

# Education Committee Meeting

*Date | Time* 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 6:00 PM | *Location* Beacon Bar, Students' Association

Meeting called by	Education Executive Committee	Attendees: Martyna, Ava, Martyna, Kirsty, Patricia, Robbie W, Emma, Syna, Madeleine, Yasmin, Alice, Quinn, Federica, Dan, Laurence, Kiki, Anne, Tom, Iona, Rosa, Claire, Fran, Noah, Toni, Anna, Chase, Kiera, Maggie, Rachel, Zoe Optional: n/a Apologies: Catherine, Robbie C Absences: Grace, Maddie, Taylor Please read:n/a Please bring: n/a
Type of meeting	Education Committee Meeting	
Facilitator	Faculty Presidents	
Note taker(s)	Toni	
Timekeeper	Toni	

## Agenda Item

Topic	Presenter	Time Allotted
Welcome	Martyna	2 minutes
Updates on the next reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Weekly EduCom reports will be published alongside the agenda from Week 2 on.</li> <li>- There will be a separate box for sensitive information in the report that will not be shared with EduCom.</li> </ul>	Martyna	3 minutes
Weekly email expectations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reminder that not all content that is emailed to the SP/LC's inboxes needs to be included in weekly email. It is up to Officers to decide.</li> <li>- Scope of emails: decent length, informative, accessible.</li> <li>- Alternative media to share content on: Social Media for further information.</li> </ul>	Fran and Noah	10 minutes
Feedback on Undergraduate Academic Forum (UAF) in Semester 1 <i>Officers agree to discuss feedback in confidence.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The next UAF will be in Week 4 (9<sup>th</sup> February 2023, 7pm).</li> <li>- <i>Feedback:</i> Officers raise that relevant people did not attend during the respective agenda points. <i>Resolution:</i> invites for the next UAF will be sent out as soon as possible to minimise unavailabilities.</li> <li>- <i>Feedback:</i> Officers raise that there seemed to be different expectations regarding the scope of the forum. Officers express discomfort at being asked for solutions despite the</li> </ul>	Martyna and Fran	25 minutes

<p>fact that attendees had been informed about the environment of UAF as a space where students and officers share feedback prior to the meeting. <i>Resolution:</i> invitees will be reminded of the parameters and goals for the forum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Feedback:</i> Some officers express confusion as to whom to address when speaking. <i>Resolution:</i> Officers will be briefed on who occupies what position. Agenda items will be directly addressed to relevant members of staff.</li> <li>- <i>Feedback:</i> Officers express discomfort during discussions of extension policies. <i>Resolution:</i> Officers suggest that members of staff will be directly asked to articulate their positions on extension policies.</li> <li>- <i>Feedback:</i> Officers express discomfort that arose from the presence of one member of staff. Options for dealing with the staff member in question were discussed and the Director of Education asks Officers to think over the options as to how to proceed and table the discussion until the next meeting</li> </ul>		
<p>Upcoming industrial action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 18 days of strikes are upcoming. Patricia (SP Earth and Environmental Sciences) asks for what responses are planned among Schools and within the Union.</li> <li>- Fran (FP Arts and Divinity) responds that the potential for industrial action to take place before April was taken into account in the original email draft that was shared with EduCom and contained resources for students. Fran recommends approaching lecturers in open conversations about this.</li> <li>- Noah (Director of Education) clarifies that the industrial action mandate is until April 2023. Noah says that industrial action usually builds up over several weeks from one day a week, then two days, then three up until full-week strikes. No dates and any scope of the strikes have been announced yet. Noah invites all of EduCom to re-open the conversation once more information is shared. Noah also asks Officers to get in touch with EduExec if students are reaching out to SPs and LCs. Currently the motion that was passed states EduCom's support. If that changes, EduExec is happy to bring this back to SRC.</li> <li>- Chase emphasises that the same information that was shared in Semester 1 still applies.</li> <li>- <i>Question</i> (Claire, SP Music Centre): how much in advance do strikes have to be announced?</li> </ul>	Patricia	10 minutes

○ <i>Answer</i> (Chase): three weeks in advance.		
Holocaust remembrance - Ava (SP Biology) relates that the EDI Rep brought up the Holocaust Remembrance day (27 <sup>th</sup> January 2023). Specifically in Biology this is relevant. The School of Biology is now planning an event. Ava invites everyone to collaborate.	Ava	5 minutes
Other - Martyna asks everyone to fill in a survey regarding EduCom merch. - Noah asks everyone again to think about UAF and whether EduCom would like to write a joint letter. - Toni asks Officers to fill in a Form regarding attendance at the EduCom Pub Crawl (27 <sup>th</sup> January 2023).	Martyna, Noah and Toni	5 minutes

**Observers:** None

**Resources:**