**Student Council Minutes 27.03.2019**

1. **Welcome**
2. **Review and approve minutes from the previous agenda (Paper 1)**

*Dan Hutchison’s name spelled incorrectly, but otherwise approved.*

1. **Deputy Principals Question Time**
*Jed Woodhouse answered questions from council members and sabbatical officers.*

Q. Could you please tell us a bit about your role and the work you do?

A: Jed is the director of IT at UWS, and is tasked with improving and maintaining systems across the university. Current work includes getting existing machines to run faster – this will involve cleaning up and updating existing machines. They are also working to make sure that there are not too many thin clients overloading the system, compared to full computers.

They are also reviewing the numbers of computers which are available in the Library, and are considering removing some books to enable them to do this, but acknowledge that this may not be agreed with by all sides.

They are also looking at improving remote access for all resources, from journals to programmes, by trying to make them accessible from home for students, rather than having to be on campus every time.

Q. London students have complained that the computers are old and slow – will improvements be rolled out there?

A: London is tricky because UWS don’t own the computers or systems down there and it runs separately so it’s very difficult to update. Jed would rather have control of the whole of the systems.

Q. Currently when students log on to one university system it only works for that one so they have to log in every time, even if they’re clicking through which is inconvenient. Can anything be done?

A: IT are looking at finding a solution for this, it’s a known problem and they’re working to solve it.

Q. Why isn’t it possible to log on to Eduroam at other institutions like Glasgow or Strathclyde?

A. It should be – but if there is a problem it is with that institution’s system rather than the UWS systems. Jed apologised for not being able to help with that one.

1. **Second Court Representative Election**

33 eligible votes were cast in the election, meaning that quota was 16.5.

In Round One the votes were as follows:

Claire Hunter – 20
Ismail Nizami – 11
Daniel Hutchison – 2
RON – 1

Claire Hunter was duly elected

1. **Policy Debates and Voting Ban SWP from Campus**

*41 Members were present, so 21 votes needed to pass.*

* 1. McGills Buses - Give mature students the student day tickets
	*Passed with 36 votes in favour.*
	2. Let’s find out what’s going on in our library.

*Passed with 34 votes in favour.*

* 1. Holding Sabbatical Officers to their manifestos

*Passed with 37 votes in favour.*

* 1. introduction of liberation groups on all campuses

*Passed with 33 votes in favour.*

* 1. Introduction of an Equal Opportunities Committee

*Rejected with 17 votes in favour.*

* 1. First Bus to reschedule their U1 Lanarkshire Service

*Passed with 27 votes in favour.*

* 1. Right to drinking water on campus

*Passed with 35 votes in favour.*

* 1. Recognition of persecution of the Uyghur Muslims
	*Passed with 29 votes in favour.*
	2. Mandatory Consent, Bystander and Mental Health Training for Society and Liberation Group Leaders

*Passed with 37 votes in favour.*

* 1. Plastic straws: Environmental sustainability and disability inclusion do not contradict one another.

*Passed with 33 votes in favour.*

* 1. Student Cards - Why do they cost so much to replace?

*Passed with 27 votes in favour.*

* 1. Help students in crisis

*Passed with 40 votes in favour.*

* 1. Notice boards at the Lanarkshire Campus

*Passed with 36 votes in favour.*

1. **Ratification of Board of Trustees Student Member**

John Holleran ratified as a new member of the board of trustees.

1. **Sabbatical Officer Question Time**

No questions