

Leadership Team Meeting Minutes



10th October 2017, 4pm, Penryn Campus, Exchange Yellow

1. Welcome, Introductions, Apologies

We selected a Student Voice Chair in the last academic year, but they accepted an opportunity in Greece, so we are temporarily without a student in the role. This meeting was chaired by President Falmouth, Chris Slessor. Everyone was reminded that the meeting is being live streamed and all introduced themselves and were thanked for attending.

Present:

HA Hussein Ali	FXU Open Exeter Officer
AB Abbie Banner	FXU Environment & Ethics Officer
HB Harry Bishop	FXU President Community & Welfare
CC Ciaran Clarke	FXU Postgraduate Research Officer (Falmouth)
JC Jamal Clarke	FXU President Student Experience
TC Thomas Crane	FXU Faith Committee Chair
CE Callie Edwards	FXU RAD (Raise & Donate) President
JG Jacqueline Gaim-Marsoner	FXU International Officer
SJ Sajjad Jabarkhel	FXU Undergraduate Education Officer (Exeter)
EL Emma Lokuciejewski	FXU Postgraduate Research Officer (Exeter - interim)
HM Harrison McLady	FXU Community Committee Chair
DP Dean Pomeroy	FXU President Exeter
SR Sarah Redman	FXU Societies Officer
CS Chris Slessor	FXU President Falmouth

Attendees 14/20 in total – quorate reached if 11 or more.

Apologies:

LA Lydia Allegretto	FXU Volunteering Officer
HD Hannah-Louise Davies	FXU Sports Officer
IP Ignatius Park	FXU Widening Participation Officer
ZS Zainab Shaukat	FXU Liberation Chair
RT Rebekah Trehern	FXU Postgraduate Research Officer (Exeter)

2. Co-opt vacant positions

Student Voice Chair – because we are looking for specific skills, we will be interviewing for this position on Friday 13th October. Candidates are:

- Jack Hope
- Sebastian Davis
- Mary Yemisi Shobowale

Undergraduate Academic Officer – Falmouth

- Candidate Victoria Sandøy - 12 votes
- Reopen nominations – 0 votes

Victoria Sandøy duly elected & joined committee.

Academic Officer (Distance Learning)

Candidates:

- Dayana Sharon Marconi - 12 votes
- Teri Jeynes - 0 votes

Dayana duly elected

Postgraduate Taught Academic Officer - Falmouth

No candidates

Postgraduate Taught Officer – Exeter

Candidate Charlotte Mills – 13 votes

Charlotte duly elected.

3. Group Photo

Taken

4. Questions for presidents -

<https://padlet.com/studentvoiceteam/201710LeadershipTeam>

FXU President Student Experience – September 2017 [Update](#).

Questions:

Training - Considering recent events, is any training going to be introduced for clubs' committee members to be better informed on how to stop an event from getting out of hand/how to handle a tricky situation without endangering themselves or others?

- The Committee conference at the start of each year includes safe procedures. We will contact all committees and let them know what happened and the repercussions. Committees will also be reminded of their responsibilities at the committee forum in November. All committees will be reminded that they need to do a specific risk assessment for future “White T-Shirt” socials, and that they can be held liable for any consequences.

Intramural - Excluding football, how do you aim to increase participation in the other sports named on your update for intramural e.g badminton, netball and basketball?

- We gave the same push for every single intramural sport, and all opportunities were communicated in the same way. 20 teams signed up for Football; 14 teams signed up for basketball; and 6 teams signed up for badminton. All of the sports have participants, although we would have liked additional teams for some of them. It is a positive thing and we are pleased with the response. Do remind people that the opportunities are there and if anyone else wants to sign up they can (excluding football which is over-subscribed).

What about everyone else? All of your updates for September centered around sport. How do you intend to engage the rest of the student population, for example through societies and/or volunteering?

- I came to the role with sports and societies as my manifesto so I am not going to apologise for that. I feel that I give the societies officer, Sarah, more support than I feel I received when I was societies officer. So any ideas that she has, she will be fully supported – we do have executive officers for a reason! Every president has their speciality and the execs are there to inform us and help us to support you.
- I would say that just because we are focussing on one area does not mean that we are not continuing to give the support we have previously given. Everything that has been done for societies is still happening. Any committee that asks for help will still get it, or come to me with any ideas will get my support and I will help, support, offer advice and show my face.
- All of my communications go out to all activity groups and there is never a case when a group is excluded. For instance, I made it clear that we would like societies to participate in the intramural activities, and the biosciences team indicates that it can work very well.
- I have been speaking to Falmouth Anchor and we have agreed that there will be a “societies in the spotlight” section as well as their sports round up. There will be more opportunities and the TEF project for Exeter academic societies, and we will be strengthening Falmouth academic societies as well. There are also opportunities for alumni to get involved in societies as well.
- Sports and societies do run differently and so we do well already with national award winning societies, but sport has not always been a strong area but it is a major part of the student experience to improve our support for this area and I need not be apologetic about it. Done well, sports clubs are very full on and may need three or four meetings for admin/training sessions/games and/or competitions in every week which takes a lot more input than perhaps some societies which may meet less than once a week. This takes more logistics, more planning, more input and more commitment and therefore needs perhaps a little bit more support than has previously been given.
- Anyone employing “What about everyone else?” rhetoric should bear in mind that last year we did have over 2900 students who joined a sports club which is nearly half of the student population. That is a major section of the student population that have not been supported as well as they could have been. If you have ideas to improve societies, me and Sarah will be glad to hear about them, rather than employing rhetoric.

