

Intials	Name	Role	Position
JW	James Whale	Student Council Chair	Non - Voting
GD	Grace Davis	Head of Student Voice	Non - Voting
RTW	Ro Tomlin-Wills	Head of Student Engagement	Non - Voting
HH	Honour Hewett	Head of Student Wellbeing	Non - Voting
MT	Mollie Tuck	Head of Student Education	Non - Voting
CC	Cirprian Chiru	Internation Officer (EU)	Voting
SDF	Sophiia DeFaia	Disibilities Students Officer	Voting
OI	Oliver Ingram	Mental Health Campaigns	Voting
CE	Christopher Elliot	Men's Health Officer	Voting
IS	Inzez Szczepanska	Enviromental Officer	Voting
LT	Lazaros Thomas	Student Carer Officer	Voting
GH	Gareth Hampton	Warsash Liason Officer	Voting
SL	Sarah Lhkagvasuren	International Officer (Non-EU)	Voting
EG	Ehlana Godfrey	Societies Council Chair	Voting
JOW	Josh Whale	Representation and Democracy Coordinator	Non - Voting
PL	Peter Langton	School Representative (Warsash)	Non - Voting

## **Minutes for Student Council 09.12.2019**

### **Welcome & Apologies**

Chair welcomed everyone to Student Council. Apologies for absence were received from Bethan Ellis, Dayanna Panteleva and Eli Hill. The Chair also welcomed 20+ students from Warsash who decided to attend today's Student Council and thanked them for taking the time from their schedules to be here.

### **Minutes from previous meeting**

**The minutes from the previous meeting dated 13.11.19 were unanimously accepted.**

### **Sabbatical officer reports**

#### **Head of Student Voice, GD (Written Report Included)**

Briefly explained that there is a new Student Council reporting form that is being used for student council, which makes it clearer where sabbatical campaigns fit with SU values, and makes it clearer for students to follow where the manifesto points link up to student values.

- Park safety: GD has been talking to Dawn from Warsash and talking to council about park safety as it is a matter of growing concern for the students. GD has set up a meeting with the council to

discuss potential solutions next week, as the council seem to be opposed to putting up a lot more lighting (cost, environmental issues etc).

- Housing feedback: Working with council to set up a renter's forum, a place where students can state issues in halls and rented accommodation in the city. GD, council reps & university accommodation are going to be involved so if anyone has an issue with housing this is a good place to make those concerns heard.
- Register to vote: Was encouraging students to register to Vote before the deadline passed on Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>. The General Election is on Thursday, so please go out and vote, make your student voice heard! Apologies for the social media bombardment but this is super important.

Also:

- Attended the University Board of Governors and also involved in the Philanthropy Governance Group with the university.
- SU Shop has now opened so go take a look! It's located right next to East Park Deli. We will want feedback from students about what they want to see in the shop and what else we can do for students to be more sustainable! We are already trying to be as sustainable as possible in the shop but direct student feedback would be super helpful!
- Have been on a mental health first aid course which was really good, a lot of important information was given to us
- PCCO liaison meeting which is about safety around campus, student officers are invited to come along to it if they so want.

### **Report was unanimously approved**

#### **Head of Engagement, RTW (Written Report Included):**

- Supporting societies in a development and recognition scheme. The scheme helps to inform the winners of Union Awards.
- Wellbees: This was a University project from last year that we have taken on, as it was an extremely promising initiative that just needed a bit of attention. We have acquired £1000 in funding from trustees and we are hoping to launch in January.
- Refreshers planning is underway
- Union awards is going to be much bigger this year as it is including star awards and ambassador awards, and we have been given £2500 budget for the event. Planning has begun.
- Art of hosting: Workshop on fostering good conversations about difficult conversations and keeping it fresh perspective on how to get people talking in an open conference format.
- Supported open days
- International and care leavers dinner: For those who aren't going home this Christmas and gives them an opportunity to spend time with others.
- Christmas biscuit decorating over 2 sessions which went really well and was well attended.
- Networking/Carers event is being organised in association with Solent Futures for members of societies, student reps and academic reps. In the late planning stage and planning to launch in late January.
- Split up MT role with the other sabbaticals, RTW has taken on Course reps, Star awards, school strategy with GD, monthly meetings with Deans of School alongside GD, monthly meetings with Nona regarding the NSS, NSS committee, Digital twinning workshop, sit on app group, academic portfolio and strategy committee, academic board.
- Societies council has happened, update to follow.

