Falmouth & Exeter Students' Union

Student Forum Minutes

Date	Tuesday 11 th March 2025	Time	16:00 to 17:30
Location	The SU, Penryn and online		
Chaired By	Moraa Seikei		
Attendance	6		

#	Item	Presented by	Links to papers
1	Welcome and Introduction to Forum	Moraa opened the meeting by welcoming the students in and explaining what Student Forum is and how it works.	N/A
		Moraa explained that as there had not been any proposals submitted for this meeting that the format would run slightly differntly with the Officers giving their update and then open discussions & updates on the proposals that have been passed.	
2	Sabbatical Officer updates		Read Connie's update here
	Jadelle		Read Jadelle's update here
		Jadelle updated the meeting on what they have been working on. Jadelle has been elected for a second term is excited to continue in her role next year. The hygiene station is being	Read Fina's update <u>here</u>
		rolled out to Falmouth campus but is waiting on some pumps to arrive for the refills. Last week, Jadelle chaired the first Falmouth Student Experience Committee where they take key themes to the university – this focused-on employability. Jadelle met with AMATA today to talk about the prices for societies, looking at capping the costs for a set number of years and how AMATA can better support creative societies. Jadelle met with Simon Foster about improving lighting across the areas that need it and reviewing the areas that don't need it. Jadelle is also working on trialling an extension to the Fox Cafe opening hours, to better the student experience on Falmouth Campus. They also attended the African Drum Workshop which had lots of positive feedback from the students in attendance. Jadelle is also working with relevant staff to get more students to be able to perform at Falmouth graduation.	Read Marketa's update <u>here</u>
	Marketa	Marketa is on annual leave this week so Fina delivered their update.	

Marketa presented a request to Exeter for funding on soup, breakfast clubs and the pantry. Exeter will want Falmouth to match the funding, so more work needs to be done here. Ecosia is now being bought up at the Climate & Environmental Crisis board. Meat free Monday is up and running for the trial period, as part of the PBU working group there are feedback opportunities to see how this has gone. Starbuck posters have been printed in collaboration with illustration students to support the campaign to get a new coffee supplier in KOOFI. Part of the Disabled Students Commitment Meeting for Exeter ensuring HE is accessible. Been working on the neurodiverse provision proposal and looking at the library on Falmouth campus. Met with Cornwall Council to discuss student housing. Also agreed with the partnership to set up a platform for student voice like the DVC & Tea session run before Christmas. Connie Connie has been continuing to work on Curriculum for Change (a redesign of how courses work at the University of Exeter) and ensuring that the changes made here are driven by student voice. Connie spoke about the SU Elections period and that it was a great turnout which has been the highest voter numbers since pre covid. As Connie is the Chair of the SU's Board of Trustees, they have been working with the team to do a skills audit of the Trustees to identify gaps in skills & experience to ensure that when recruitment opens, the Trustee Board is future facing. Connie has been working across high level University meetings to ensure the student voice is embedded into decisions. Connie has also been working on partnerships and identifying how this can be more transparent. Alongside the advocacy team, Connie has secured funding for a PGR Officer pilot, so recruitment will open for this soon to better represent PGR students. The graduation working groups are ongoing and ensuring that students are able to co create what graduation will look like. Connie has also been working on standardising the process for soup so it can continue effectively. Fina

Fina is going up to Exeter next week for the UMHC panels. The last SEPG was on study spaces and some good conversations came through to explore the lack of silent study on Falmouth and plug sockets on Penryn campus. SHAG week went well and had over 150 come to the opening night of Sexhibition which stayed up for two weeks. Working with the student researchers to look at the bus provision at other universities. The SU now has an agenda item on Falmouth International Committee. Attended a meeting with Cornwall Council about housing, which highlighted positive conversations with the council around student housing & issues with damp and mould.

3 Make a Change Proposal Updates

Student Bus Prices

Fina delivered an update on the Student Bus Prices proposal where student researchers have been commissioned to look at what other universities offer students and the provisions available. The research submitted so far has been thorough and very insightful. Fina is looking at setting up a meeting with relevant people across the partnership to move forward with this. Students in the meeting shared that these issues are

You can read all the proposals here

being faced across the student community and is a large barrier, particularly for new students who don't know the routes and there being inconsistencies across the bus service. Jadelle has discussed these proposals with the relevant parties at FX Plus and there will be a prioritisation of increasing lighting in pedestrian areas such as the lanes with Reduce unnecessary no lighting and then there will be review into polices related to lighting wildlife. There were issues with removing lighting in car parks, but it will be assessed on how this can be made more Lighting on campus efficient. There was interest from the meeting for students to get involved with a working group for these proposals. Marketa has met with people across the partnership to look at feedback on the recent Falmouth library renovation as there is limited single/quiet study areas. There is also potential to Single person study rooms increase the noise-cancelling headphone provisions across campus. Connie has been working on releasing a statement to detail the work that has been undergone to support students affected by the ongoing conflicts in Palestine. This has Palestine Solidarity included holding the universities to account and maintaining our relevance as an educational charity so supporting screenings and stalls led by students – helping to empower these students in what is a difficult time for them. There has been lots of work to continue supporting students. Jadelle has been having meeting with the student proposer and AMATA to discuss what can be done here. They are Stop charging societies for working on agreeing a period where the costs could be AMATA capped as well as how societies can be better supported within AMATA. This is going to be taken forward to Academic Board to see how it can be moved forward. Percentage of online events Jadelle has been working with the Head of Communities, should match the Hayley, to move forward with this. They are looking at encouraging societies to offer more opportunities for online percentage of online students as well as helping to support online students in students starting their own societies. Students within the meeting raised that there are also similar issues for students who go on placement year and must pay for a membership to a society if they want to run for committee roles when they return. Gender neutral/inclusive bathrooms Fina delivered the update that an audit has been done, and a map is in the process of being created to show where gender neutral bathrooms are on campus. Students are reluctant to

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	Plant based universities	use accessible toilets however the partnership agree that these are gender neutral toilets and should be used as such.	
	Bike Shelters	Marketa has worked to secure a Meat Free Monday trial and there is feedback form available for those who use it to share their feedback.	
		Marketa has met with relevant people to look at the bike shelters and identify where improvements are needed and what provisions is currently available.	
4	AOB and date of next meeting	Forum Chair Elections are open	Information on Forum Chair Elections can be found here
		Next Forum meeting is 13/05/2025	
			Information for the next Forum can be found here