



**MEETING OF SENATE  
TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2011  
UPPER HALL, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON UNION, MALET STREET, WC1E 7HU  
COMMENCING AT 2PM**

**MINUTES**

Present

Chair of ULU Senate – Ross Allan

ULU President – Claire Solomon

ULU Vice President – Viktoria Szmolar

London Student Editor – Joe Rennison

Birkbeck – Sean Rillo Raczka

Courtauld – Daisy Jones

Goldsmiths – Bindz Patel

Heythrop – James Johnston

Institute of Education – Prince Johnson

St George – Ray Sacks

LSE – Ashok Kumar

RAM – Hayley Pullen

UCL - Michael Chessum

SOAS – Milnad Ra

Observers

Heythrop - Gala Jackson Coombs

LSE - Amena Amer

London Student Editor - Hesham Zakai

RAM - Joseph Fisher

Birkbeck - Annabel Jobles

Birkbeck – Trevor Dallemde

In Attendance

Returning officer – Rob Parks

ULU – Helen Mackay

**1. Welcome and Announcements**

It was noted that the meeting was quorate with 12 senators present. The meeting was opened at 2.35pm

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were given from the President of ULU for absentees from School of hygiene and tropical medicine due to exams and from Queen Mary University Union due to meeting clashes.

**3. Minutes of the last Senate for approval**

**Agreed:** the minutes of the last meeting were agreed as true and accurate account of the proceedings.

**4. Matters Arising**

None.

**5. ULU Board of Trustees Minutes**

No minutes submitted

**6. Reports from ULU Officers**

i. President

**CS** gave a verbal report. **CS** reported on the wardens' issue in intercollegiate Halls. **CS** was disappointed at the VC's attitude towards pastoral care being removed in Halls.

**CS** reported on her involvement on and the success of "Slut Walk".

**CS** further promoted the upcoming sabbatical summer training and encouraged senators to ensure booking forms were submitted.

**CS** commented on the Willets protest at SOAS. **CS** noted her disappointment at the police response.

**CS** congratulated Goldsmiths on a successful campaign against the closure of the children's nursery and invited them to report on it.

**CS** reported on the rumours that a new college of humanities was being created and that students of the college would be members of ULU and have use of the

Bloomsbury campus facilities. There will be a meeting to arrange a campaign for next year.

**CS** thanked the senators for a wonderful year.

**Report was accepted.**

There were no questions.

**ii. Vice President**

**VS stated that report was as tabled.**

**VS** summarised points raised.

**VS** promoted the Sabbatical summer training programme.

**VS** reported on the ULU Regulation working group. **VS** explained what it was and reported on the unsuccessful result of the group. **VS** noted that she hoped that the ULU Regulations working group would continue next year and achieve its purpose.

**VS** reported on the intercollegiate wardens. **VS** noted that it might be beneficial to employ a market research company to investigate response. **VS** observed that the new direction for pastoral care in intercollegiate halls was very much a sealed deal. **VS** noted her disappointment at the response from the VC.

**Report was accepted.**

**iii. London Student Editor**

**JR gave a verbal report**

**JR** noted the recent nomination from the NUS awards for The National and London Student Journalism Support Network.

**JR** reported that he spoke at the recent NSJ Conference. **JR** noted the new training collaboration between NUS and NSJ to improve the training of student editors.

**JR** welcomed the new editor Hesham and noted his high expectations of him.

**JR** thanked the senators and their sabbaticals for the cooperation with London Student reporting this year.

**Report was accepted.**

**7. Board of Trustees**

Nothing to report.

**8. Reports from Standing Committees**

- i. Student Activities Committee  
Report was as tabled.

**CS** requested that further clarity was provided on the intentions of the new turn society.

**VS** clarified that the new turn society intending to promote participation and awareness of politics. Encouraging students to get involved in politics.

**CS** voiced concern regarding a specific student's involvement in the formation of this group and this individuals actual agenda.

**VS** clarified that the student in question had no role within the organisation of the new group.

**ULU Chair** further emphasised that the group also met the prerequisite to becoming a ULU club/society.

**Report was accepted.**

**ii. London Student Management Committee**

Report was as tabled.

There were no questions asked.

**Report was accepted**

**iii. Appointments Committee**

Report was as tabled

There were no questions asked.

**Report was accepted**

**iv. Standards & Ethics Committee**

**Nothing to report**

**v. Executive Committee**

**Report as tabled.**

There were no questions asked.

**Report was accepted**

**9. Proposals**

**i. No confidence in David Willets**

**Birkbeck** presented motion stating that the policy introduced by David Willets was vicious and detrimental to the country.

No Speeches against.

No questions

Moved to vote.

In favour: 12

Against: 0  
Abstaining: 0

Motion Passed.

**ii. No to the new College for the Humanities**

Birkbeck presented the motion, stating that the college was not part of the University of London and not a recognised institution and was threatening the very ethos of universities as public institutions. The intention would be that the college seek validation under the University of London International Programme

No speech against motion.

**Goldsmiths** questioned the option that international programme eligibility be restricted to prevent such situation arising.

It was debated by various senators as to the legitimacy of this new college and its benefits to students.

**Birkbeck** observed the intention of the new college to hire rooms from Birkbeck. But that the college would move to prevent this.

Senate Chair queried the college's right to apply to issue University of London Degrees. It was observed that they could still technically apply.

Move to Vote

In favour: 13  
Against: 0  
Abstaining: 0

Motion Passed.

**iii. No to Sodexo!**

Motion presented by LSE. Motion amendment proposed to include:

Resolves:

To refuse all contracts, contractors who subcontract to Sodexo, and any association with Sodexo or its subsidiaries until the demands of workers are met.

To work actively with United Students' Against Sweatshops to support and resource campaign that work to end their university's relationship with Sodexo.

To direct ULU President to relay this message to the CEO of Sodexo, the Press and the Presidents of every University of London University.

Amendment approved.

Questions

**VS** queried how many institutions are linked with Sodexo and how easy it was to break the contracts.

It was noted that several institutions including Birkbeck and KCL have contracts with Sodexo. Also that SOAS management removed them of their own accord.

Moved to vote

In favour: 13

Against: 13

Abstaining: 0

Motion passed.

Heythrop College Senator departed.

**iv. Defend right to protest**

Birkbeck presented the motion. Stating that the aggressive approach by police has led to a terrifying experience for people defending their rights.

No speech against

Questions:

JR queried that this motion had been passed already.

Birkbeck requested that the motion be amended to read "Defend the right to protest on campus".

Amendment approved.

Move to vote accepted.

In favour: 12

Against: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Passed.

v. **University of London Union *London Student Regulations***

Motion presented by Joe Rennison. JR summarised the purpose of the motion is to improve the management structure of London Student.

No speech against.

Questions:

CS queried why the amended regulations were not submitted for review to the London student management committee.

JR noted that they were not constitutionally required to be submitted to the committee prior to submission to Senate. But that several individuals were consulted on the amendments to the regulations including sub editors and the former ULU President.

Senators debated issues pertaining to inclusion of a vote for the ULU General manager on the London Student management committee. It was observed that the presence of this vote may swing the vote and any decisions on the committee.

JR responded that the vote was very much still on the student representation side.

Move to amend the regulations to remove the right of vote to the General Manager on the London Student Management Committee.

Amendment approved.

Move to vote.

In favour: 12

Against: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion passed.

vi. **Free Ai Wei Wei**

Presented by Courtauld.

No speech against

No questions were asked.

Moved to vote.

In favour: 11

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

Motion passed.

**10. Any other business**

Thanks were given to chair for his efforts this year.