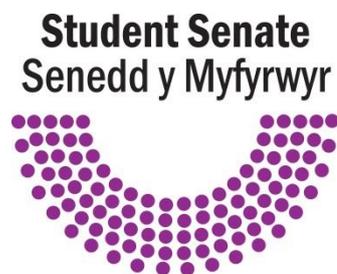


Student Senate

Members of Student Senate are notified that the next meeting will be held as shown below:



Monday 21 November 2016

Room 4J, 4th Floor Students' Union 6pm

Agenda

Please contact the Student Voice Team on 02920 781435 or email democracy@cardiff.ac.uk to discuss any additions or amendments you may have or to request further information on any of the below agenda items.

I Standard Items:

- A. Apologies
- B. Welcome from the Chair
- C. Minutes from previous meeting

II Students' Union Items:

- A. Election of Chair
 - B. Students' Union Budget
 - C. Report from the Trustees
 - D. Bye Laws – Update
 - E. Bye Laws – Complaints, Discipline and Appeals Procedures
 - F. *Senate Representation on Standing Committee Elections
 - 1. Discipline Committee (four members of Student Senate Required)
 - 2. Complaints Committee (four members of Student Senate Required)
 - 3. Appeals Committee (12 members of Student Senate Required)
- *This item will be removed in the event that item E above is passed.*

III Submitted Items:

- 1. Catering for all - Vegan food options at the SU

IV Any Other Business:

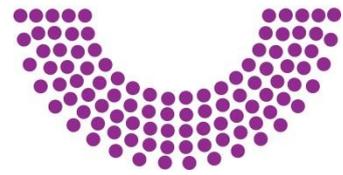
- 1. Lapsed motions

The next meeting will take place at 6pm on Tuesday 2nd December at the Heath, Cardiff University Students' Union, Park Place

Senedd Myfyrwyr

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Student Senate
Senedd y Myfyrwyr



Dydd Llun 21 Tachwedd 2016

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Agenda

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I Eitemau Sylfaenol:

- D. Ymddiheuriadau
- E. Croeso gan y Cadeirydd
- F. Cofnodion y cyfarfod blaenorol

II Eitemau Undeb y Myfyrwyr:

- G. Ethol Cadeirydd
 - H. Cyllideb Undeb y Myfyrwyr
 - I. Adroddiad gan yr Ymddiriedolwyr
 - J. Is Ddeddfau – Diweddariad
 - K. Is Ddeddfau – Gweithdrefnau Cwynion, Disgyblu ac Apeliadau
 - L. Cynrychiolaeth Senedd ar Etholiadau Pwyllgor Sefydlog *
 - 1. Pwyllgor Disgyblu (Angen pedwar aelod o Senedd y Myfyrwyr)
 - 2. Pwyllgor Cwynion (Angen pedwar aelod o Senedd y Myfyrwyr)
 - 3. Pwyllgor Apeliadau (Angen 12 aelod o Senedd y Myfyrwyr)
- *Bydd yr eitem hon yn cael ei ddileu os bydd adran E uchod yn pasio.*

III. Eitemau a Gyflwynwyd:

- 1. Arlwyo ar gyfer pawb - Opsiynau Fegan yn yr Undeb

IV. Unrhyw Fusnes Arall:

2. Cynigion sy'n Darfod

Bydd y cyfarfod nesaf yn digwydd am 6yh ddydd Mawrth 2il Rhagfyr yn y Mynydd Bychan, Undeb Myfyrwyr Prifysgol Caerdydd, Plas-y-Parc.

SECTION I

ITEM C

Student Senate – 11/05/2016

I. Standard Items:

1. Apologies:

2. Welcome from the Chair:

The Chair (Bryn): Welcome to Student Senate, apologies to all those who came last time when we weren't chorate. Due to by-law 5.3.2 we can discuss, vote and pass motions from the original agenda, but new motions can't be added. A new emergency motion was brought to last Senate and Jacob accepted before the meeting was adjourned. Usman has submitted a motion 'can we record senate meetings?' but we can't discuss this unless quorate.