PL: Warsash association would like to become a society to be more involved with the union but we aren't sure how to go about that.

RTW: Should be possible for the association to become a society, let's talk after the meeting.

### **Report was unanimously approved**

#### **Head of Education, MT (verbal):**

MT is leaving so didn't write a report, wanted to just come to say goodbye and wanted to thank everyone for being involved in her work over the past year and a half. Work is behind the scenes so hard to celebrate with students sometimes. Proud to have closed a course which wasn't being implemented effectively, so managed to get it shut down and very proud with how she was able to talk to the university, make them reorganise the course to enhance the student experience which was great.

Done a lot of things for student groups including getting a kitchen for Warsash, fighting for apprenticeships, made the university track how many courses they had and how many course reps they had available to them. 600 course reps now roughly and got the union involved and helps to write the NSS report for the University/Union.

Thanks everyone again.

GH: Wants to thank MT on behalf from Warsash students as her hard work has been appreciated

### **Report was unanimously approved**

#### **Head of Wellbeing, HH (written report included):**

- Safe Night Out: SNO is an anti-spiking campaign and a big part of my mandate which I was elected on. The Angel has now signed on to join 11 other venues throughout Southampton. We also gave some psychology students a brief for their assessed presentations and they gave us some really good ideas and feedback on steps going forward so we would like to thank them for their time & ideas. Winchester SU are really keen to get involved with the scheme so we are meeting with them soon to negotiate how involved they want to be.
- Working on hatch and specialist facilities, trying to make the service run slightly quicker & more reliably. However it will take a while to improve the situation unfortunately so please bear with us whilst we work on this with the university.
- Met with council about health campaigns and council were willing to work with Solent SU on pushing our work out which is really positive.
- Working with SU staff on Safe Solent. So far we are under budget for the year however people are sharing taxis which is really good to hear!
- EC panels are happening and are really important to ensuring that the student issues are being heard fairly.
- Went to a safeguarding conference in Manchester, blog post coming and attendees were sharing experiences around mental health.
- GE hustings for Itchen which was run by the University, big turnout which was excellent and good to see students holding politicians to account.

## UPCOMING

- Meeting with University finance department about students not applying early enough for loans etc. and how we can help reach students.
- Safer parks campaign in collaboration with the other Sabbs.
- Equality and wellbeing committee in January
- Students have been saying that the Gym isn't open long enough and is too expensive, so working with the University to see if either of these issues can be changed.
- Anti stigma working group and first one in January.

**Report was unanimously approved.**

## Society Council Update

Society Council will be updated at the next council.

## Officer Committee Update

Officer Committee was not quorate at the last meeting so no action could be taken.

**GD:** Officer Committee is an important aspect of how Student Council can work as it assigns the policy that is passed here to staff and Sabbs. Please make an effort to come to the next one or let us know in advance you can't make it!

## Student Officer Updates

**SDF:** Spoken to **MT** about what she wants to do, who to speak to about lack of disabled speaking in spark, access to library as the doors between library and costa are not good enough, wants another version of EC panel with people for an access agreement

**IS:** meeting with Liz (University environmental officer) about lack of plants at the University, also been talking to Solent Gardening Society. Further, went to see **GD** about the accommodation hall lights not being on 24/7 to reduce environmental impact & having more plants in halls to reinforce positive wellbeing.

