



**MEETING OF SENATE  
THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2011  
ROOM 3A, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON UNION, MALET STREET, WC1E 7HU  
COMMENCING AT 2PM**

**Present**

ULU President – Vraj Domalip  
ULU Vice President – Sean Rillo Raczka  
London Student Editor – Hesham Zakui  
Birkbeck – Ian Drummond  
CSSD – Matt Withers  
Goldsmiths – James Haywood  
Heythrop College – Gala Jackson-Coombes  
King's College – Hannah Barlow  
LSE – Lukas Slothus  
Queen Mary – Sophie Richardson  
Royal Holloway – Daniel Cooper  
SOAS – Arianna Tassinari  
UCL – Luke Durigan

**Observers**

Queen Mary – Sam Creighton  
UCL – Stef Newton  
Heythrop – Abs Hassanali  
UCL – Michael Chessum  
Birkbeck – Joshi Sachdeo

**In Attendance**

Returning Officer – Rob Park  
ULU – Steve Harwood

## **1. Election of Chair of Senate**

Michael Chessum VS R.O.N

Michael Chessum – chaired meetings before, wants to make ULU procedures more accountable.

### **Vote:**

Michael 12

R.O.N 0

Michael Chessum takes Chair of Senate position.

Note made that this position should be advertised more as the last 2 years have only had one candidate vs R.O.N.

## **2. Apologies for Absences**

Institute of Education

Royal Academy of Music

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

Agreed: No amendments

## **4. Matters Arising**

None.

## **5. ULU Board of Trustees Minutes**

No minutes submitted.

## **6. Reports from Officers**

### **i. Vratislav Domalip, President**

- VD reported on creating a Smartphone App for ULU and how the process is going as well as what this means for ULU.
- VD commented on the ongoing project of Student Consultation across all the ULU colleges.
- VD reported on the Freshers' Fayres that he had been to and several presentations he had given since the handover period.

### **Questions:**

**King's questioned how well received ULU was at the Freshers' Fayres events.**

There was a great response to ULU membership within the proximity to ULU.

**BBK questioned whether the student consultation project will be continued by next year's ULU president.**

Hopefully it will continue and make ULU a stronger organisation.

**Report was accepted.**

**ii. Sean Rillo Raczka, Vice President**

- Focus on campaigns
- Raise student wage to London Living Wage
- Organise debate with all mayoral candidates

**Questions:**

**Will ULU be affiliated with the right to protest regarding education/fees protest and campaigns?**

**Report was accepted.**

**iii. Hesham Zakai, London Student Editor**

- HZ commented on restructuring the paper to make it more maintainable.
- HZ commented on the change to the training in that it has been extended to the whole team.
- HZ stated that the advertisement rules have changed so that the paper can raise money. (Student team benefits 10% of advert)
- HZ stated that he wants to integrate smaller specialist colleges into the paper's content.

**No questions:** - SRR congratulated HZ on the look and content of the paper.

**Report accepted.**

**7. Trustees Report**

None submitted, as the board had not yet met.

**Trustees noted:** Ross Bear QMUL  
Hannah Lon. Institute Paris  
James Mead SOAS  
Abs Hassanali UCL  
Jodie Sheckle Independent  
Stuart Debouse Independent

**8. Reports from standing committees.**

- i. Student Activities Committee – Not yet met**

- ii. **London Student Management Committee** – None submitted but Hesham stated that the release dates of some of the editions of the paper would change.
- iii. **Appointments Committee** – Not yet met
- iv. **Standards and Ethics Committee** – Not yet met (Senate voted not to fill this position, might not be that active.
- v. **Executive Committee** – Not yet met

## 9. **Proposals**

### i. **9<sup>th</sup> Nov 2011: March to defend Education**

UCL proposed the motion for ULU to join UCL in mobilising for the 9<sup>th</sup> Nov 2011 protest.

**No amendments/parts.**

**No speeches against.**

**Questions/Comments:**

SRR: Important to get as many people as possible involved in this campaign. Asked colleges to organise meetings/debates and leaflets encouraging students to get involved.

VD: Will also support this motion and encourage ULU to get involved as much as possible.

Heythrop College: Commented on the fact that last year the smaller colleges had no support in terms of leaflets and promotion of campaigns.

UCL: Offered support to the smaller colleges in terms of leaflets/ printing for the protest.

**Moved to Vote:**

In favour: 12

Against: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Passed.

### ii. **Support Edward Bauer!**

LSE presented motion to support Edward Bauer and get him reinstated to his student union in Birmingham.

**No amendments/parts.**

**No speakers against.**

**Questions/Comments:**

General discussion about whether to get involved with other student unions' policies vs. the nature of it affecting every elected student body.

King's asked how ULU saw itself getting involved publically.

SRR: Write a letter agreed by Senate and go to rallies.

**Moved to Vote:**

In favour: 9

Against: 2 (QMUL & Heythrop)

Abstaining: 1 (President)

Motion passed.

**iii. London Student Regulations**

Motion presented by the London Student Editor to make the paper a collective and to propose a London Student Assembly.

**No amendments/parts.**

**No speakers against.**

**Questions/Comments:**

QMUL queried the advantages the collective would have as well as the powers that the assembly would have.

HZ: Points made at the assembly would be deferred to the editorial board

BBK questioned the length of the membership to the collective.

HZ: The membership would last while they hold a valid ULU membership card.

**Moved to Vote:**

In favour: 12

Against: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion passed.

**iv. King's College and Ahava**

**No amendments/parts.**

**No speakers against.**

**Questions/Comments:**

King's commented that it has no policies on this motion as yet; however it is being taken to their student council soon. They also commented that as this was a recent event, they should not discuss it at the meeting.

BBK disagrees as what is discussed can be passed on to the King's meeting later.

**Moved to Vote:**

In favour: 9

Against: 0

Abstaining: 3

Motion passed.

**iv. Support Open Book**

Goldsmiths' presented motion to support Open Book project and asked that the President and VP meet with Open Book and organise fund-raising and room bookings within ULU.

**No amendments/parts.**

**No speakers against.**

**Questions/Comments:**

VD commented that it was a great motion and hopes it will be passed with full support.

**Moved to Vote:**

In favour: 12

Against: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion passed.

**10. Emergency Motions: Support Nov 30th**

Presented by Dan Cooper (Royal Holloway), seconded by Sean Rillo Raczka.

**Moved to vote on whether Senate want to hear the motion.**

In favour: 12

Against: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion passed and Chair of Senate agrees that it is an emergency motion.

Royal Holloway presented motion to support Nov 30<sup>th</sup> protest and co-ordinate strike action.

Chair not allowing amendments or parts.  
No questions.

**Moved to vote**

In favour: 12

Against: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion passed.

**11. AOB**

- 14<sup>th</sup> Oct Access Higher Education by Openbook at ULU
- 19<sup>th</sup> Oct Black Panther 18:30 ULU
- 24<sup>th</sup> Oct Debate with Tony Benn at LSE
- 8<sup>th</sup> Nov Boycott meeting
- Submission of emergency motions is contradictory. It states that emergency motions should have been submitted by 12pm the previous day, but that it can be discussed at the discretion of the chair.
- Next Senate meeting 24<sup>th</sup> November 2011