



Date: 03/11/2020
Time: 14:00 – 16:00
Venue: Zoom

**Education Zone
Minutes**

Chair: Ayman Benmati, Education Officer

Members:	P	AP	AB
Aarushi Menon, Women's Officer	✓		
Aishwarya Shaji, Laws Undergraduate Faculty Rep			✓
Aleksandra Kaye, Social and Historical Sciences Postgraduate Research Faculty Rep (Job share)	✓		
Alisha Dhume, Laws Postgraduate Taught Faculty Rep (Job share)	✓		
Anisa Ahmed, Medical Sciences Postgraduate Taught Faculty Rep			
Anna Romanovska, Social & Historical Sciences Postgraduate Taught Faculty Rep			✓
Ayman Benmati, Education Officer, Chair	✓		
Brittany Eldridge, Arts & Humanities Postgraduate Research Faculty Rep (Job share)		✓	
Ecem Ergin, Built Environment Postgraduate Research Faculty Rep	✓		
Erin Simpson, Institute of Education Postgraduate Research Faculty Rep (Job share)	✓		
Espen Bergqvist, Mathematical & Physical Sciences Undergraduate Faculty Rep	✓		
Fan Wu, Institute of Education Undergraduate Faculty Rep	✓		
Georgia Constantinou, Medical Sciences Postgraduate Research Faculty Rep			✓
Graham Van Goffrier, Mathematical & Physical Sciences Postgraduate Research Faculty Rep			
Gunay Karimova, Life Sciences Undergraduate Faculty Rep	✓		
Hao Zhang, Built Environment Postgraduate Taught Faculty Rep (Job share)	✓		
Harlowe Robinson, Arts & Humanities Undergraduate Rep	✓		
Izabella Wodzka, Arts & Humanities Postgraduate Research Faculty Rep (Job share)	✓		
Javier Bautista, Brain Sciences Postgraduate Research Faculty Rep	✓		
Jim Onyemenam, Postgraduate Students' Officer	✓		
Johnny Sparkes, Institute of Education Postgraduate Taught ITE Faculty Rep			
Julian Laufs, Engineering Sciences Postgraduate Research Faculty Rep	✓		
Kan Yan Chloe Li, Population Health Sciences Postgraduate Research Faculty Rep	✓		
Laure Montangerand, Social & Historical Sciences Undergraduate Faculty Rep	✓		
Lolly Griffiths, Built Environment Undergraduate Faculty Rep	✓		
Maria Ichim, Life Sciences Postgraduate Taught Faculty Rep			
Melissa Mahmud, Arts & Humanities Postgraduate Taught Faculty Rep	✓		
Naheem Yaqub, Life Sciences Postgraduate Research Faculty Rep	✓		
Qianyi Deng, Mathematical & Physical Sciences Postgraduate Taught Faculty Rep	✓		
Ruoning Li, Brain Sciences Undergraduate Faculty Rep	✓		
Sarah Lasoye, Population Health Sciences Postgraduate Taught Faculty Rep	✓		
Sera Singh, Laws Postgraduate Taught Faculty Rep (Job share)	✓		
Thiara Rupasinghe, Medical Sciences Undergraduate Faculty Rep			✓
Valentyna Sydorenko, Engineering Sciences Postgraduate Taught Faculty Rep	✓		
Veronika Dvorakova, Brain Sciences Postgraduate Taught Faculty Rep			
William Stewart, Social and Historical Sciences Postgraduate Research Faculty Rep (Job share)	✓		

Xuanyi Ma, Institute of Education Postgraduate Research Faculty Rep (Job share)	✓		
Viktoria Makai, Institute of Education Postgraduate Taught Rep (Job share)	✓		
Yanning Yang, Built Environment Postgraduate Taught Faculty Rep (Job share)	✓		
Yolanne Lee, Engineering Sciences Undergraduate Faculty Rep	✓		

In Attendance:
Aimee Connolly, Representation and Democracy Coordinator
Danielle Swanson, Advice and Advocacy Manager
Diana Hawk, Leadership Development Manager
Simon To, Leadership Development and Change Manager
Carol Paige, Democracy, Operations and Community Officer
Student Observers

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for taking on their role.

2. Introduction to the Zone

The Leadership Development Manager reminded members to complete the online training that was circulated prior to the meeting. They also gave a brief introduction to what the Education Policy Zone is and an overview of the logistics of the committee.

3. Officer priorities for the year

The Chair welcomed the Sabbatical Officers present to outline their priorities for the year.

4. UCL Committees and Board vacancies

The Chair noted that there are additional committee opportunities available in UCL and the SU. A document was circulated for members to express an interest in becoming a member.

Action: Members to consider joining UCL and SU committees and add their name by Friday

5. Elect one person to Union Executive

The Chair explained what Union Executive is and that there is one position available for an elected member of the Activities Zone. The PGR Faculty Rep for the Bartlett, the PGT Faculty Rep for the IOE, the PGT Faculty Rep for MAPS, the UG Rep for SHS and UG Rep for Life Sciences put themselves forward and each gave a short speech explaining what they would bring to the role.

An election was carried out via Zoom with voting members. The UG Faculty Rep for SHS was elected.

Decision: The UG Faculty Rep for SHS was elected to Union Executive

6. Policy Proposal: Liberate Our Education

The Democracy, Operations and Community Officer introduced the policy, outlining its

aims. Two amendments were put forward to change the title of the policy and add a sentence to it. Both amendments passed and the policy went to a vote.

For: 21
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Decision: The amended policy was carried.

7. Matter for Discussion – Priorities for the year

The members split into five groups and discussed their priorities for the year, before feeding them back to the wider group. These centred around loneliness while studying away from campus, face to face teaching, mental health support, EU student fees, teaching and assessment.

8. Matter for Discussion – Face to face educational activity

The Chair noted that a survey had been circulated to Reps asking for their feedback on face to face activity. Members noted that opinions are mixed, however many students want more face to face activity and networking opportunities. The Chair noted that this feedback would be brought back to future committees.

9. Matters for Information – Outcomes from Committees/Input into Committees

The Chair gave members an update on UCL's plans for the national lockdown from November 5th and answered queries on this.

10. Questions to Officers

Members raised concerns about support for students studying at home and PGTA pay and support. The Postgraduate Students' Officer assured students these issues would be raised with relevant staff and committees.

Action: Postgraduate Officer to liaise on issues raised and report back at the next meeting.

11. AOB

There was no AOB. The Chair thanked everyone for attending and wished them well until the next meeting.

Minutes approved as a true and accurate record	
Chair:	Ayman Benmati, Education Officer
Signature:	AB
Date:	05/11/2020