**Students’ Union Forum Minutes 8th February 2017**

Chaired by : Jack Johnson

The Students’ Union President ( Jack Johnson (JJ) presented his report.

Key highlights included :

* submitted a letter to senior management protesting against the removal of the evening bus service between campuses.
* attended the Standing sub committee on assessment to represent students views.
* organised the first ever set of hall talks from LSH on safe housing.
* met with the leaders of many union society's to ensure smooth handover to next year

There being no questions from the floor this was accepted.

Students’ Union Vice President (Welfare and Community)- Vanessa Ospina presented her report.

Key Highlights included:

* C-cards have been issued to some of our sport teams ( with the hopes that we can get all sports and societies to get involved in the C-card)
* The university has and will change the sexual harassment, they are currently writing the policy now, we will put all our impute in the policy making to make sure that it is there with the best interest for all students.
* We have had meeting with Merseyside police and we are thinking of how we can create more awareness on campus for consent and hate crime
* I have also been elected for NUS Delegate

There being no questions from the floor the report was accepted

The Vice President Education, Fiedhelm Doolin presented his report.

Key Highlights included.

* Setting up various student feedback groups, to offer students a chance to offer their opinion on several key issues including August resists and the Undergraduate marking criteria.
* Setting up an Association of Course Reps to offer Reps another support group, where they can discuss and feedback to each other on how to resolve issues they are faced with.
* Organising LHSU Hope Star Awards. Nominations open Thursday 8th February and will close 26th February.
* Organising a Young Workers Rights workshop, to educate students about the importance of being unionised and what rights are offered to them to protect them in the workplace.
* Lobbying the University to look at ways to make Postgraduate students feel more like they are part of the Hope community.
* Lobbying the University to achieve more learning spaces in LTC building e.g. computers and printers.

Question from the floor

What action is the SU taking regarding the NSS boycott.

VP Education responded by stating that the SU are not pushing for a boycott as it is not NUS policy and that it could be counter productive as the university might not not look favourably on request for increasing funding for he SU if we went ahead with the boycott.

**Policy Motions**

Motion G

Moved by Feidhelm Doolin

Opposed by Jack Johnson

The motion was put to the vote

For 33

Against 11

Abstain 6

Motion

Moved by Feidhelm Doolin

There being no questions. This was put to the vote.

For 43

Against 3

**Sports Funding**

The following clubs presented their bids for funding and The following amounts were allocated

Badminton £105.59

Cricket £82.12

Basketball **£74.58**

Women Football £98.88

Cheerleading £120.67

Women’s Hockey £46.93

Womens Rugby £84.64

Cricket - £

**Societies Funding**

The following societies presented their bids and he following amounts were allocated

Afro Caribbean Society - £200

**Upcoming events:**

* This Girl Can event – 7th February
* Sabbatical officer elections 2018 – Nominations close 9th February
* Hope Star Awards – 14th March
* Young Workers rights session 21st March
* Sports Awards – 27th April

**Close Of Meeting**

**Appendix**

Motion 17/18 G

Moved by Feidhelm Doolin

Dissertation Deadlines

Student Trustee Recruitment Motion

Liverpool Hope Students’ Union members note that:

* (Clause 3.2) states that “The search for new student or external trustees will be carried out, and appointments are made, on merit against objective criteria and considering the benefits of diversity on the board. Regular skills audits inform the search process”.
* This Clause removes the ability for Liverpool Hope SU to offer opportunities to all students, as it restricts who can actually be a student trustee, based on their current skills. It should be the purpose of LHSU, to give students the opportunity to learn and develop new skills, not prevent them from doing so because they haven’t gotten those skills already.
* (Clause 3.3) reads “when a vacancy occurs for student trustee or external trustee, the Board will appoint a nominations sub-committee consisting of the Chair, Vice Chair and General Manager. This sub-committee to lead the appointment process and to make recommendations to the Executive Council, the appointing body for recruiting a Student trustee to Liverpool Hope Students’ Union”,
* This Clause is undemocratic, unfair, and removes the ability for student trustees to be properly scrutinised by the very students they are supposed to represent, as it does not allow students to elect their own representatives to sit on Liverpool Hope Students’ Union Trustee Board; a role which should be made accountable to students as it once was previously, so that all students have the ability to scrutinise the actions of student trustees, who play a key part in the decision making of this organisation.
* If the Executive Council has to approve Student Trustees anyway, then there is no need in having a sub- committee, comprised of two existing Trustee members and one SU staff member, to put forward recommendations to the Executive Council, when the Exec Council could simply decide them in the first place.

Liverpool Hope Students’ Union members call on:

* Liverpool Hope SU Executive Council, mindful of the fact that the current recruitment of student trustees is currently ongoing, continue with the current selection process for this year’s student trustees, but call on Exec Council to remove the need to have a sub group to make recommendations to LHSU Executive Council, as Exec Council can simply decide the appointment anyway.
* Liverpool Hope SU Executive Council- whom have the power to approve and remove current bye laws- suspend the bye laws Clauses 3.2 and 3.3, and Exec Council agrees new, fair processes for the recruitment of student trustees.

Motion 17/18 H

Moved by Feidhelm Doolin

Computers and Learning Space in LTC building Motion

Liverpool Hope Students Union notes:

* There are a lot of students, such as postgraduate, mature or part time students, whom are unable to use University facilities during the day due to other commitments.
* Unfortunately, there are very limited learning spaces for students to access, outside of normal University opening hours, which can have a negative impact on student engagement with their course.
* Though Gateway building is open 24 hours and the Library will begin to open for 24 hours until the exam period, unfortunately there are not enough facilities there to meet the demands of all students all year round.
* Liverpool Hope Students’ Union calls on:
* All Sabbatical officers to lobby the University within their meetings with Senior University Staff, to establish more learning spaces to support the needs of all students.
* The University to look at using the available space within the LTC building, to create learning spaces there for students to use computers and other facilities.

**Policy Motion 16/17 D**

That the proposed Teaching Excellence Framework is furthering the marketisation of Higher Education.

That performance in the NSS is now being directly linked with the fees an institution can charge it's students.

The Executive Council met on Wednesday 25th of January 2017 and discussed at length the possibility of participating in the National Union of Students Boycott of the NSS - it was decided in principle that we should be taking part in the National Boycott of the NSS. The resolution for how we do this were not discussed.

This Union Believes:

By linking the NSS to the TEF, the Government will increase inequality both in terms of students entering HE, and their graduate prospects.

That the Government has not listened to students and Students' Unions, who have consistently argued and lobbied against the flawed plans - This is our last stand.

That at executive council there was a good understanding of the impact of our participation in the NSS Boycott.

This Union Resolves:

To run a campaign to encourage third year Liverpool Hope University students to boycott the National Student Survey.

That LHSU will both fully and immediately, participate in the NUS NSS Boycott.

The campaign will be resourced as a Union-wide campaign, led by the Sabbatical Officers.

The Students’ Union shall make use of it’s social media platforms to persuade all third-year students to boycott the NSS.

Direct emails will be sent to all Liverpool Hope University third-year students informing them of the campaign and the importance of their participation.

**Policy Motion 16/17 E**

Sanitary is basic personal hygiene and a human right. products are expensive particularly on a student budget. The subject is unnecessarily seen as taboo.

This Union Believes:

That sanitary products should be made accessible to all students who are in need of them.

This union resolves:

To lobby the university so that sanitary products are made available in majority of toilet facilities around the campus including adapted toilet facilities which would make the accessibility of them all inclusive and trans inclusive. (not just available in female gendered bathrooms)