FXU President Community & Welfare – September 2017 [Update](#).

Questions:

What is being done on the University side to combat the street drinking problem? Is there anything we can feasibly do to reduce it?

- Street drinking is more of an issue this year than it has been previously.
- Falmouth Town Centre is an “Alcohol Free Zone” making it a public place where it is illegal to consume alcohol.

- I met with Sue Edwards, who is the Cornwall Police Licensing Officer, Kathy from Games Room and Keith Hawksworth from Living Support last week. It is not clear if alcohol is being taken into town, or is being purchased in town.
- As a result FXPlus security team are going to patrol campus bus stops to remind students that it is illegal to consume alcohol in Falmouth Town centre.
- New community committee tea bags to have tips about living in the community, including reminding people that Falmouth Town Centre is an Alcohol Free Zone.

Community Committee Structure - What will the structure of the community committee be? How will it be effective at tackling the ongoing relationship issues eg. parking, housing and noise disruption between student community and the non-student community?

- The [Community Committee](#) will be made up of 50% students and 50% long term residents. We are recruiting for 4 student positions.
- The purpose of the committee is quite broad on purpose to allow the committee to highlight its own focus.
- The issues in the question (parking, housing, noise) are the types of topics we want the committee to look at but more generally we want the committee to do more than merely discuss issues. I want to stop talking about each other and talk to each other instead; so I want the committee to facilitate that conversation with students and residents.
- We do not want to consider students winning meaning residents losing – this is not a win/lose situation. I want to talk to students about what their experiences are – maybe in a simple questionnaire and then go out onto the moor and do a surgery style community conversation for locals to answer the same questions. This may give us some measure of how happy people are in their community.

Student Voices - What exactly is student voices?

- The project is called [Voices](#).
- It is a collaborative project between student media groups (Falmouth Anchor, HER Campus, Humans of Falmouth), student societies and sports clubs, and the Liberation and Faith committees.
- It aims to give a voice to different groups of students each month, particularly students who may experience University life differently and sometimes more negatively than the majority of students.
- The first edition will coincide with Black History Month and will share the stories of black students studying in Cornwall, presented in a week long social media campaign at the end of October based on the Humans of New York model alongside a printed anthology and spoken event.
- There will be five of these throughout the year and next month is interfaith. February is LGBTQ+ students and disabled students to coincide with LGBTQ+ History month and Don't Disability week. The last one in March will coincide with International Women's Day.
- One of the negative comments we have received has asked if black students really experience University so differently to white students and the answer is yes. I could list statistic after statistic about the black attainment gap; how at some universities black

students are not achieving the same as white students. We have national data, and local data – the demographic in Cornwall is 98% white so of course there will be a different experience. It is not about me saying this; the proof comes from the students' own stories of their own experience. Voices will be the anecdotal narrative that adds to the data.

FXU President Exeter – September 2017 [Update](#)

Questions:

Streatham relationship with Cornwall Campuses - In your September update you said for the 'Cornwall campus' you want to improve 'recognition and reputation'. Firstly do you mean for both of the Cornwall campuses? Secondly, you say the meetings at Streatham are going well, what exactly is going well?

- Firstly – it is Cornwall campuses, both Penryn and Truro. It is my perception that the University of Exeter caters extremely well for Streatham campus and this is reflected in marketing. I think that the other campuses are not represented enough, or get enough recognition so I keep raising Penryn and Truro but as well I raise St Lukes and Wonford sites.
- Secondly – through feedback it seems that [FXU](#) has better relationship with the guild in Exeter. This provides the University of Exeter with one cohesive student body, which means we can represent issues better than if we are talking at cross purposes. By being at Streatham when possible also allows recognition of our opinions. It may not be obvious but talking via videolink is not as good as being physically present. A lot of business goes on outside meetings, so being present you can raise issues and voice opinions informally more often. We have had a lot of positive remarks about Cornwall issues, and points I have raised appear to be taken seriously.

