



## SU Committee Meeting – 04.02.2021

Attendance: RM (Publicity & Relations Officer), SWC (President), MP (VP), MH (SU Rep), AJ (SU Rep)

Apologies: HM (EM Rep)

Absent: AIJ (Local Students' Rep)

Location: Zoom Call

### Durham SU Freedom of Speech Policy Paper

RM I personally have no issues with this. Might need a bit of clarity in some places.

SWC They are doing this because they legally have to. The JCR will likely have to do one. This policy is still allowing for a bit of deplatforming when needed.

AJ Who determines if the speaker is controversial?

RM Some of it is subjective – “widely regarded” is interpretable. It could be the Opportunities Officer.

SWC ST (SU President) was sure students will be involved

### End the Advertising of Unaffordable Housing

RM This claims that the SU advertising is hypocritical. Originally the motion wanted to ban it, but SU does need to follow business agreements (Survey 6 For/1 Against/2 Don't know)

MP I support this – I think it should perhaps go further and ban them from more forms of advertising, but this is a good step.

RM I think I'm in agreement. The SU justify it by saying that the money goes back into supporting students, unsure how valid that is.

RM to vote for this

The membership of Assembly should be publicly known and easily accessible



RM Because names aren't in one place the SU should make them in one place – sounds fine to me. (survey entirely For)

MH Seems fine but who cares?

SWC I disagree I think this is quite useful. There are so many committees that this would be quite annoying to find exactly who everyone is.

RM I think I'd like it. At times it can be confusing even as a member. Association Presidents might not want to be listed but I'm sure that can be worked around.

RM to vote for this

## Intersectionality Week

RM Motion isn't too specific but sounds good to me (only 1 against)

MH We need to have the support and resources to do this so it isn't shoved onto reps who are already busy. Wording isn't great.

RM Wording could be a lot better. Mandating things from people who are busy isn't great.

MP Who is it? Perhaps should specify exact nature of the inter-faith as some of the CU exec might not be so keen for this.

SWC I'm not super clear how its intersectionality, to me it's more plurality – I'm in favour of this but I think a bit more detail could be useful.

RM It could be organised well. I am sure the proposer of the motion means well

\*We realise that the motion specifies that this should run once a term\*

MH That is quite ambitious – LGBT association just can't get these talks. I think it's a nice idea

SWC I agree but it does need to be far more specific – it could work. It's not a bad thing.

JS They need to make sure that associations feel supported, but it is well intentioned.

RM My worry is that it will pass and nothing will happen.

MP I think there's a case to voting against so that it can come back better and more practical. That said I'd be fine with you voting for it.

RM I think I'll vote for because I think it's well intentioned, and it won't cause harm.

MH I say vote for it – worst case scenario nothing happens.

RM I think I will ask for specifics if Association presidents don't ask

RM will vote for this

## SU Elections



RM 22<sup>nd</sup> February SU elections – is there a way to get the vote out in Cuth's?

SWC Does SU Comm have a budget? We could ask people to send in receipt screenshot à la GovComm in the next election.

RM We could copy that.

SWC What else is SU Comm going to spend money on?

RM We could do Greggs sausage rolls but that is exactly what GovComm is doing.

MP Keep it simple! Keep it Greggs!

AJ We could support local shops

MH Sounds like you're giving yourself a lot of work.

SWC I think spamming people to vote works to increase turnout

RM Emails work

AJ Emails seem important