3. Ratification of Minutes:

Page 1: Rachel Melhuish spelt wrong

Page 3: Sara spelt wrong on this page

Minutes ratified.

II. Submitted Items:

a) Students' Union Policy Updates

1. Bye Laws Update – For Information

Claire: Bye laws comprised last year by student senate were sent to board of trustees. If there are any issues, please let me know and we can set up a working group.

The Chair (Bryn): Have they already been approved?

Claire: Yes, by board of trustees and last senate.

2. AGM 2014 Minutes – For Ratification

The Chair (Bryn): The minutes have been redone, as they were not ratified. Suggestion made to pass this over the break, as it is a long document. Any errors found can be brought up after the

break to save time.

3. Sabbatical Resignation

Matthew (From Jacob): Following recent resignations, the Union is now facing challenges on how to respond. Student Senate members should have been notified about this by the Board of Trustees. There was a lack of communication and deletion of photos etc. Officers already have a demanding job. I am concerned for students and future sabbatical officers. The Union needs to support mental health needs, everyone has a responsibility. Sabbatical officers should be able to discuss mental health issues and the environment for this should be responsive. If we do not acknowledge officers needs then I will not be a senator. They were failed by Senate and the University.

The Chair (Bryn): Thank you for reading. Any comments?

Usman: All sabbatical officers have been amazing, even with the mental strain. To achieve well under these circumstances is commendable. We need to deal with mental health and to do this we need to engage with it.

Rachel: Why hasn't the union released a statement?

Claire: It was released weeks after they resigned. Apologies that it wasn't put out sooner, all members of staff and students were notified and told that they can come to other officers with problems.

Rachel: Where was it advertised?

Claire: Student's Union website and emails were sent. All extra work has been picked up.

Rachel: Why did it take so long?

Claire: They worked very closely and it was an oversight.

The Chair (Bryn): What about the Campaign Officers?

Claire: Campaign Officers weren't informed. Apologies. We did work to release a statement.

Speaker Unknown: Is there any action going to be taken for Sabbatical Officers to have mental health support?

Claire: The Union offers great support, we have a good system built on feedback. There were other external factors contributing to the resignations that are private.

The Chair (Bryn): All those points are relevant to Campaign Officers too, not just Sabbatical Officers. Support was non-existent at times and this needs to be recognised for the whole officer team. What guidance was given to the Sabbatical Officers that resigned?

Claire: They were supported all year, it is not appropriate for this to be discussed.

Nadine: We need to stop saying that there is adequate support. Obviously there wasn't or they wouldn't have resigned. While they weren't in the role they couldn't even come into the Student's Union building. This is not support, it is alienation. Clearly there is not enough support.

Claire: It has raised alarm bells. Without entering specific discussions. We can ensure that Sabbatical Officers are receiving as much support as possible.

Mads: What specifically is being implemented in July? What is being done differently this time?

Claire: The main thing is ensuring that they feel supported. With staff support and ensuring that they have good training and feel comfortable in their role. Making sure that they can approach staff means issues are addressed as soon as they come up. Sophie wants to take this forward next year. To make sure that mechanisms of support are in place

Jake: Apparently it took a few weeks for a statement to be released. The 2 officers took an extended leave of absence before resigning; it was a very drawn out process. We have not had an explanation as to why it took so long to tell us. Why were they just taken from the website and taken off the walls? Jacob's suggestion of a review was good. Have we had a review?

Claire: This is an HR issue, to work to ensure that we provide support. It is led by the HR staff, members need to be told. I'm not sure if it would be fair to do a review, I need to see if they've had enough feedback first.

Jake: The union should.

Nadine: It shouldn't be left to staff. You are an extension of students. Why are Cardiff afraid to criticise themselves? I think we have missed the first step. You can't move forward without addressing the issue.

