

UNION COUNCIL – Monday, 9 May 2016 – Hull Campus, 6:30pm, Meeting Room 1

MINUTES

Attendance

First Name	Surname	Position	Attendance		
			22 nd Febr	11 th April	9 th May
Sabbatical Officers					
Chubike	Okide	President	✓	✓	✓
Matthew	Evans	VP Education	✓	✓	✓
Ashleigh	Davies	VP Welfare & Community	✓	✓	✓
Kathy	Brook	VP Activities	Apols	Apols	Apols
Gurmok	Sanghera	VP Sport	✓	✓	Apols
Simon	Hernandez	VP Scarborough	✓	✓	✓
Governance Zone					
VACANT		Campaigns and Democracy Officer			
VACANT		Environment and Ethics Officer			
Welfare & Community Zone					
Oliver	Woodroffe	LINKS Officer	✓	✓	✓
Katie Marian	Bowden	LGBT+ Officer (Role share)	✓	✓	✓
Liam	Crosby		✓	✓	✓

Adeloa	Fadipe	Black Asian Minority and Ethnic (BAME) Officer	✓	Apols	✓
VACANT		Women's Officer			
Daryl	Jones	Disabled Students Officer	Apols	✓	✓
Education Zone					
Philip	Yelland	Mature Students Officer	Apols	Apols	✓
Moipone	Mokone	Part-time students Officer	Absent	Absent	Voting right removed
Robert	Champion	Postgraduate Taught Officer	✓	Apols	Absent
Mohammad	Al Khaldy	Postgraduate Research Officer	Apols	Absent	Absent
VACANT		Faculty Co-ordinator Hull York Medical School			
Declan	Whiting	Faculty Co-ordinator Faculty of Science and Engineering	Apols	✓	Absent
Daniel	Walker	Faculty Co-ordinator Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences	✓	Apols	Absent
Victoria	Welborn	Faculty Co-ordinator Faculty of Health and Social Care	✓	✓	Apols
Elizabeth	Barraclough	Faculty Co-ordinator Faculty of Education	Absent	✓	✓
Matthew	Thorneycroft	Faculty Co-ordinator Hull University Business School	✓	✓	✓

Kym	Cardona	Academic Council Rep	✓	✓	✓
Eunice	Owusu-Kyereh	Academic Council Rep	Apols	✓	Apols
Activities Zone					
Amy	Jackson	Chair SEC	✓	✓	✓
Viktorija	Ivanova	Chair ISA	✓	✓	Apols
Nathan	Thompson	Chair Media	✓	Absent	N/A
Joshua	McMullan	Chair RAG	✓	✓	✓
Scarborough					
Tabitha Elizabeth	Nixon	Scarborough Campaigns Officer	Apols	Apols	✓
James	Verity	Scarborough Community Officer	Apols	✓	✓
Nathan	Alcock	Scarborough Sports Officer	✓	✓	Apols
Lana	Goldthorpe	Scarborough Welfare Officer	✓	✓	✓
Gavin	Straine-Francis	Scarborough Education Officer	✓	✓	✓
Charlotte	Reeve	Scarborough Equality and Diversity Officer	✓	✓	✓
Sports Zone					
Callum	Fraser-Hurley	AU Tour Officer	Absent	Absent	Voting right removed
Sam	Craig	AU Kit & Equipment Officer	✓	Apols	Apols
Benjamin	Rae	AU BUCS Officer	Apols	Apols	Absent

Laura	Huntenburg	AU Participation & Inclusivity Officer	Absent	Absent	Voting right removed
Grace Lucy	James	AU Secretary & Communications Officer	Apols	Apols	Absent
Sam	Walker	AU Varsity & Events Officer	✓	Apols	Absent
Councillors for Scrutiny					
Charlotte	Constable	Councillor for Scrutiny - Education	✓	✓	✓
Oliver Edward	Taylor	Councillor for Scrutiny – Activities	✓	✓	✓
David Andrew	Gamble	Councillor for Scrutiny – Sport	Apols	Apols	Absent
Padraig Sean	Curran	Councillor for Scrutiny – Welfare & Community	Apols	Absent	Voting right removed
Nadia	Hassani	Councillor for Scrutiny - Education	✓	N/A	N/A

