## Falmouth & Exeter Students’ Union

## Student Council 2021 Minutes

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| **Date** | Monday, 14 June 2021 | **Time** | 13:00 |
| **Location** | Teams. | | |
| **Part Time Officers** | **Cara Chittenden**, President Exeter  **Amelia Banton**, President Student Experience  **Charlotte Agnew**, President Welfare & Inclusivity  **Gas Williams**, Student Voice Chair (Chair)  **Sophie James**, Accommodation Officer  **Kira Orchard**, Community Officer  **Jack Wilkins**, Education Officer (UG Exeter)  **Isabelle Kinghorn**, Education Officer (UG Falmouth)  **Eilish Calnan**, Environmental and Ethics Officer  **Lauren Taylor,** Fundraising Officer  **Henry McComish**, Liberation Officer  **Joshua Ordu Peters**, Open Officer (Exeter)  **Ellie Ricks,** Open Officer (Falmouth)  **Mia Terra St Hill,** Societies Officer  **Bethan Hone,** Volunteering Officer  **Emma Waldron,** Widening Participation Officer  **Patricia Cardenas Lopez,** International Officer  **Julz Preece,** Mature Students Officer  **Marz Najeeb**, Exeter Post Graduate Education Officer | | |
| **In attendance** | **Sophie Harrison** | | |
| **Observers** | **Sarah Redman** (PTO for next year)  **Lorne Dryer** (PTO for next year)  **Leela Channer** (PTO for next year)  **Caitlin McGee** (PTO for next year)  **Bobby Angelov** (PTO for next year)  **Hanne Gustaven** (PTO from next year)  **Aman Choudhry** (PTO from next year)  **Ben Statham Wilkins** (President from next year)  **Steven Preece** (President from next year) | | |