Tim: Both officers were absent from social media. Heath Park students are a distinct group and should have been let known that they could contact Sabbatical Officers for advice. If a student tried to contact them, you should have let them know they could contact someone else. Students of the Heath already feel isolated from the Student's Union, this did not help that. Their representative was away and no one cared. It just needed a tweet or post, this absence was poor.

Usman: For next year, it would be great to say that there are positives too. Openness and transparency is needed. Transparency may be painful but it will have benefits afterwards.

Steffan: More feedback is required, a review for example. How much more feedback do you need, other than the resignation of 2 Sabbatical Officers? Will you commit to concrete action? I have no idea who HR staff are, so how can they help?

Claire: The members of staff from HR are allocated to help you. With regards to a review, it is something we are looking at improving (support mechanisms etc). I don't want to commit to a full review at this point in time as I don't know what it fully means. I need professional advice to ensure

everyone feels supported.

Sarah: Are Campaign and Sabbatical Officers made aware of this support?

Claire: Support is in place through members of Student Voice team, apologies if this wasn't clear. If you feel more support is needed, I am happy to have another meeting.

Matthew: I appreciate the work you do, but resignation is not fair on any Sabbatical Officers to have to take on extra remit. There's 7 elected officers, each given a certain role. Bye laws state that the role should go to Senate for by-elections. If they were on extended leave, it should have been notified at that point that they weren't going to be here for a period of time. If it was notified sooner we could have had 2 new officers for 6 months.

Claire: The official resignation was in March, after election week. It would have been disruptive for a student to take 6 months out of degree. Yes the extra work has been challenging, but unfortunately that was the circumstances. Staff support has helped.

Tim: It has been discussed at scrutiny twice, every officer has spoken about extra support they have had and how they have helped. You are doing a wonderful job and that needs to be said. Students were aware at scrutiny about absences.

Claire. Thank you

b) Motions and Policy

60 second Summaries:

1. Student Mentor Scheme

Chiron: At the moment 11 schools benefit from this scheme and they are a great help as support is needed in loads of different areas; housing, time management etc. There are huge benefits for mentors too; training and skills etc. Mental health is very current, so this could help along the road of action that needs to be taken. Half of schools aren't on the scheme due to lack of funding. The scheme is unfair.

2. Lobby the next Welsh Government to end unfair housing charges

Jake: Lobby the next Government to unfair housing charges. 80% of students think it's unfair and that letting agents shouldn't benefit from students. Scotland has already abolished them, so no excuse for Welsh Government. This post-election period is crucial and we are in this period today. Legislative compromise is coming and we should be at the heart of it, to lobby unfair charges.

3. Sanitary Provision

Claire (from Olivia): Sanitary products are expensive and can be inaccessible. Students shouldn't feel bad about menstruating. Students can give old sanitary items and then other students can use them. We may be able to look at external funding (amendment to motion).

4. Renewed Making Cardiff Council more Accessible to its Students

Jake: Last April this was passed but the long term viability needs to be reassessed. That is today. We should bring local democracy to students. We would like to see this continue into next year.

5. Emergency Motion – Let's help end sexual assaults around our Union

Matthew: This was an emergency at the time. Lending support to sexual attack victims as attacks have increased this year. Most recently was April, by Cathays Station. Alastair is from the Student Walk team, to help people get home safely and ensure no one walks home alone. He will be here in the break. We should lend our support to the project and maybe financial support if the Board of Trustees approves.

BREAK

Information on next year's senate chair:

The Chair (Bryn): In By-Law 5.2.3, it should be appointed by the final meeting of the year. We are supposed to have one more meeting but it has not yet been confirmed. Not everyone had been made aware of voting tonight and we are not chorate, so we should not vote tonight. It is fair to let the rest of the senators know that we will vote another time, either next meeting or electronically.

Usman: If we have another meeting and we are not chorate, what happens then?

The Chair (Bryn): Electronic voting, the bye law doesn't specify how we vote.

Usman: Can we do that now? Elections open for a week?

The Chair (Bryn): Probably not today or tomorrow. Will check with Student Voice.

