a vote on whether to lapse the policy.

HJ calls for a vote if those in favour of this recommendation to lapse. Everyone agrees.

HJ calls for those against. None against.

HJ calls for those who want to abstain. None

### **6.16 Warwick SU for reducing Library Fees**

TC says that Education Committee believes that it should be lapsed because the library is going to have a policy of having a sanction system of not issuing books for not returning books. Fees system is likely to change.

EO and JS agree.

HJ calls for a vote on whether to lapse the policy.

HJ calls for a vote if those in favour of this recommendation to lapse. Everyone agrees.

HJ calls for those against. None against.

HJ calls for those who want to abstain. None

## **7. AOB**

Congratulations to newly elected officers and for the elections

## **8. Notification of next meeting**

9<sup>th</sup> May