

Meeting:	<b>Diversity and Support Exec</b>	
Location:	<b>1 East Meeting Room / Teams</b>	
Date & Time:	<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 13.15-14.05</b>	
<b>Present:</b>		
Fartun Ali	Chair of D&S Exec	
Flo Nash	F&GE Chair	
Andre Jek	Nightline External Coordinator	
Amber Snary (Online)	DAG Chair	
Jasmine Wadsworth (Online)	LGBT+ External Chair	
<b>In attendance:</b>		
Melissa Oram	Student Voice Coordinator	
Helen Constance (Online)	Advice & Support Manager	
Konrad Rynski (minutes)	Student Voice Admin Assistant	
<b>Item</b>		
1.	<b>Apologies</b>  Blake Walker Mahikha Sundar Jemima Wickenden Charlotte Foster	
2.	<b>Actions from previous Exec meeting</b>  A member gave an update on collaborations with DAG. Unfortunately, DAG has been quite busy and as such this has been shelved for the future. Nevertheless, there are plenty of ideas and plans in mind which will be given to the incoming coordinator. A collaboration event between Nightline and the Bath Video Games Society took place recently which went very well.  Regarding funding for the D&S event, the Student Voice Coordinator updated members that it will be hosted by the Tub and as such will incur no costs for the Exec.	
3.	<b>Updates</b>  F&GE Chair gave an update on the campaign with Empowered Campus. It is currently ongoing and there are plans to talk with the Vice-Chancellor about it soon.  Regarding Nightline, the administrative side of things is currently being worked on, making sure that handovers are in good shape for the next committee while addressing potential shortfalls in current policy. Additionally, Nightline will be going to the SU Awards as well as hosting an end of year dinner to celebrate volunteers and thank them for their time. Nightline is winding down on events for the exam season but will still be running a service throughout exams.	

	<p>DAG Chair gave an update on DAG. Recently not much has been organised, but fortunately there is a full committee coming in for next year. Currently tying up the project with the Disability Service and Community Officer is the priority, though this may have to be handed over to the next committee and Officer.</p> <p>LGBT+ Chair gave an update regarding the LGBT+ group, stating that they are currently focusing on Campus Pride</p> <p>The Student Voice Coordinator informed members that SU by-elections close on Tuesday, and the Exec will have a Chair, Treasurer and Publicity Manager for next year. Training and onboarding for the Exec will be organised soon.</p>
4.	<p><b>Update from Helen Constance (Advice and Support Manager)</b></p> <p>The Advice and Support Manager gave an update to members regarding the ‘SHAG’ week initiative. For context, the university and the SU used to run a sexual health advice and guidance week, but it has not been held since the COVID pandemic. The SU and the Community Officer would like to see it return.</p> <p>As such, the SU is looking at a proposal as to how to reintroduce it from February 2024. It is looking to create a framework for a student led working group to deliver SHAG week annually. This will feature specific roles within the group filled and led by students.</p> <p>The Advice and Support Manager continued, clarifying that it will be a week for raising awareness and spreading guidance through information and events. The commitment for involved students would be from November to February, meeting roughly once per week or fortnight to plan and coordinate the SHAG week. The SU is hoping to have a diverse representation of students from sport, D&amp;S, and societies.</p> <p>Regarding next steps, the Community Officer will take feedback from the D&amp;S Exec to the sexual health working group to formulate a plan.</p> <p>The Chair agreed that this is a great initiative, and reminded members to give feedback.</p> <p>A member asked about how the campaign has looked like in the past. The Advice and Support manager stated that they are not completely sure as they joined the team after it finished but clarified that it was a collaboration between staff at university and The SU which ran the campaign on campus, similar to others like BeWell. In the past, it did not feature much of a student initiative which will hopefully now be different.</p> <p>A member agreed that it is a good idea and asked if there are any plans for different events. The Advice and Support Manager said that the Community Officer has some ideas for events, but it is a blank canvas open to ideas from students. Events will definitely focus on educational content with support groups, however.</p> <p>Members wanted to clarify what input is expected from the D&amp;S Exec. The Advice and Support manager answered that the SU is looking for members to give specific feedback and answer the questions found in the circulated document. The SU believes that special interest is represented within the D&amp;S which is valuable for making the initiative a success.</p>
5.	<p><b>D&amp;S Exec Event Update</b></p>

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	<p>The Chair updated members on the numerous event name suggestions that have been sent to the group. Members agreed that ‘Come as you are – sensory social’ is the best name for the event. Members were asked to react to the message on the Teams chat to vote.</p> <p>The event is being held on the <b>24<sup>th</sup> April from 19.00-22.00</b>. Members were encouraged to publicize the event within their own respective groups.</p>
6.	<p><b>D&amp;S Exec Feedback Form</b></p> <p>The Student Voice Coordinator has sent out a feedback form for members to fill out, regarding how they have found the Exec this year and how it can improve. The link to this form has been emailed to members and it is also on the Teams chat, and members were encouraged to fill this out.</p> <p><a href="https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ij1-N6FOLUKwrY_MiUBrnklmzIGUu9hHmldwBNFF0bhUMzhaRTISU1DMDNSUUUVFSzhSQVBET05aSy4u">https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ij1-N6FOLUKwrY_MiUBrnklmzIGUu9hHmldwBNFF0bhUMzhaRTISU1DMDNSUUUVFSzhSQVBET05aSy4u</a></p>
7.	<p><b>Top 10 Issues</b></p> <p>The Student Voice Coordinator informed members that every year the incoming SU officers bring in Top 10 issues currently facing students to tackle that year. The D&amp;S Exec has been asked to provide their opinions on the most important issues facing students.</p> <p>Members gave feedback about the following issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Loneliness and mental health – particularly for marginalized groups such as international or mature students. This has been a consistent issue throughout the years, and especially this one.</li> <li>2. Cost of living crisis – members discussed how students should get more advice on handling money when they join university.</li> <li>3. Sexual harassment and sexual assault – around campus and clubs.</li> <li>4. Bus service and infrequencies – especially the 22 route.</li> <li>5. Academic strikes – students feel like they do not know what is going on, or what they are achieving. Information regarding strikes should be more publicised.</li> </ol> <p>The Student Voice Coordinator signposted members to the SU’ <a href="#">strikes page</a>, which is consistently updated with new info and support.</p>
8.	<p><b>Any Other business</b></p> <p>A member asked whether the SU can help a student to apply for the PIP or other disability benefits, or would this have to be done by an external organisation. The Advice and Support Manager clarified that the University Disability Advice Team can help with this.</p>

	<p>The Student Voice Coordinator informed members that this is the last D&amp;S Exec meeting of the year, however another one could be held in June if members think it will be helpful. Members agreed that it would be useful to hold this meeting.  <b>ACTION: Student Voice Coordinator to organize another D&amp;S Exec meeting in June (online)</b></p>
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The meeting ended at [13.50].

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8	<b>ACTION: SVC to organize another D&amp;S Exec meeting in June (online)</b>