Steffan: Why has the order of things changed? The last 2 years the chair was either elected amongst senators in first meeting or elected directly in a cross campus ballot. Will there be a chair person elected from student body?

The Chair (Bryn): By-Law 5.2.3 says it is open to all students from 1st July to 30th June. An advert has been out for a number of weeks and we have had applications from Mike and Katie. Previously it was cross-campus but it changed in senate last year.

Jake: Have nominations closed?

The Chair (Bryn): Yes.

Matthew: Was this item added after last meeting? So we can't vote anyway?

The Chair (Bryn): Yes. Show of hands for an electronic vote and we will progress ASAP.

Motions:

1. Student Mentor Scheme

Speaker For:

Chiron: Most was said earlier. There are currently plans to expand the scheme to more schools but more work can be done. They are putting forward business cases to the University and hope they will get more funding. The point of this motion is to officially tell the University that students want this and funding should be increased.

No speaker against.

No questions or comments.

No summation.

2. Lobby the next Welsh Government to end unfair housing charges

Speaker For:

Jake: Already explained.

Speaker Against:

Usman: The issue is that the motion is too broad and not specific enough. Is this a realistic goal?

Jake: This has already happened in Scotland and we have the power in Wales. It's already in NUS Wales manifesto and we should lend all our power to them. NUS has carried out extensive research and found that housing costs students lots and they find it unfair. As the Student's Union of Wales' leading University we should support this.

General discussion:

Nadine: In the resolves, I don't see how I would be a problem, because it's not written in stone. We are just going to lobby, why is that an issue? We can lobby with or without the assembly, as it's a national campaign.

Usman: There's talk of pulling out of NUS at the moment.

Nadine: How is that relevant if students believe in the campaign?

Usman: Using Scotland as an example is bad, due to the SNP. Students say that we have heard this before, you try to lobby but there is no success. It is futile. Also, Wales is more conservative now, I do not want to put all the chips in one corner.

Chiron: I agree with the fact that it has been brought up time and time again. We want a fresh motion that shows how to resolve this. We have had experience this year in leading the campaign against scrapping maintenance grants in the Welsh Assembly. Therefore this is achievable, we just

need fire and momentum.

Sarah: If you don't lobby it won't happen, if you do lobby then there is a chance.

Speaker Unknown: Letting agencies take advantage of international students. We have to pay all our fees upfront. This is not acceptable.

Summation For:

Jake: Abolishing unfair housing charges is in our power. New parties have been elected to assembly who can end unfair housing charges. Cardiff Student's Union must play its part.

Summation Against:

Usman: Maintenance grants were scrapped but there are still problems with NUS. I will voice concern that the University will need results or people will be more frustrated and more apathetic, and this is already an issue in the Student's Union. We need concrete results.

3. Sanitary Provision

Speaker For:

Claire (speaking on behalf of Lydia): For students who menstruate, it is expensive and can be unaffordable. They should not face discrimination as it is natural. The Student's Union President elected to work with students to consider all possible options for delivery of this service and to make a decision based on most sustainable option. Cannot ensure that all students can contribute to bank, need to consider all options and debate?

Amendment proposed by Claire: To be trans-inclusive, 'women' should be changed to 'students'.

Nadine: Changing women to students would then make the statistics wrong.

Speaker Against:

Mads: I am not against the feel of this motion but now with the changes we will need to reassess at a later date to make the motion better quality. If Sophie has put it in her mandate then this will just make it stronger. Maybe improve previous policies. 3.2 of union resolves, we can't give out pain relief tablets and toilet roll is excessive.

Second Speaker For:

Usman: On general principal it is a good idea. The idea that VP Welfare can help with project and give stronger mandate. Even with a stronger mandate, it is still costly. What we need to do is support it and it will raise eyebrows.

Second Speaker Against:

Tim: On principle it's great and by changing women to students the statistics will remain similar. However, there are no references for any of the statistics. So can it be fact checked? There is not enough detail in the motion, 'we want to do something but don't know how it's going to look', and therefore it should not pass.