|  |  | **Item** | **Type** | **Lead** |
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| **1** |  | **Welcome from the Chair.**  Any apologies received.  President Falmouth – Lizzy Marshall  GW provided a welcoming statement to the Council, providing a summary of the year and a thanks to all those involved including Committee Chairs. | Verbal | **GW**  **SH** |
| **2** |  | **Committee Updates**  *Environment and Ethics Officer & Green Committee*  EC provided updates regarding focus groups on sustainability in the curriculum. Additionally, a number of events were run within the Festival of Discovery, with a small turnout.  *Liberation Chair & the Liberation Committee*  CA provided an update for the committee with the success of the BIPOC forums. This is an are we want to further explore around Gender, working with various PTOS, based on feedback from students i.e. non-binary students. Additionally, exploring spaces to discuss Personal Safety.  *Student Voice Chair*  GW has no updates since last Council. | Verbal  (voting req.) | **EC**  **HMc**  **GW** |
| **3** |  | **Presidential updates**  *President Exeter*  Working with UofE regarding 10-year strategy ‘Big Conversation’ and CC has provided input regarding top themes. UofE wants to do a focus group with student leaders in Cornwall to provide feedback on these – CC will send invite to all relevant to Exeter.  EaseTheFees campaign has been running throughout the year and is currently dormant with outgoing Officers leaving. This campaign will remain open for the discussion and decision for incoming Officer team and PTOs.  *President Student Experience*  Festival of Discovery – Discover SU. This went well overall and the students who got involved, found it really positive. Student groups who ran events, enjoyed it and got a great response. This might run throughout the next academic year in different times, with an opportunity for the SU to get involved too.  Awards also went very well with information on the website on winners and photos from the night. Thank you to all PTOs who got involved and this would be great to continue this next year.  *President Welfare and Inclusivity*  Finishing some campaigns and work for this year, as well as moving into the incoming Officer team. A focus is to engage PTOs within different meeting spaces and to work with a range of students from different communities. Working on how we support PTOs in those spaces.  *New Officer Team*  All new Officers (ER, BSW, SP) introduced themselves and said how excited they were about working with the new set of PTOs. | Verbal  (1'' limit) | **CC**  **.**  **AB**  **CA** |
| **4** |  | **Updates from the Board of Trustees**  *Approval of the draft CIO byelaws*  CC provided a brief overall of this with 1 paper as an overview and 1 paper as the draft byelaw document. The background of this is the incorporation of the organisation, as voted per referendum, and the date we are working for is 1st August. With a new constitution, this requires a new set of byelaws for the Charity.  GW provided additional understanding on the impact to Council based on previous discussions.  The approval of byelaws passed with 14 voting members in the meeting.  *Approve the recommendation of a student trustee*  CC provided a brief overall regarding student trustee recruitment – 1 x EXE & 1 x FAL trustee. EXE trustee recruitment is ongoing but FAL trustee has been selected as Michael Carney.  SJ raised an issue regarding the recommendation which will be explored outside of the meeting.  Approval has been paused and will be revisited in a future Council meeting. | Verbal | **GW/CC** |
| **5** |  | **COVID-19**  *Presidents' report into Term 1 response*  CC provided an overview of the report written across the academic year, with regards to the Council motion. The paper has not been circulated to all members but will be circulated by GW/CC as soon as possible. The report focuses on Sept-Dec support regarding the COVID-19 pandemic from the Students’ Union.  The report has not been circulated and scrutinised at a Student Members Meeting, but this will move forward into the next academic year.  Council will be sent the document for comment on the findings and to move forward into the next academic year. | Verbal | **CC**  **AB** |
| **6** |  | **Discussion Updates.**  *SU24 Update*  SH provided an overview to date of the SU24 work that has been undertaken within the SU. The discussion regarding student, staff and stakeholder consultation, how we have reflected this back and the open opportunities for further consultation. SH pointed all PTOs to the SU social media pages for where this is ongoing.  Additionally, further information on the work to date on SU24, can be found on the website.  *Incoming President Ideas*  SP & BSW both discussed the importance regarding sustainability, particularly since the recent G7 in Cornwall.  BSW also discussed how to develop Falmouth democratic opportunities and exploring this.  EC provided some information regarding sustainability, focusing on holding the institutions to account on this. | Verbal | **GW**  Contributions to be sought from new PTOs and Presidents. |
| **8** |  | **Motions and Make a Change.**  No Make a Change or Motions have met the threshold for discussion in this meeting. | Verbal  (voting by hands) | **GW** |
| **9** |  | **PTO updates**  *Accommodation Officer update*  Working with SU staff and FXPlus to put resources and information into Halls regarding food safety and recipes. This has been really positive and is moving forward. Current project name is ‘Food Wellness Initiative’. A call out to all PTOs if anyone else would like to be involved or with idea of names for the project.  SP mentioned how Reslife are involved in weekly cookery sessions, and the opportunity for a collaboration.  BSW put forward the idea of an Officer ‘Come Dine with Me’ to help promote this idea.  *PG Officer*  Getting more support for PGR students is a focus and how we work with the Students’ Union to do this.  *Community Officer*  KO discussed the idea was to provide a space or platform to sell creative items made by students to students. Keen to continue the conversation to deliver the idea in the next academic year, whether a digital space or a in-person opportunity.  LC highlighted that outgoing students have a lot of equipment that gets wasted, so could we explore how the University supports the collection and it’s given secondhand items to incoming students.  *International Officer*  Falmouth University got in contact with PCL regarding International students. Currently, the information regarding International Officer isn’t clear on the website, so students might not know where to go. Additionally, international students aren’t aware that they can get access to free English language courses, so we want to further promote this. PCL to send the information on courses to MN, to help PG students in academic writing when English isn’t their first language.  Discussion regarding could there be an International Student Society to provide further community.  A further point from SJ is how PTO email addresses are promoted further, so students know where to go.  *First year outlook*  Everyone is looking forward to September Welcome, what they can be involved with and meeting people in person. | Verbal | **GW**  **SJ** |
| **10** |  | **A.O.B.**  No additional business was raised. | Verbal | **GW** |
| **11** |  | **Dissolution.**  ‘The Council resolves to dissolve the Council of 2020-21, to make way for the new Council of 2021-2022, and to further wish upon that Council the best of luck.’  The dissolution was passed. | (voting by acclamation) | **GW** |