

Liberation Committee Meeting Minutes



Daphne Du Maurier Seminar F:
20/10/2015, 6pm

1. Welcome, Introductions, Apologies

Attendance: Bella Frimpong, Alec James, Alexa Webster, George Perry, Mackinlay Ingham, Cameron Harrington, Megan Arthur, Isi Daley, Sebastian Lewis

Apologies: Charity Aria

Alec in attendance, Vice President Welfare and Diversity from the Guild

2. Approve last meeting minutes

Minutes approved

3. Matters arising

BF

Attended ACS and politics discourse, rose awareness of liberation committee

Stall in compass about liberation, biweekly, in planning

Liberation discourse, start after reading week, every two/three weeks host discourse about liberation, Tuesday 1st Nov first meeting, positive discrimination, first topic

ID

Starting project similar to buzz feed videos where people discuss liberation topics, ie black lives matter v all lives matter, giving students a voice on liberation topics. Get people in a room, might do it all in a couple of days and release over the year.

Working on a project with another student, idea is similar to Yeezy fashion show, stationary and ethnically diverse models, focused on racial profiling, hosted on Streatham campus, social experiment/ awareness raising activity

CH

Similar to last time, getting in contact with more trans students is a focus
AW - starting up trans society is key

MA

FB posts for black history month and the way ethnic minorities are bracketed and grouped
AW + BF - could make a good discourse topic
Will get in contact with international society to discuss what can be done for other groups under the BAME umbrella

MI

Been approached by lots of women, mostly with issues not specific to their gender
UGM motion, LGBTQA+ society, improving accessibility around campus, surveying/ focus groups around this topic, might be good to broaden out beyond disabled access accessibility
Contacted hercampus and women in mining about collaborations
Femsoc, debate on should there be a men's officer? What is feminism? Etc. Creating a space where it is ok to discuss and ask questions
AW: men's week, potential for this to happen if anyone comes forward with a good proposition that the liberation committee supports
Isoc charity week, week after next, could be good to get involved
International students with dyslexia issues, send to GP if need assistance
In process of creating a space and time for women to meet and chat, etc. Not specific issues, basically a safe circle, run by Isoc but open to all, Alexa will follow up on this and will post on liberation committee Facebook chat

SL

Idea of a liberation film screening/ festival, lots of students who are socially active, could also contact more well-known film directors

4. Black History Month

BF - Black intersectionality week, could be included in intersectionality week. Need to find out the days for this week
AW - would be good for everyone to think how roles intersect

Lack of knowledge around black history month by people, probably the same for other months/ weeks

5. Upcoming NUS activities

<http://www.nusconnect.org.uk/events/train-the-trainer-designing-and-delivering-liberation-equality-diversity-and-inclusion>

<http://www.nusconnect.org.uk/events/liberation-policy-convention-south-5d21>

<http://www.nusconnect.org.uk/events/black-leaders-conference-2016>

Black leaders conference (5 December 2016) and black student winter conference (Saturday 26 and Sunday 27, November 2016)

AW - limits on number of people who can attend NUS events and conferences

6. FXYou can

BF - 29 Nov 5 Dec. Get all societies to think how accessible their activities are to different groups

7. UGM

UGM is on 22 November. Should start working on motion we are looking to present with the LGBTQA society

Action: MI and BF to liaise over the UGM motion

8. Sober Party

Next term, gives more time to market, etc. Start planning over Christmas holiday

9. Falmouth Anchor feature

29 Nov open liberation meeting, feature in the Falmouth anchor to raise profile of meeting and encourage attendance

10. Facebook Page

A chance for liberation committee to feed back to Alexa any issues that they are facing or other students are struggling with. Has 201 likes.

All made editors to schedule posts, only Chair and Alexa to open messages.

11. President Community & Welfare Update

Alexa was heavily involved in Bryony's memorial, is working hard to be up to date with campaigns and other work.

12. AOB Next meeting and Close

BF away, contactable through Facebook

AJ - campaign on consent, Never Ok campaign held a couple of years ago and relaunched, students signed a never ok pledge, 3 big boards each with a claim on, looking to get bar staff and security staff trained. FXU is welcome to all of the material they created and used.

AW - loved the pledge, looking to get bar staff in town to be trained in how to respond to spiking. Achievable in the Stannary, having them trained in how to respond to incidents also

MI - asked about how to monitor reach and number of people affected by the campaigns we run
AW - we can privately monitor increase in number of people coming forward to herself and living support, will not provide exact numbers or encourage anyone to make their story public. Can put out posts asking if anyone would like to provide anonymous account of their experience to support the consent campaign the group runs

AW - Sexual health week over Valentine's Day

AJ - disability leadership careers conference, the guild and university have not done enough for disability campaigns. Employability event for students with disabilities, guest speakers. Joint with FXU. 16th Nov

AW - joint chair for one of the panels and one of the keynote speakers, want to look in to transport to attend

MI - would be amazing to engage the don't disability society, lots of concern over employment from disabled students.

AW - disabled sports varsity against Exeter, could include talks and invite Paralympians

ID - asked for help with questions around disability, MI will liaise

Open meeting 29th November, DDM Lecture Theatre