General Discussion:

Chiron: With the format it's in, it looks like a maths question. Not something that should be in policy books.

Mads: I propose that we leave it until its rewritten. As it stands, it should not be in the policy book, we should make it better and then have something that's worth having in the book.

Vote on procedural motion to pull motion from the table: passes (2 abstentions)

4. Renewed making Cardiff Council more Accessible to its Students

Speaker For:

Jake: In the last few months we have had 2 surgeries inviting in local councils to Student's Union, with cross party representation of all parties representing Cathays. Councils hold regular surgeries in areas not frequented by students; churches, community halls etc. 70 % of Cathays is full time students but 70% local surgery will not be students. Cardiff Council matters and impacts students (landlords, complaints etc). We want to expand further than Cathays, to Heath etc, but it's not possible this year. Cardiff Council is having an all-out election, the first since 2012 with every seat up for election. Their makeup will change completely. Even more important to bring students and councillors together, so new council know what students want.

Amendment proposed by Usman: Open up to students and other campuses from South Wales too? Why is it just Cardiff getting involved?

The Chair (Bryn): A specific amendment?

Usman: Encourage all students in Cardiff, not just at Cardiff University to work together to ensure that the surgeries are open to everyone.

Speaker for Amendment:

Usman: There is nothing wrong with Cardiff University leading this, but we don't want to exclude other students in South Wales.

Nadine: What's proposed by Jake is not just for Cardiff University. It's just a surgery held in the Student's Union.

Sarah: Should advertise to all students.

Mads: We are senators for Cardiff University Student's Union.

Nadine: The Union could work with Cardiff Met Union to encourage them to do something similar, it could be shared.

Claire: Some wouldn't come if it's in a different area.

Speaker against Amendment:

Jake: Of course anyone can turn up if they're interested but students at different Universities live in different parts of Cardiff. It's not their representatives. A Cardiff Met student living in Cathays can still come. We should not tell their Student's Union what to do. We don't need a resolve to tell them to copy us.

Amendment proposed by Tim: In resolve 4, remove 'consider viability' and replace with 'organise'

Accepted.

Amendment proposed by Matthew: Resolve 4 doesn't mention Gabalfa which is home to Talybont. 'Talybont Social Centre for Gabalfa councillors'.

Accepted.

Amendment proposed: Senate resolve 3 'promote the surgeries as they deem appropriate'.

Jake: This is directly lifted from previous motion. Only one of these 3 was done before, there were no posters or email. If we don't spell it out it will not happen.

Mads: We did spell it out and they still didn't do it. The Marketing team know better than us. Do students even read their emails?

Vote on amendment: 3 for, 4 abstentions - amendment doesn't pass.

Amendment Proposed: The Student's Union should make available contact details of local representatives on their website and promote surgeries to students.

Jake: A good idea for contact details, a list of 'my representatives'.

The Chair (Bryn): if you put that in amendments that will be fine for policy, do not need to discuss details now.

Accepted.

Tim: Is the intention of this policy to replace the previous policy? Should we add that it replaces the previous policy?

The Chair (Bryn): If it passes, it can replace previous.

Mads: The working group; how would it work and is it necessary?

Jake: It is tied into council elections next year, to tell people what issues they will be voting on. I don't know the best way. A group of interested people can discuss and plan, led by Sabbatical Officer.

Summation:

Jake: Lots of good amendments, it is now a good motion. Encouraging signs so far of people coming to councils to get questions answered and this will hopefully become more effective in future, especially with all these new amendments. Local Government can be considered boring, so anything we can do to change this and bring students and council together is good.

5. Emergency Motion – Let's help end Sexual Assaults around our Union

Speaker For:

Alastair (founder of Safety Walks scheme): In 3 years there has been 30 sex attacks on campus. The attackers have not all been identified. We aim to have teams of 4 volunteers to patrol Cathays and campus buildings for people who are concerned about walking by themselves to the Student's Union. All volunteers are first aid trained. Students that may need help to get to A&E or who have no student card and can't use the Safe Taxi Scheme will be helped. A budget has been proposed. £3000 for training. Since posting on the Facebook page, there has been a good influx of ideas, so marketing will help. This is not a new idea, 130+ towns in England use the Christian Nightlife Initiative (CNI) and have had no major issues in running, and so there is no reason for us not to have this too.