**RTW:** Come speak to me after the council as I have some stuff you might be interested in!

**GH:** Warsash had 1-2-1 with **MT**, submitted a motion which will be discussed shortly.

**CC:** Having meeting with **GD** soon to discuss plans for the year.

**SL:** meet with **GD** talking about trying to make events happen but responses are slow (Solent radio & cinema + uni of SU. They have their own society and a joint model UN event. Lot of planning been happening about operationally stuff (topics, where, when, how long)

**OI:** forwarded stuff to honour and met and most ideas seem viable, wants to set up coffee club, advertisement not just about mental health but also what it is and how you can be safe with it.

## **Student Motions**

That this Student Council calls for the reinstatement of the Warsash Maritime Academy name and logo

GH speaks to motion

**a. Warsash Maritime Academy for years has been known world-wide to produce high quality officers for the Maritime industry and for being a world leading maritime centre. Certificates which bare the Warsash logo have always been highly regarded as a sign of quality. Unfortunately, recently there has been a whitewashing of the Warsash name and Logo including even our certificates which are now unrecognisable from their predecessor. Having spoken to many cadets at Warsash, huge disappointment was noted as certificates which bare the Warsash Maritime Academy logo are extremely highly respected within the maritime industry and scouted for by companies. We're asking our friends at Solent to help us keep what has always worked for us, by reinstating the Warsash Maritime Academy name and logo.**

This is obviously a very important issue for us in Warsash, 25 various members of Warsash here to support this motion which highlights how strongly the Academy feels about this.

PL: Over the weekend we had graduates from the class of 64' attend an alumni event, as well as WWII vets who were here. We spoke to them, and the logo we used to have represented the long and distinguished history of Warsash. People who were at Warsash 10-15 years ago are now Chief Officers of crew and have risen through the ranks to be well respected which enhances the name of Warsash students around the globe.

GH: Students weren't consulted about the issue and wants to make a first step in making a difference and wants the SU to help take that step. Not wanting to oppose the University, wants to work with them to help create that change

PL: Discussion has been had last year with MT and there is an issue about how the current Solent education model does not fit with Warsash (at sea for 4-12 months to gain the real life knowledge, making connections with crew etc) so the University are able to influence decisions made by Warsash without students being here to contest those decisions. Also, Students with learning difficulties and who need support can't get the help they need because we are away more often and support isn't always available when regular students are away from University (generally summer months). In an ideal world, we would also like a designation change from student to cadet as it is not an academic course, things like firefighting are a part of the course which are way out of normal student lifestyle. Our contact hours have been cut from 136 hours of teaching to 66 hours, large amount of this is self-taught as teachers are leaving and students aren't sure who they should talk to. Getting continuity is key to helping and Warsash has pride in what they do, and want to represent that & the heritage of Warsash. We want to work with the university on this, we don't want to work against them or create waves however it's not working as it is and change needs to happen.

GD: The SU wants to interact with Warsash more but we find it very hard sometimes as officers to do so cause of the timing issues you have already brought. We need to get to you more but also

need the same continuity as we change Sabbs often (once every year/every 2 years).

**RTW:** As Sabbs change so much, some of our work won't be taken on by the new sabbatical officers so getting that continuity is hard, however we will do the best we can to ensure anything you bring forward will continue onto the next year and that the SU & Warsash students keep communicating.

**GH:** Attended Warsash lunch, a lot of people saying that it would change the industry and how people work. Access to simulators is limited and the way it is advertised is vastly different. Commercial ventures are being given preference over Warsash students for the centre. Feels like Warsash could be dissolved.

### **Policy passes**

#### **Policy Register**

Will be reported at next SC meeting, as register needs to be updated.

#### **AOB**

Item one has been moved to next meeting at request of **RTW**, approved by Chair.

**GH:** Academic meeting is at a time to when exams are prevalent. Wants course committee to be moved.

**GD** will follow this up.

#### **Date of Next meeting**

20/01/2020