



# Student Council Meeting Agenda

**Falmouth Seminar A: 15/3/2016, 4pm**  
**Penryn DDM E, 17/03/2016, 11am**

## **1. Welcome, Introductions, Apologies**

Present:

MB Mathilde Baade (FXU International Officer)  
ACC Amanda Chetwynd-Cowieson (FXU President, Student Experience)  
GF Grace Fisher (FXU President, Exeter)  
BH Bryony Hacker (School of Art)  
ZL Zoe Lane (CLES PG)  
AL Alice Lord (Postgraduate Officer (Exeter))  
FM Fred Mallin (FXU President, Falmouth)  
EM Ernst Molo (Games Academy)  
DP Dean Pomeroy (FXU Student Voice Chair)  
SSo Sienna Somers (FXU Environment and Ethics Officer)  
AW Alexa Webster (FXU President, Welfare)

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RB Robbie Bartlett (FXU Sports Officer)  
TMR Tom Murray-Richards (FXU Undergraduate Education Officer Exeter)  
GF Grace Fisher (FXU President, Exeter)  
AW Alexa Webster (FXU President, Welfare)  
PW Philip Wilson (RAD (Raise & Donate) President (joint))

Also Present:

MRB Matt Blewett (FXU Student Voice, Minute Taker)  
AN Alice Nicholls (FXU Student Voice)  
BR Ben Rowswell (FXU – Student Voice Director)  
Chris Slessor (President, Falmouth)

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MRB Matt Blewett (FXU Student Voice, Minute Taker)  
AN Alice Nicholls (FXU Student Voice)  
BR Ben Rowswell (FXU – Student Voice Director)

Apologies:

RB Robbie Bartlett (FXU Sports Officer)

JC Jamal Clarke (FXU Community Officer)  
EH Ellie Healey (FXU Widening Student Participation Officer (joint))  
GM Grace Marshall (FXU Societies Officer)  
DR Dwayne Roberts (AMATA)  
TMR Tom Murray-Richards (FXU Undergraduate Education Officer Exeter)  
JS Jack Sargent (PGR Officer (Exeter))  
AT Anne Thorn (Writing & Journalism)  
JW Jack Whitear (CSM PG)

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FM Fred Mallin (FXU President, Falmouth)  
DP Dean Pomeroy (FXU Student Voice Chair)  
ACC Amanda Chetwynd-Cowieson (FXU President, Student Experience)

9 members present; full Council has 40 members, quorate is 21 – Quorate not reached.

17/03/2016 3 additional voting members present – quorate not reached. Decisions made by online poll.

## **2. Matters arising from the Previous Meeting (February 1st)**

- ACC to take Student Council accommodation issues to both institutions – See item 3
- HP to chase up PG Soc and Mature Soc – done and no response, no discussion required because the lack of people in roles is being addressed in item No 7

## **3. Accommodation**

ACC: Following the [motion](#) passed at the [FXU AGM](#) the presidents sent a joint [letter](#) to both institutions asking them to do 5 things.

You can read the Falmouth University response [online](#).  
The University of Exeter response is also [online](#).

**Action: All of Student Council needs to read the university responses, share with your groups and networks and collect feedback from students on the responses, and pass feedback to FXU Presidents by the end of term.**

## **4. Other infrastructure**

GF – working with timetabling team to get data on which rooms are free at what time to get them on the I-Exeter app. The IT suites are on I-Exeter app so you can always see where there are computers free.

## **5. Make a Change tab referrals**

Some motions have previously been passed by student council, and need updating as follows:

- Cash point at Woodlane

BR – the cash point was installed today, BT have not installed the connection and need to come back and do that. They have given the cashpoint company a provisional date of 4<sup>th</sup> April for completion.

- Reprographics; Parity for Falmouth Campus

FM – As a first step, Reprographics have been given all of Falmouth student deadlines so they are aware of when there are likely to be peaks in demand. There will also be a reprographics/work space coming back to Woodlane after Easter, in the IT lab in the Graphic design building. The equipment currently in that room will be moving to the print making studio. We have asked for full listings of the equipment that will be installed.

- STOP tampon tax

ACC – this has now started, and the tax is being covered by FXPlus.