In attendance:

Liz Pearce, Membership Services Director
 Tania Struetzel, Democracy & Governance Co-ordinator
 Josh Baker, Head Hullfire TV
 Jack Forrester, Head Hullfire Radio
 Laurence Cresswell, Hullfire Radio
 Matt Bramall, VP Sport-elect
 George Bainbridge, VP Welfare&Community-elect
 Connor Massey, LGBT+ Officer-elect
 Christopher Knott, Chair SEC-elect
 Dawn Walker
 Salman Anwar
 Katie Middlehurst
 Connah Thompson
 Piotr Kossakowski
 Barnaby Falck

1. Procedural motion

Daryl Jones proposed a no-confidence vote in the Chair of Union Council. He argued that this would be the Chair's last chance to vote on motions as he would not be able to vote on any motions as a Sabbatical Officer next year. Considering that many motions on the agenda would impact the next academic year, Matt Thorneycroft should vote on them as Sabbatical-elect. The motion was seconded by Ashleigh Davies.

The speech against the motion was taken by Matt Thorneycroft. He argued that he was content not to vote on the motions and that Council would benefit from an experienced Chair for this meeting given the packed agenda.

There was no speech in abstention of the motion.

With 4 in the affirmative, 11 in the negative and 0 in abstention, the motion failed. Matt Thorneycroft remained Chair of Union Council.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted without any amendments.

3. Apologies for absence (for acceptance)

Apologies for absence laid before Union Council as noted above were accepted.

4. Resignations

Union Council noted the resignation of Chair Media, Nathan Thompson.

5. Approval of minutes from previous meeting – Monday 11 April (Paper A)

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved without objection.

6. Trustee Board minutes (Paper B)

The Trustee Board minutes were noted by Union Council.

7. Matters arising

- a. Update EU referendum (verbal update, Ashleigh Davies)

Ashleigh Davies gave a brief update on the activities of the Officer Team relating to the EU referendum. The EU referendum debate would be taking place the following day at 8pm in Johnny Mac, all students welcome. The Officers would also be running voter registration stalls throughout the week in the breakout area of HUU to encourage students to register to vote.

b. Student trustee elections (verbal update, Matt Evans)

Matt Evans noted that the student trustee elections were taking place the following week with voting opening on Monday, 16 May, 9am and closing on Thursday, 19 May, 5pm. Councillors were encouraged to promote the elections as the candidates were not able to campaign for their positions.

c. Report NUS National Conference (Paper C)

Joshua McMullan queried why all delegates voted against the Motion proposing a one member - one vote system. Ashleigh Davis responded that organising one member- one vote would be logistically challenging and undermining the role of elected delegates. Daryl Jones added that larger universities would be over-represented and receive the most attention, while the views of small and specialist institutions would be lost.

Joshua McMullan queried why 4/5 delegates voted against the motion "We are a National Union of Students and not a National Union of Sabbs". Ashleigh Davies responded that the NUS is a representative body of its affiliated members – Students' Unions. These are led by Sabbatical Officers representing their student body.

8. Sabbatical Officer and Zone reports

a. President

The President reported that a BME attainment gap event would be held on Thursday, 12 May and would aim to highlight the 24% BME attainment gap at the University of Hull.

The final phase of the accessibility campaign had been completed and had taken the form of a drop-in event.

A question was received regarding whether the BME Attainment gap event could have been better if it had been marketed and supported by VP Welfare & Community. It was agreed that a joint approach of the Officer Team on marketing events would be beneficial in the future.

Daryl Jones proposed a procedural motion to only take questions on reports. The motion was seconded by Ashleigh Davies. Daryl Jones argued that oral reports would unnecessarily elongate the meeting with an already busy agenda.

It was noted that only reports that had not been submitted with the papers would be given as oral reports.

