

Falmouth & Exeter Students' Union

Student Forum Agenda

Date	Tuesday 4 th February 2025	Time	16:00 to 17:30
Location	The SU, Penryn and online		
Chaired By	Moraa Seikei		
Attendees	19 (including 1 online) - at highest capacity		

#	Item	Minutes	Presented by	Outcome
1	Welcome and Introduction to Forum	Moraa opened the meeting and explained the process of Forum, how it works and the format of the meet	Forum Chair – Moraa Siekei	N/A
2	Sabbatical Officer updates	<p>Jadelle delivered her update to the meeting. Jadelle has been working on the Falmouth UMHC submission where she ran two focus groups and co-created a report to look at how Falmouth University can better support mental health & wellbeing. They have continued to work on the refillable hygiene station that was launched on Penryn campus and is in the process of rolling this out to Falmouth Campus as well as exploring the provision of this and how it can be improved. Jadelle has been attending Board of Governors as well as Academic Board meetings. They have also been collaborating with Marketa to better the transparency of how Falmouth University shares their financial information. Jadelle is continuing to work and develop the CoLab platform.</p> <p>Connie has been attending lots of meetings such as the Council & Senate where they have been pushing for the Cornwall student's voice to be heard. They've been working on Curriculum for Change, holding focus groups, which is looking at redesigning how the Exeter curriculum works. Connie has been doing work on Graduation, collating feedback from students on the changes to Exeter graduation and passing this on to the relevant staff. Connie recognised that students didn't feel represented in the decisions made so ran a DVC and Tea session to allow students to speak directly to the DVC. As well as this,</p>	<p>Jadelle</p> <p>Connie</p>	N/A

		<p>working on graduation committee to allow students to help shape what graduation will look like for Exeter students. Connie has also been doing work on the Palestine motion which was passed last year, they attend lots of working groups and meetings to support the student voice in these spaces and is looking at creating some comms pieces to share the work that has been done on this over the last 15 months. Connie has also worked with Marketa to lobby MPs on the Climate and Nature Bill. Alongside SU staff, Connie has been working on improving PGR representation at The SU to ensure that PGRs feel represented by The SU. Connie has also been looking at securing the longevity of the food options available such as the pantry and free soup.</p> <p>Marketa has been involved in a library working group to give feedback on the Falmouth campus library and look at how this feedback can then inform any potential changes made on Penryn campus. Marketa has been working with FX Plus to launch Meat Free Mondays which will be trialed next term, with the Plant-Based Unis motion working group supporting this and looking at how this can be promoted. Marketa has been looking at the University of Exeter Carbon Strategy and how it can best be communicated to students. A working group related to the disabled student's commitment has been set up, which reps have been invited to attend. Marketa has also been reviewing feedback from the Big Rep Meeting last term and ensuring this is being heard by the universities.</p> <p>Fina has been working on the UMHC submission for Exeter alongside one of the officers at The Guild. They've been busy planning SHAG week with an art exhibition being held on the 18th of February at Fish Factory. Following on from the Gender-Neutral Toilet proposal, they have been working with FX Plus to improve the provision and creating a map of where the gender-neutral toilets exist on campus. Fina chairs the Student Experience Partnership Group where they have been looking at student housing with the next topic focusing on study spaces. They've been continuing to work on improvements and ensuring student voice is heard in relation to accessibility. Recently attended an event at Truro Cathedral for Holocaust Memorial Day. They've attended lots of meetings working on a range of topics such as international students, inclusivity and accessibility.</p>	<p>Marketa</p> <p>Fina</p>	
3	Proposal 1 – Changes to bye law	Jadelle explained the democracy pilot and how the assembly model has changed compared to the previous student council approach and what the changes to the bye law would mean for students.	Jadelle	Voting For: Unanimous Proposal Passes

		<p>The group broke off into three groups to discuss the proposed changes and then gave their feedback to the wider meeting:</p> <p>Overall, the group felt that it was a good progressive model and allows lots of students to speak and share their views rather than a select few in the representative model. There were some disadvantages expressed in relation to one groups' attendance could influence the decision making heavily and that communication doesn't seem to be reaching students when promoting forum.</p> <p>Students then voted on the proposal.</p>		
4	<p>Make a change proposal</p> <p>Reduce Unnecessary lighting on campus</p>	<p>This proposal is looking at areas where there is unnecessary light on campus as the current use of lighting wates energy, money and has negative impacts to biodiversity. An example of this is the contractor's car park having high levels of light at night.</p> <p>The group broke off to discuss the proposal and then gave feedback to the wider meeting.</p> <p>Overall, the group agreed that there were clear benefits to biodiversity and acknowledged that the previous forum passed for more lighting but agreed that there needs to be repurposing of lighting to ensure that areas that have unnecessary lighting and those with not enough are addressed.</p> <p>The group then voted on the proposal.</p>		<p>Voting For Unanimous Proposal Passed</p> <p>Union Priority Voting For: 13 Abstain: 6 Proposal passes as Union Priority</p>
5	<p>Executive Committee Proposal</p> <p>Student Bus Prices</p>	<p>Executive Committee bought this agenda item to explore student thoughts and co-create an outcome. They shared the updates they have been working where they have made sure that both Falmouth & Exeter students can access the student prices on the First Bus App as well as having conversations with the llovetheU3 Instagram account to hear what feedback they've received from their survey. Overall, students regularly commute by bus and are being forced to choose between transport & food or other essentials.</p> <p>The group then broke off to discuss and then gave feedback to the wider group.</p> <p>Overall, the consensus was that asking to reduce prices doesn't seem realistic, but capping might be more feasible with students wanting more consistency in bus prices. There were also discussions on the possibility of opening conversations up to the wider community who also have similar struggles with the buses. There</p>	Fina	<p>Voting For: unanimous Proposal Passed</p> <p>Union Priority Voting For Unanimous Proposal Passes as a Union Priority</p>

		<p>is a need to understand what students need and the scope of what they're able to spend as well as identifying what offer is available to students at universities with similar campus set ups.</p> <p>Students then voted on the proposal</p>		
6	<p>AOB and date of next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elections - Chair nominations - Next meeting 	<p>Moraa shared details about the sabbatical elections, chair elections and the next meeting.</p>	Moraa	N/A