No Speaker Against.

Amendment proposed: 'Financially' to be removed from 'financially support' as senate can't vote on funding.

The Chair (Bryn): Should we change 'to the amount' to 'the item'?

Hannah: Is this linked with volunteering?

Alastair: It's new scheme so I don't have a budget yet. I don't know how budgeting works.

Tim: In 4, Senghennydd Road is spelt wrong

Accepted.

Jake: Could you go into more depth about £500 for marketing? What would it go on? Also, are you sure that volunteers will be safe enough?

Alastair: Marketing was briefed by Michelle, £500 was a prediction for banners, posters and fliers.

The Chair (Bryn): Senate can't define exact amounts, no point in this discussion. Finances discussed after.

Alastair: Secondly, safety is one of our top concerns. This is why we provide volunteers with training and radio contact throughout their volunteering. We can only minimise danger, not eliminate. The CEO of CNI has said that he's only had 1 major incident, where a volunteer broke protocol.

Mads: I'm a volunteer and I don't feel unsafe.

Summation For:

Alastair: Why it's not in place yet puzzles me. Anyone who wants to volunteer see me afterwards.

III. Any Other Business:

Ratification of Minutes from 2014 AGM:

Steffan: Why does it just say 'Welsh speaking'? This should have been translated.

Nadine: How can we ratify minutes if chunks of words are missing?

Tim: How many people here were present? A procedural motion was raised at the next AGM to come to senate. There are comments that were missing but it's from so long ago that for us to ratify them from memory is inappropriate. I propose that we don't vote on it, they should remain how they are.

Mads: I understand, but they have been transcribed from a file not memory.

Steffan: I would like an answer as to how it was possible to create a Sabbatical Officer?

The Chair (Bryn): Add to any other business, not now. Student Voice will go through audio file and translate the Welsh so it appears in minutes as Welsh and English.

The Chair (Bryn): There shouldn't be any differentiation.

Tim: We aren't sure if we are going to meet again. With end of term approaching we may not be chorate and may not be able to vote on minutes. Minutes should have been ready at this AGM. This is something that the new officer team can look at.

Claire: We will make sure that is the case. Could be circulated electronically and voted on?

The Chair (Bryn): Yes and we will now take Steffan's point.

Claire: I will have to go away and look at the Constitution and come back with a response.

The Chair (Bryn): This can be circulated to all senators.

Steffan: Strange that the document says 'in order to create a new Sabbatical Officer, a motion must be passed with changes.

Nadine: Did that happen the year before?

Steffan: No, item 6 proposed that a Post-Graduate Officer be created while 7 was still in existence. The point is that that was before a proposal to get rid of a Sabbatical Officer and I don't believe that what was said in that document actually proposed any way forward. It included 2 options; one for welfare/education and one for a new post. Either way, the number hadn't been reduced.

Mads: If the motions were the other way round would it have been fine?

Hannah: Back then the order must have made sense to the chair?

Claire: We need to look at the Constitution for the time of the AGM and I will send a response.

1. Lapsed Policy.

- Protection for Students from Victimisation in Student Media
- Annual Report on Vivisection
- Stop Selling the Sun

2. NUS Conference Expenses

Matthew: This was discussed previously with Steve. Me, Nadine, Hannah, Claire, Jake, Jacob and Usman went to the NUS conference in Brighton and were assigned £10 a day for expenses, for everything apart from breakfast. It was not enough. Greggs and McDonalds went over £10. NUS conference was long (9am – 11pm, 9am – 9pm and 9am – 5pm) and there wasn't many breaks. There should be a review of expenses system.

Nadine: USW get £20-30 a day.