With 2 in the affirmative, 3 in the negative and 11 abstentions the motion failed.

b. VP Education

No questions were received on the report.

c. Education Zone

No questions were received on the report.

d. VP Welfare & Community

No questions were received on the report.

e. Welfare & Community Zone

No questions were received on the report.

f. VP Sport

VP Sport was not present to give a report or take questions.

g. Sport Zone

No report had been submitted and no members of the sports zone were present to take questions.

h. VP Activities

VP Activities was not present to give a report or take questions.

i. Activities

No questions were received on the report.

j. VP Scarborough

With the release of the Student Experience Enhancement Packages, VPSc had engaged with students on their reaction to this. This resulted in putting an FAQ together to address grey areas. Currently, the packages are for continuing and finalist students, however this left students that are transferring campus out of the picture. A reduced package for these foundation year students has been agreed with the understanding that their full degree is based on the Hull Campus.

VPSc had met with department heads and Faculty Deans to discuss plans for academic support for the next academic year. The two focal areas would be contact time and lecturer contingency.

VPSc had also been planning on-campus events. This included a band night with local musicians and a family fun day for students with families (which included a magician and bouncy castle).

k. Scarborough

Education Officer:

The Rep Forums have now finished, with the last one discussing the lecture time change from the .15 to .00 time slot.

Helped promote the Careers Day in town (with SCA), which had a mini recruitment fair as well as career development workshops.

Welfare Officer:

The "Sex Fairy" would be making an appearance this week to talk to students about contraception and pregnancy awareness.

Community Officer:

Has engaged with students over the twenty-four hour study space, which would now be integrated as part of the library. Discussions of software allocation for the science courses was the main focus.

Campaigns Officer:

Promoted the Careers Day (with SEd), and the National Student Survey.

Team Update:

The Scarborough Awards 2016 took place with well over one hundred nominations collected by the Scarborough Exec team. The Exec Team, in conjunction with the Scarborough Co-ordinator, arranged the event. This year was an Oscar's theme, with professional photography and a live band. Received really positive feedback from both staff and students regarding the night which was an uplifting end to the year.

9. New General Business

8.1 M.1516-19 Motion to change SO 8003 to allow for a more open debate at Union Council (Paper E)

Matt Evans presented the motion and noted that the motion aimed to provide a more open and less confrontational approach. It would further allow all Union Councillors to take part in the debate on a motion and argue their points rather than limiting this to the speakers giving the speeches for, against and in abstention.

Kym Cardona queried whether the new structure would result in losing order in the meeting as the speeches for and against provided a structure.

Daryl Jones raised the fact that under the current process there should only be two questions allowed. He further highlighted that a point of clarification could be used at any point.

Point of clarification was sought on the outcome of the motion and where it had been done successfully. Matt Evans responded that there are several Students' Unions across the country that use an open debate structure rather than the restricted format of speeches for, against and in abstention.

An amendment was proposed to the motion to add to Resolves 3 that training for the Chair and Deputy Chair of Union Council be provided at the start of the next academic year. There were no speeches against or in abstention of the amendment.

With 15 votes in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 0 abstentions, the amendment passed.

Kym Cardona gave a speech against the motion arguing that before anything was changed, it should be ensured that training has occurred.

Daryl Jones gave the speech of summation stressing how important this change of the debate structure would be to be supportive and inclusive of disabled students who may struggle in the current format.

With 11 votes in the affirmative, 3 in the negative and 1 abstention, the motion passed as amended.

8.2 M.1516-20 Motion to amend SO 5005 to introduce the position of LGBT+ Co-Officer (Paper F)

Katie Bowden and Liam Crosby presented the motion to introduce a Co-Officer position for the LGBT+ committee reflecting current practice. They argued that the role is extensive and would be best filled by two people, also leading to a better representation of the diversity in the LGBT+ community.

Kym Cardona queried whether this change would impact the office hours. Katie Bowden replied that the current office hours already reflected the role share and would thus remain as they are.

Elizabeth Barraclough questioned whether more diversity could be added to the Officer positions by defining how they identify. Chris Knott added to the idea of having more diversity, specifically for transgender students. Katie Bowden responded that this could be a really valuable area to look into next year. Daryl Jones noted that NUS National Conference had just voted to create the full-time position of a trans* Officer and that working with them on this liberation area would be valuable. Katie Bowden agreed that work on trans* representation would be ongoing but that the focus of this motion was to extend current representation.

Lana Goldthorpe queried whether one officer might focus on the society side. Katie Bowden replied that this would be a possibility but ultimately depend on how the two Officers worked together and wanted to share their responsibilities.

With 13 votes in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 2 abstentions the motion passed.

