**Falmouth and Exeter Students’ Union**

**Executive Committee (EC)**

**6th March 2024 14:30-15:30 DM Sem I**

**In attendance:**

Phil Green Vice President

Connie Chilcott Exeter President

Becky Fry Green Officer

Hana Soliman Co-Chair

Theo Aldrige-Stone Chair

Ollie Miners Community Officer

Charlotte Arthurs Societies Officer

Orestis Collins-Almanos (online) Vice President

Alice Tulissio Green Officer

Lesley Quinn SU Democracy & Engagement Coordinator (Minutes)

**Welcome: HS & TAS**

Items on the agenda: Forum & the approved Make a Change proposals, including Plant-based Universities, Mature Student enrichment (JD is lead), Ecosia (PG is lead), No imperialism! No to occupation! Solidarity with Palestinian youth and workers, expanding rest zones on campus, and declaring a climate emergency.

Break up into sub- groups to discuss an item on the agenda for 20 minutes. With 12 issues to discuss, this will happen twice and at the end of each session, groups will come together to feedback. The aim is to take actions to away.

Volunteers for first groupings decided.

* CC- discuss Forum as a whole group together because it is next week?
* HS & T- time restraints mean we only have an hour so not enough. Forum is its own sub-group.
* OCA- concerned about lack of plans to discuss Forum as it is imminent.
* BF asked what Forum is.
* TAS explained assembly model of democracy being implemented.

14:39 breakout groups commence.

14:56 breakout groups feedback.

**No to Imperialism! No to Occupation! Solidarity with Palestinian Youth & Workers (CC, CA, HS, OM)**

CC- This Friday in the SU, alongside the soup kitchen, everyone is welcome and encouraged to invite others to meet and help plan the statement and other tangible things. Working with the Chaplaincy and discussing creating a safe space drop-in and education from lived experience. Once the statement is published, Societies will be asked to endorse it. Also looking at having a rally on campus with different pathways to action, including fundraising and book recommendations.

**Plant-based Universities (BF & AT)**

* BF- To plan the next steps, students need to know it passed so it can be shared on Instagram etc. How can this be done?
* LQ-This will be shared online once minutes are ratified by the EC today.
* BF- Plan to hold SU accountable to all plant-based catering and meet with Head of Sustainability at FXPlus to lobby plant-based meals and make a timeline with targets.
* AT- connect with Forward Food who offer training for companies about providing plant-based options.
* BF- Stirling University have committed to being 100 % plant-based by 2025 so it would be useful for FXPlus to have a deadline and percentage to work towards.
* OM- Warick University and SU are incrementally working towards this too.

**Student Forum (PG, TAS & OCA)**

PG- Solidify details for next week- Wednesday 13th 2-4 pm, topics discussed will be decided by top three Make a Changes plus one from the EC but there won’t be one from the EC this time as it is too short notice. A list of Forum dates will be shared by TAS, and the EC will meet one week after each of them to ensure it is fast-paced and build accountability into Forum. This time it is in a Seminar room so tables and chairs will be put to the side to create an informal feel. One of the matters discussed will become a SU priority. Start spreading the word to get people at the Forum and build on it every time to increase numbers.

Next groups:

PG offered to talk to FXPlus Estates Team about sleeping pods and expanding rest zones on campus.

Feedback at 15:17

**Student Forum (OCA, TAS, OM, HS)**

* HS- in agreement with having 20 mins for each MaC.
* TAS- draw on PTOs and Societies to promote.
* HS- campaigning with posters and merchandise but no time so spread the word for students to attend.
* BF- with the changes, are PTOs still be in place?
* TAS- up for discussion and to figure out if PTOs remain.
* HS- PTOs come to EC but other students will be able to attend working groups. It is still to be figured out and we will see what happens at Forum.

**Declaring a Climate Emergency (PG, CC, AT, BF)**

PG- A motion needs to be ratified into policy for the trustees to pass it. This will need support and we can research other SU’s with similar policies. The plan is to put a declaration on the SU website, create an action plan or timeline with SMART targets and a student working group, provide training for Sabbatical Officers and students. Training can be provided by SOS UK Green Impact. Spaces will be created to talk about climate change like an eco-anxiety group, students can be trained to run sessions and be paid for their time, democratic spaces with a dedicated forum for climate and nature will start next year to ensure students have their voices heard.

**Other business:**

* PG- is JD organising Mature Student enrichment or does it need further action?
* TAS- already submitted plans and is waiting to hear from the SU.
* Minutes ratified by EC members.