New “Make a Change” ideas have been requested and they have reached the required number of votes to be considered by Student Council as follows:

- Give us our time back for our dissertations

Vote Accept: 24      Reject: 0      Defer: 3

**Passed to FM to carry forward.**

- Request that FXU endorses Britain staying in the EU

Vote Accept: 18      Reject: 4      Defer: 5

**Passed to GF to carry forward.**

- Request that Falmouth University cap Illustration intake to 100 students

This quote was received from a student “The main concern is the increase in student numbers to 140 a year. It already feels like student numbers are at maximum capacity. The change will impact every aspect of the course and will result in our Tutors having to rewrite and structure the way they teach. It will mean the studios will be even more crowded and there will be more of a strain on facilities like printers, printmaking and space in general. The changes will also mean that all four of the illustration’s seminar rooms will be taken away. These spaces will not be replaced and are crucial to the way the course is structured. The bookable spaces of the new building will be in high demand and cannot replace the ones taken.

- The rise in student numbers will mean that Industry visits and opportunities will become less possible.
- Tutors have only just been informed about the changes and that they have had no say in the plans. It is felt that these plans have been made despite the best interest of staff who have built up the course’s reputation over many years. The plans will change the things that we value most about Falmouth.
- People chose the course because of the size, the tutor contact time, its reputation in industry and the friendly studio environment.
- We want Falmouth to protect what makes it unique

- Students want more of a say and better communication about university plans as it affects our student experience”

Vote Accept: 10      Reject: 4      Defer: 13

**FM to request more information and evidence from anonymous to see if they would edit the idea to include other courses, and share with other course reps so that we are not championing one course to the detriment of other courses.**

- Kettle in the compass

Vote Accept: 25      Reject: 1      Defer: Abstain: 1

**Pass to ACC to take forward.**

- Microwave in the Compass

Vote Accept: 24      Reject: 1      Defer: Abstain:2

**Pass to ACC to take forward.**

BR explained that other Students’ Unions put a time limit on their ideas voting, and demonstrated with the Exeter Guild website. This makes the ideas tab more dynamic, and responsive to student opinion. Otherwise, items could be obsolete but eventually reach the Student Council due to voting over an indefinite period of time.

Student Council was offered a proposal to limit voting to 6 term weeks until expiry. Agreed by all present.

Student Council was offered a proposal not to allow resubmissions on the same subject in one academic year – this was declined to allow for changes in circumstances that may change the urgency of student issues.

## **6. Presidents’ Questions & Answers**

FM -

Top 10 No 7: Gave out examples of the financial transparency booklet which is available from FXU. Additional course cost information is now added to each course [online](#).

Top 10 No 4: Now I am working with Alan Murray to make the curriculum clearer; this is a university wide initiative to share best practice and make module guides consistent, clear and concise for all students.

Top 10 No 4: The time and date of SSLG and dept boards have now been shared with FXU, and SSLG info will now be available to students on request to the head of department/course.

Other presidents deferred reports as they had already reported under other items and to give time to the remaining business.

## **7. What Student Council might look like**

- BR developed the proposal about Student Council first mentioned at the last meeting. We aim to prepare the council and executive officers before the end of academic year and have them trained so that when people come back in September

they are ready to start work.

- Prepared leadership training June 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> to cover everything to make changes. Gathering evidence, how to make change, promoting and feeding it back to students.
- Where positions have worked best is where people have had specific roles, tasks and projects.
- Election and recruitment; while the majority feeling was that you wanted to be elected, we would suggest that two roles need recruitment to ensure that we have someone in post who either has the required skills or the potential to develop them.
- Add meetings and dates to the roles. Can the roles be branded to the president?

Student Council was asked to approve the recruitment of the Student Voice chair and Liberation chair AGREED. **BR to take forward.**

Action: **Everyone to meet with FXU to discuss their roles.**

## **8. AOB Next Meeting and close**

AW – shout out to Rob & Tom who presented the AGM motion to Falmouth Town Council last night, we have had lots of positive feedback as a result.

Shout out to Alex and Cameron of Liberation committee who is presenting a motion to the NUS LGBT+ conference.

Shout out to Mathilda who went to NUS conference on International Students, wrote a motion on the spot and had it accepted.

ACC National conference motion to mandate NUS to lobby capacity.

### **FXU Awards**

Nominations are now open on the [FXU website](#), please share and promote through your networks!

### **Garden Party Tickets**

Because of last year's demand, tickets are restricted to FXU members (i.e. Falmouth or Exeter Students in Cornwall) and so you must provide valid Cornwall Student ID for each ticket you buy (up to two).

Ticket price agreed at £26 to provide a comparable experience.

### **Graduation Ball Tickets**

Because of last year's demand, tickets are restricted to FXU members (i.e. Falmouth or Exeter Students in Cornwall) only for 5 days. There will be a waiting/interest list, and then any remaining tickets will be allocated to non-students.

Reduction from £45 price.

**Next meeting:** May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016 @ Penryn Campus 4:00pm Exchange Green  
Closed at 18:08.