8.3 M.1516-21 Motion to amend SO 5005 to introduce the position of a BAME Representative on the LGBT+ Committee (Paper G)

Rayne Goddard presented the motion proposing to add a BAME representative to the LGBT+ committee to better reflect this group within the LGBT+ community.

Daryl Jones questioned why a Disabled Students rep was not being added at the same time. He proposed an amendment that reps for all Liberation groups should be added to the LGBT+ committee. The amendment was seconded by Ashleigh Davies.

Kym Cardona sought a point of clarification as to which reps currently sit on the LGBT+ committee. Katie Bowden responded that the current committee consists of the LGBT+ Officers, Secretary, Treasurer, Campaigns Officer, Publicity Officer, Social Secretary, and a Trans* Representative.

Amy Jackson commented that this should be about what students have requested and that Union Council should focus on that.

Adeola Fadipe added that having a position and filling it were two different things. Having roles that had not been requested might result in empty roles.

With 5 in the affirmative, 1 in the negative and 9 abstentions the amendment failed.

With 13 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 2 abstentions the motion passed.

8.4 M.1516-22 Motion to change SO 3008, 3009 and 3011 (Changes to the Roles of Faculty, School and Course Representatives) (Paper H)

Matt Evans presented the motion outlining the background to the changes and how they would bring the process up to date and online.

Kym Cardona sought clarification on course rep elections and the time frame. Matt Evans confirmed that no changes to the time frame were proposed.

Lana Goldthorpe queried whether Scarborough would be included in the proposed changes. Matt Evans confirmed that Scarborough would be included and that it would be much clearer through the online process.

Lana Goldthorpe further questioned what would happen if nobody stood. Matt Evans responded that course reps could still be co-opted at any point.

Oliver Taylor questioned how much effort would be put into marketing these elections given the high number of current vacancies, especially in HYMS. Matt Evans responded that a marketing strategy has already been developed to increase publicity for the October elections this year.

With 12 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 3 abstentions, the motion passed.

8.5 M.1516-23 Motion to amend Standing Orders SO 2003, 2004, 2005, 2011 regarding Societies, Societies Executive Committee, Societies Council, and Chair Societies (Paper I)

Amy Jackson presented the motion and the proposed changes. She highlighted that some of these changes were housekeeping to bring things in line with current practice, e.g. the committee positions on SEC. The changes included an extension of timescales for Societies AGM season to 4 weeks (rather than previously two weeks) to ensure that AGMs could be supported by the SEC. The motion also proposed three extra reps on Union Council in addition to the Chair of SEC to

better represent the interests of societies on Union Council: Welfare Officer, Secretary and one representative elected from a society.

Kym Cardona questioned who the elected person would be and whether larger societies would be advantaged through this process. Amy Jackson responded that this person would be elected at Societies Council where all societies were equally represented.

Ashleigh Davies queried what training the Welfare Officer on SEC would receive. Chris Knott responded that this is a new position and it would thus be a learning curve. However, the faith and culture rep in the past has been a big success, and the Welfare Officer would succeed this role and also handle informal complaints.

Ashleigh Davies proposed an amendment to add to the role description "and will liaise with relevant Welfare Officers at HUU".

With 14 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 1 abstention the amendment passed.

Matt Evans queried whether the new roles on Union Council would be representative or opportunities-based and whether more representation was automatically better. Amy Jackson explained that societies were a large group currently only represented by one rep whereas the AU Exec was represented by six members on Union Council.

Joshua McMullan questioned whether these new elected roles should also sit on the Activities Zone.

Daryl Jones highlighted that societies represent as many people as the Disabled Students Officer or any other liberation officers who also only have one vote on Union Council.

Oliver Taylor questioned whether the Activities zone would become too society focused.

Chris Knott moved to vote in parts on the presented motion:

- a) New timescale for AGM season
- b) New positions on SEC
- c) New reps on Union Council

With 14 votes in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 1 abstention, the procedural motion passed.

With 15 votes in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 0 abstentions the new timescale for AGMs passed.

With 13 votes in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 2 abstentions the new positions on SEC passed.

With 6 votes in the affirmative, 1 in the negative and 8 abstentions, adding more positions to Union Council failed. This part was therefore deleted from the motion.

