

Consultation Action Group Minutes - 15:45 - 8th November 2024

Location: ONLINE

Attendees:

Alex Keen, Education Officer - Chair

Chris Black, Senior Representation Coordinator - Staff

Paige Archer, Student Voice Coordinator (Democratic Engagement) - Secretary

Sam Ng'ang'a (Student Rep)

Sherzod Rustamov (Student Rep)

Apologies/absent:

Matthew Widdop (Student Rep)

Tianjie Liu (Alice) (Student Rep)

Meeting:

PA explained how this action group will work. Passed over to AK as chair.

AK read aloud the policy to get everyone thinking.

CB explained what the different student representative roles are and where student consultation currently takes place within the rep structure, through various university and college committees.

SN agreed that the policy sounded relevant.

AK asked the group for further comments.

No comments.

AK expressed he believes this statement makes sense and is some what student friendly.

SN questioned the perspective of the statement. When referring to 'wider student body' what is actually done to reach the wider student body? Is it student via email for example? Also mentioned that students don't tend to read their emails, they therefore can miss key information.

AK added, does this refer to the whole student body with the words 'the wider student body'?

AK suggested the below amendment:

"... require consultation with students, not just the Guild Officers"

Also add in "Guild officers should where possible conduct with a wider number of students"

SN agrees with this change.

CB suggested this wording:

"The Guild believes that any major changes require consultation with the wider student body, through the Guild Officers who have the responsibility to consult the wider student body. This includes, but is not limited to, changes to the student experience, courses and degree awards."

AK agreed with this wording.

Amendment 1:

"The Guild believes that any major changes require consultation with the wider student body, through the Guild Officers who have the responsibility to consult the wider student body. This includes, but is not limited to, changes to the student experience, courses and degree awards."

AK suggested we look at adjust the wording when referring to ‘major changes’

SR suggested including student reps and surveys.

AK: This is included in the section ‘... *through the Guild Officers who have the responsibility to consult the wider student body.*’

SN: *It is hard to determine what the major changes are, i think this is a question students would ask if it was put out there.*

AK: *Thinks the wording being broader enables this policy to cover the majority of things that may come up, as opposed to accidentally excluding things*

SN *agreed.*

Ak *suggested the below amendments.*

Amendment 2:

“The Guild believes that any major changes, such as those that could affect the student experience, courses and degree awards, require consultation with the wider student body. This can be done through the Guild Officers who, in turn, have a responsibility to consult the wider student body.”

SR suggested including financial changes in the wording.

AK agreed. SN questioned are we being too specific including the wording ‘degree awards’ and ‘courses’, should we condense?

AK asked for CB’s input.

CB commented that using the wording of amendment 2 is broad enough, without becoming too specific. Also stating that including that the Guild Officer’s responsibility is to consult the wider student body is a good addition to the policy.

Amendment 3:

"The Guild believes that any major changes, such as those that could affect the student experience, finances, and programmes of study, require consultation with the wider student body. This can be done through the Guild Officers who, in turn, have a responsibility to consult the wider student body."

AK, SN and SR are happy with this final amendment.

FINAL AMENDMENT: "The Guild believes that any major changes, such as those that could affect the student experience, finances, and programmes of study, require consultation with the wider student body. This can be done through the Guild Officers who, in turn, have a responsibility to consult the wider student body."

AK thinks this isn't a major change and seeing as we have consulted student reps within this action group, it does not need to go to an all-student vote.

SN and SR agreed they're happy for this to go for renewal.

AK asked for minutes to be shared appropriately, PA confirmed they will be shared on the Guild website.

AK closed the meeting at 16:29.

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