PPE Social - What are the updates/ repercussions for what happened during this event last week? Also, how do you intend to prevent this from happening in the future?

- The investigation is ongoing. The University of Exeter are taking a very strong approach. They are co-ordinating with the police to resolve the situation.
- To prevent this from happening in the future, JL is communicating with committees by email, forum, etc, to remind them of their responsibilities. CSMSA has been temporarily disaffiliated and so their activities are not allowed until the investigation is concluded. We wait for the outcome of the investigation before taking any further action. You will be kept up to date with any developments.

FXU President Falmouth – September 2017 [Update](#)

Open access workshop festival - How useful will the open access workshop festival be if students are already aware of what is available to them from other departments? Are you doing this in response to student demand or to showcase departmental diversity?

- This came about partly because of my manifesto commitment in my election. In addition, as part of the retention project we held focus groups to identify pinch points and students felt there was a gap in January, and wanted that gap to be filled with more collaborative opportunities. Following this, we conducted 40 telephone interviews and 36 called for collaborative opportunities without prompting. In May it was approved that

all Falmouth students would be secondary users of all technical facilities across departments.

- There is a concern about strain on resources and so this is targeted towards hand in period and all technical managers are producing a list of what they can offer as open access in January. This will give students facility to explore different programmes and gain skills during that period which will complement Falmouth's growing interdisciplinary agenda.

Open access - Love this idea! This is something for both Chris & Dean, but with the open access workshop, how likely is it that this could eventually be expanded out to give access to Exeter students as well?

- That is absolute ideal, but we do have to be realistic and it is a hard job to get both institutions to buy into specific resources. I would be interested to know what resources Falmouth students would want to access from Exeter in a mutually beneficial arrangement.
- Dean – This is Chris' idea first but I am happy to pick up wherever Chris wants input.
- Chris – In the short term, if there is appetite from Exeter to access Falmouth technical resources we can look at the level of demand.

5. [Make A Change Ideas](#) (As of Date - subject to change)

No new ideas to vote on. Approved ideas still to update:

[Promote the 'make a change' more avidly - maybe in the Compass](#) – All

- CS – this has been neglected. Sorry – we will pick this up after meeting.

[Increase the amount of equipment storage available for music students](#) – Was passed to Amanda, but Chris has picked this up.

- Has been factored into summer workings and has been done over the summer. CLOSE

[More recycling bins around each flat block](#) –Jamal

- Spoken to Abbie Banner – we have decided to count recycling bins and match with rooms and will discuss with estates.

[Put Vending Machines at the top of Woodlane Campus](#) - Jamal

- Currently there are vending machines in Fox café and an additional machine is not the biggest priority on list. There are more important issues such as proper food so this will not solve problems.
- TC – the vending machine in Fox café is notorious for not working so it is not the bottom priority.
- JC – can take that on board.

[Use locally roasted coffee beans \(e.g. Origin, Yallah, Olfactory\) wherever possible on campus](#) – Jamal

- The head of catering and the new director of campus experience are working to make sure at least one outlet with locally sourced beans. Its not economic to have this in every outlet, but at least you have the choice.

[Put healthy snacks in the queue in the shop](#) - Jamal

- Been done – fruit next to queue.
- Health bars in queue. CLOSE

[Dinner on Campus](#) - Jamal

- FXPlus say this is likely to happen next year as part of the idea for catered halls. To fill the void for evening food, the sandwich bar is open past 2.30pm to 4.30pm. It does not cover everything, but it does help and will come next year.

[Change how the universities deal with Sexual Assault and Sexual Health](#) – Harry

- It was mandated to Alexa and was not part of handover. I do want to deal with this because it is important so I would like to take this away and report on it next time.
- We have worked on sexual health testing – I met with Olivia Dunlop of Royal Cornwall Hospital to get more sexual health testing on campus. At the moment this is not possible – we can only get chlamydia testing right now.
- Research indicates that consent workshops are controversial and can often lead to a negative outlook towards consent. I would rather talk to student support and external organisations about how best to address consent.
- FXU Staff will be given training on domestic and sexual violence from CRASA (Cornwall Rape and Sexual Assault Centre) so if any student discloses anything, staff will know how to give correct information and FXU will be a safe space for students to come.
- The support process is currently poor. One of the things I would like to do is build additional links with external organisations, like CRASA, but I would rather come back next time with a proper answer.

6. Question Officers

Officers will be sent electronic update sheets as they were shown in their welcome pack. These will be emailed next week and officers are requested to complete and send one in every month. These will be posted on the FXU website under the photo of the relevant officer, and then everyone is asked to keep those in mind when posing questions to officers anonymously, in a similar way to our presidents.

7. AOB

Next meeting UGM, 21st November, Penryn Campus, Lower Stannary 4.30pm