With 15 votes in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 0 abstentions, the motion passed as amended.

8.6 M.1516-24 Motion to amend the Standing Orders of the Scarborough Executive Committee (Paper J)

Si Hernandez presented the motion proposing updates to the Standing Orders of the Scarborough Executive Committee in order to reflect current practice.

With 14 votes in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 1 abstention the motion passed.

8.7 M.1516-25 Motion to change the name of Hullfire TV to Torch TV (Paper K)

The motion was presented by Josh Baker, Jack Forrester and Matt Bramall supported by a presentation highlighting why the current branding was confusing to students and showing survey data in support of the name change. The motion was supported by all Hullfire media members and by the Activities zone.

Ashleigh Davies supported the motion arguing that students have said they wanted this and therefore Union Council should support it.

Joshua McMullan queried whether there were any plans at present to rebrand The Hullfire or Radio Hullfire as well. Josh Baker responded that this was not the case.

Daryl Jones proposed a motion of censure against Matt Bramall as a Sabbatical-elect arguing that he had broken the rules and that this would set a wrong precedent for next year. Matt Bramall responded that he had stood up for what he believed in and that this justified breaking the rules in that instance. The motion was not seconded and subsequently withdrawn by Daryl Jones.

With 10 votes in the affirmative, 5 in the negative and 0 abstentions, the motion passed.

8.8 M.1516-26 Motion to mandate the VP Sport to work with the University to ensure the redevelopment meets the needs of Sports Clubs (Paper L)

Matt Bramall presented the motion in the absence of the current VP Sport. He noted that he was disappointed that no members of the AU Executive were present to support this motion.

James Verity queried whether this motion included Scarborough. Matt Bramall replied that it would apply to both campuses equally.

James Verity proposed to amend the motion by adding "on both campuses" to Resolves 1 and 2.

With 14 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 1 abstention, the amendment passed.

With 12 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 3 abstentions, the motion passed.

8.9 M.1516-27 Motion to mandate the VP Sport to increase the promotion of Sports Clubs around campus (Paper M)

Matt Bramall presented the motion outlining that fixtures but also the charity and fundraising work of sports teams should be better promoted.

Ashleigh Davies commended the work that had been done by Hullfire TV this year on this matter.

Charlotte Constable pointed out that the HUU website seemed difficult to change and queried how this could be improved. Matt Bramall replied that he would be lobbying for Sabbatical Officers to have access to the website.

Joshua McMullan questioned why these motions were coming now and whether they were not part of the role of the VP Sport anyway. Matt Evans replied that these motions had come out of the last AU Council where all Sports Club Presidents had been invited to write motions.

With 13 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 2 abstentions, the motion passed.

8.10 M.1516-28 Motion to mandate the VP Sport to create a permanent travel grant (Paper N)

Matt Bramall presented the motion pointing out that it is difficult for non BUCS teams to get to fixtures without appropriate funding.

Charlotte Constable queried how this fund would work and that a fair allocation would have to be ensured. Matt Evans responded that money had already been ring-fenced for this purpose for the next financial/academic year.

Elizabeth Barraclough asked for clarification on the difference between BUCS and non BUCS teams. BUCS stands for British Universities and Colleges Sport to which HUU is affiliated.

With 8 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 7 abstentions, the motion passed.

8.11 M.1516-29 Motion to lobby HUU Commercial Services to provide Check Your Drink strips behind all union bars (Paper O)

Chris Knott presented the motion. He had visited Liverpool Guild that provide these Check Your Drink strips. Despite there only having been one reported incident of drink spiking at HUU over the past year, he believed this issue to be wider spread as people usually do not report drink spiking. He acknowledged that it would not be financially viable to provide drink strips at every club night on open display but would be satisfied if there was a sign stating that these strips were available on request.

Ashleigh Davies proposed to amend Resolves 1 to "to mandate VP Welfare & Community to lobby [...]".

With 12 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 3 abstentions, the amendment passed.

Joshua McMullan pointed out that he was concerned about the costs incurred and suggested to have a trial period to evaluate the idea.

It was queried whether these strips were reusable, however, they can only be used once.

Matt Evans highlighted that HUU won the Best Bar None Gold Award in 2013 and has continued to work on ensuring that its members are safe when using the venues.

