

# Liberation Committee Meeting Minutes



Daphne Du Maurier - Lecture Theatre B:  
29/11/2016, 6pm

## 1. Welcome, Introductions, Apologies

Attendees: Bella Frimpong, Issy Aruna, Cameron Harrington, Megan Arthur, Alexa Webster, George Perry, Chloe Zillwood, Mary Jayapal, Isaac Chukwumah

Apologies: Charity Aria, Makinlay Ingham, Seb Lewis

## 2. Approve last meeting's minutes

Minutes approved

## 3. Matters arising

N/A

## 4. Why is Liberation important discussion

The committee highlighted the importance of liberation, personally.

Important to raise the profile of incidents of hate crimes, using the student union voice to make these known. Important to give a voice to the voiceless. Make people of minority groups feel understood. Giving leadership roles to people who would not normally get them. Make people feel important.

## 5. Accomplishments, updates and or future plans

BF - goal to raise profile of committee. Promotion event in the Compass, one held last week, giving out flyers, etc. Now looking to plan next term to create events. Increase student engagement with committee, want the committee to be student led and reflective of the student body. An event twice per month, very much achievable. Student led or proposed.

IA - Standing Rock, should pay tribute to what they are doing. Vigil and raise money for their cause, show solidarity.

Racial profiling project, 27th January. Number of people from different ethnicities and backgrounds

stood in the forum on Streatham campus. Have passing people describe them based on their appearance. Relay this information to the models and record their responses and compare what was said to the reality. Social experiment as well as a response to event events. In the future will create buzz defend style videos

CH - Making sure trans, non-binary and LGBTQA+ student are supported, setting up trans society

MA - Organising empowerment group for those who identify as female, for people of all religions and ethnicities. Will liaise with Makinlay.

MI - create positive change for students who identify as female on campus by supporting existing projects, her campus and FemSoc. Will help raise profile of her campus, getting more female writers to contribute. Gather feedback through interviews with female students. Guest lecture with journalism and creative writing

CA - Contact each society, make role known throughout societies. Attend NUS conferences. Equality and diversity workshops. More networking in relevant circles. Giving out officer business cards across campus to raise profile.

AW - Opportunity to hold Alexa to account. Tell Me, emailing service students can use to reach out for support, gives students an alternative to the channels that already exist which people may not be using. You can email about yourself or anyone you know or have heard of. Going to the police is not always seen as an option. Third party reporting centre for students, the police are contacted on your behalf. Realising that she struggles to help student groups she does not identify with. Researching what students are experiencing and what they would like to see, surveys as well as focus groups, will present this to each university. UoE to deliver mentor scheme to address the black attainment gap5.BF - Facebook page schedule circulated to all. Please use it! Can promote society event, post relevant news articles, anything that is deemed appropriate to the role.

## 6. Facebook Page

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## 7. Membership queries/comments/complaints/ suggestions

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Faith committee met for first time today

Question about how students can get involved?

BF, the roles should be supporting student, so we should be supporting students who want to achieve things or run projects

Question about the women's officer's proposed guest lecture

AW - Guest lecture from a Falmouth uni lecturer about feminism, available to all students

Question about the mentor scheme

AW - came up in the Exeter race and equality group, emails and events to share knowledge and ideas. Opportunity for staff to mentor students, like a society but on a bigger level, network. Could be older students or staff mentoring students. Pushing for is to be rolled out to other groups, women, disabled, LGBTQ+

How can ISoc help with events?

IA - more students for the streatham modelling event would be helpful.

Requested more info on racial profiling event and buzz feed style project.

IA - Looking in to how people interact with others who are different to them. The presence of the models should shock them, then collect more info from them. Anonymous box which people passing through can fill out to feedback. Not decided on advertising, peak busyness time (12-2)

Taking suggestions of events:

- discussion, forum, lecture around pride of race, race consciousness BF but student led
- LGBTQ+ people of colour involvement in society, space for them to be more involved BF but student led
- Videos posters event related to how we interact with each other AW
- the empowerment event, different from FemSoc, FemSoc meet and focus on specific political things, also FemSoc not female only space. Roughly every 3 weeks in the chaplaincy. Aim for it to be an evening empowerment and friendship event, need more planning with MI, BF and AW, maybe president of FemSoc.
- Collaborations with other societies, debates and discussions. Centred around allies, running campaigns about what an ally is, dispelling stereotypes

## 8. FXU Leadership Meeting

Tues 6/12/2016, BF and CA are invited and will represent the liberation groups

## 9. AOB Next meeting and Close

Deadline for applications Thursday 29th midnight

Sent to committee Friday

Committee responses Monday 12pm

Announced on Monday

AW Congratulated the liberation committee on what they have already done

31/01/2017 Tremough House Boardroom- 6PM

**Action** GP move liberation meeting from boardroom