Matthew: In the conference venue it was £5 a sandwich. If we mention it now it might help for next time.

Nadine: Some of us did definitely go over and some students wouldn't want to do that. We had to go over and were OK but some would have been stranded.

Matthew: It was a touristy area, so maybe a review of location too. Alcohol will not be included but to cover food and drink we need more.

The Chair (Bryn): Very relevant. Those interested in looking to change this can discuss with Student Voice team to come up with a review or a new strategy.

Steffan: When Sabbatical Officers go away do you have a card?

Claire: It is similar expenses. £10 for an evening meal and £5 for another meal. Maybe they assumed there would be lunch provided.

3. Other

Chiron: The randomly selected academic reps, it would be nice if they could decide to come. Maybe there should be a waiting list? We have never had all academic reps come.

Mads: Maximum 2.

The Chair (Bryn): Unfortunately it would have to be changed in bye-laws but I agree that something should be done.

Claire: We can discuss this, it won't be an immediate change though.

Mads: Could we invite more?

Matthew: Last meeting, 4 had sent apologies so could we not have invited 4 more?

Steve: I left it with the team, I have not seen apologies.

Hannah: We should look in bye-laws.

The Chair (Bryn): 10 student members selected by random invite on a meeting-by-meeting basis. Nothing in bye-laws to say you couldn't invite more if they send apologies.

Tim: When bye-laws were changed, it was changed from 10 random students to 10 academic reps, but it still hasn't worked.

Claire: We need to see if we can engage reps more, explain the importance of senate and their role.

Chiron: Yes, engaging them and making them aware. More would turn up if there was a system.

Mads: Do we make the reps aware that's it's a possibility when they become a rep?

Steve: It's in their training.

Claire: Thank you to all senators who contributed this year, you have all done a fantastic job.

Tim: Going from 7 to 5 full-time officers, we should say that current full-time officers have done a really good job this year. It hasn't been perfect but thank you very much.

Matthew: According to bye-laws, there is meant to be Sabbatical reports sent to students.

Tim: Scrutiny committee was set up by council as a sub group of senate, these reports are available on the Student's Union website.

The Chair (Bryn): I'm not aware of them in bye-laws.

Steve: They have been removed in new bye-laws update

Sarah: Last time we talked about senators that have never shown up, should we do something about that?

The Chair (Bryn): I can't answer, Claire?

Claire: It goes back to our engagement with senators; profiling of senators in general and how important it is.

The Chair (Bryn): Bye-laws say about how to remove, but is better to try to get them to engage.

Tim: If senate does meet again, we could have available a list of senators who have never attended.

Usman: I don't like the idea of removing people too late, it's embarrassing at the last meeting. Next year we should re-consider. If you consistently don't show up you are letting down voters.

Chiron: I have learnt that officers have the position underneath their degree?

Claire: We are trying to get extra-curricular activities on degree certificates.

The Chair (Bryn): If there is nothing else, thank you for your time. It's been a pleasure being your chair.

Meeting adjourned.

SECTION III

MOTION 1

Catering for all - Vegan food options at the SU

Proposed by Matthew Proctor

Seconded by: Joshua Green

Senate Notes:

Currently, there are no vegan friendly menu options available at the Taf, with the salad bar being the only provider of vegan foods in the SU food court. Additionally, the staff at the Taf often have no information regarding how vegan friendly the alcohol provision currently is.

Senate Believes:

Vegan foods are increasingly becoming mainstream, with most large restaurant chains having at least one option available. Vegan lifestyles are becoming more common within the student population as the popularity of veganism continues to grow.

Senate Resolves:

- Taf will provide at least one Vegan friendly menu option ASAP, but at the very latest, before the start of the second semester 2016/17
- This senate also resolves that information regarding the animal content in the drinks served is available to staff, is physically visible around bars, and is registered on the SU website.
- That The SU should consider stocking vegan friendly alcohol choices as standard.
- The students union should lobby the relevant University catering departments to similarly provide vegan friendly foods and drinks and label them accordingly.