With 12 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 3 abstentions, the motion passed.

8.12 M.1516-30 Motion to Reinforce Freedom of speech and expression of religion without fear and discrimination (Paper P)

Adeola Fadipe stepped down as Deputy Chair to present the motion in the absence of the proposer.

Matt Evans clarified that HUU already has a [Zero Tolerance Policy](#) towards bullying and harassment and ran the Zero Hero campaign.

Adeola Fadipe responded that policy differed from practice and that this motion would not have come to Union Council if both of those were in line.

Charlotte Constable agreed that Union Council should be upholding these values and moved to a vote in parts on this motion.

With 15 votes in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 0 abstentions, the procedural motion passed.

Katie Bowden proposed to amend Resolves by adding "Resolves 2. The Zero Tolerance Policy will be covered in Union Council training."

With 15 votes in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 0 abstentions, the amendment passed.

Joshua McMullan pointed out that it needed to be clarified when people were using freedom of speech to harm others. He proposed to add to Notes "3. In line with the European Convention on Human Rights, Article 14 Prohibition of discrimination it is noted that: "The enjoyment of the rights and freedoms [...] shall be secured without discrimination on any ground such as sex, race, colour, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, association with a national minority, property, birth or other status."

With 15 votes in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 0 abstentions, the amendment passed.

The motion was voted on in parts.

With 9 in the affirmative, 2 in the negative and 4 abstentions, Resolves 1 passed.

With 15 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 0 abstentions, Resolves 2 passed.

With 5 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 10 abstentions, Resolves 3 failed.

8.13 M.1516-31 Motion to change Standing Order 8003 to make student representation more representative and inclusive by improving how students are represented (Paper Q)

Adeola Fadipe presented the motion in the absence of the proposer.

Matt Evans queried how this motion related to M.1516-23. Tania Struetzel clarified that since the part of M.1516-23 proposing to add more Society representatives to Union Council had failed earlier any outcome of the current motion would not contradict the previous motions passed.

Amy Jackson noted that this motion had been written without the consultation of the SEC or the Activities Zone and that she personally did not agree with the proposal.

Charlotte Constable moved to vote on this motion in parts.

With 15 votes in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 0 abstentions, the procedural motion passed.

Charlotte Constable noted that the proposed categories did not represent all student groups and excluded some.

Joshua McMullan queried how the representation of charities would work within this concept.

Adeola Fadipe noted that every time there was a motion proposing to add more representatives to Union Council this was not received well.

Katie Bowden questioned whether the proposed positions could be condensed. Oliver Taylor added that more representatives did not necessarily equate to better representation.

Lana Goldthorpe proposed an amendment to Resolves 1 to include a position for Scarborough.

With 15 votes in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 0 abstentions, the amendment passed.

Chris Knott argued that this proposal included too many people but students needed to know who to go to.

Kym Cardona queried the practice of Resolves 2 and how course reps could be held accountable for making these lecture shout-outs.

Daryl Jones proposed a procedural motion to refer this motion back to the proposer for further discussion with the zones before bringing it back to the next Union Council.

With 15 votes in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 0 abstentions, the procedural motion passed.

10. Any Other Business

The Sabbatical Officers gave leaving speeches. Matt Evans noted the variety of challenges and changes HUU, the University and the HE sector had to face this year. He thanked the members of the Education Zone for their hard work all year.

Ashleigh Davies thanked her zone for all the hard work and support they gave this year. She commended every member of her zone and noted how proud she was of their joint work. She concluded that she ran for her position to make change and that they had succeeded in that.

Chuby Okide noted that this was his 24th Union Council - he had spent 4 years working in the Union as BAME Officer, Chair ISA and now President. Throughout his time, he had grown and developed, and made many friends. He noted that Union Council was hostile when he started four years ago and how much it had improved since. He stressed the importance of every Councillor contributing to making positive changes and hoped that this would continue next year.

Si Hernandez thanked the other Sabbatical Officers and his Exec for all their work and support this past year. He highlighted that everything volunteers do impacts students and that this is why it is worth continuing the work even if it seems difficult at times.

Matt Thorneycroft thanked all Councillors for their attendance throughout the year and noted that it had been a great pleasure working with so many passionate people.