

Minutes of the Student Parliament Meeting

Date: 29th January 2026

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Walker Space/Teams Meeting (Hybrid)

Chair: Arath Hernandez

Chair (C), Question (Q), Answer (A), PM (Parliament member)

001. Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and noted the absence of some attendees.

002. Updates from Previous Parliament

- The Chair mentioned that there were no issues highlighted by members on the minutes from the previous meeting.

003. Executive Update

- The Vice Chancellor, Jon Kingsbury welcomed and appreciated all members who were present.
- Jon emphasised the importance of student voice, reassured members that the University was keen to listen to their views and encouraged members to feel free to share their feedback.

004. Student Forum

- **Communication gaps:**
 - Students are not receiving information about events and programmes across the buildings. PM mentioned that there should be a wider spread of different events, even course related ones, so that students from other courses with a similar interest can participate.
 - A concern was raised about the student body being aware of the Parliament meeting, the Chair mentioned that they would ensure that the SU does better publicity with upcoming meetings.
- **Accessibility concerns**
 - Better organisation of University spaces and classrooms with more rooms to ensure wheelchair accessibility.
 - R1 Toilets are not wheelchair friendly- The pull in system to exit the toilets makes it extremely difficult for wheelchair users to exit after use. Considering more accessibility to the toilet doors especially.

- **Training and access to Kit store equipment and university printers**
 - Difficulty with access to equipment for editing and postproduction students due to lack of basic training for these equipment. Kit store team been more available to provide basic training for these equipment so that students can easily access them.
 - More support and clear information on how to use printers around the building.

- **Attendance/ timetabling/ Assessment**
 - Student attendance not being recorded properly and a lack of support from tutors to rectify issues. Suggested that information is provided on support available when these issues are encountered.
 - Student attendance chart should be included online, so that any issues can be easily identified.
 - Breaks during classes- Students get overwhelmed with long hours of classes without any breaks in between. Implementing breaks within classes, to avoid overwhelm.
 - Assessment grades described as unclear and inconsistently communicated.

- **Toilets and hygiene**
 - Toilets in the building are very dirty and shows a lack of proper maintenance.
 - Frequent cleaning of these spaces and communications around use could be helpful.

- **Space/ Classrooms**
 - Students felt the university environment lacks visible student creative work. Suggestion to display more student artwork across building to provide validation for those who do incredible work.
 - Noisy and uncondusive learning spaces due to lack of doors especially in the R3 building.
 - Product design students reported insufficient space for building sets and practical work. Request for a dedicated product design workspace that can be shared with film/architecture students.

005 Sabbatical Officers' Reports

- **President**
 - Welcome Week activities (Sept, Jan/Feb) including social and cultural events.

- Societies Fair and revival of inactive societies.
- Cultural celebrations (Diwali, Halloween, Christmas).
- Support for international students (jobs, accommodation, cultural transition).
- Active participation in student voice meetings.
- **Vice President**
 - Expansion of clubs and societies (25+ active).
 - Campaigns on toilet cleanliness and free sanitary products.
 - Engagement sessions with senior university leadership.
 - Upcoming Welcome Week and career networking event.
- **Activities Officer**
 - Organisation of major social events and cultural activities.
 - Representation at fairs and training sessions.
 - Ongoing work to improve communication with clubs and societies.
 - Plans for February Welcome Week and equipment upgrades in social spaces.
- **Campaign Officer**
 - Promotion and delivery of welcome events and cultural celebrations.
 - Toilet hygiene and sanitary product campaigns.
 - Noise-awareness initiatives and poster campaigns.
 - Future: Focus on mental health and community wellbeing.
- **Feedback on Reports**
 - Members noted repetition across officer reports.
 - Suggestion made for clearer division of reporting responsibilities in future meetings.

006. Motion Debate

- The motion submitted could not be debated as both the proposer and seconder were not present at the meeting.

007. Constitutional Update

- Jim Valentine discussed the constitutional changes proposed on behalf of the President, highlighting that the major changes were:
 - Clarifying that the constitution did not cover franchise students
 - Clarification on the number of student reps required to be recruited depending on the number of students on each course
- There was no objection to the proposed update and members were advised that this would be taken forward to the Advisory board.

008. Confirmation of Advisory Board Member

- The Chair of the Parliament was nominated as a student member of the Advisory board and Parliament members had no objections.

009. Any Other Business (A.O.B.)

- There was no other business of the day.

010. SU Announcements

- **Elections 2026:** Nominations are ongoing, and students are encouraged to put themselves forward.
- **Career Fair:** Upcoming event, Careers team in collaboration with the SU. 4th of February 2026, 2pm -6pm
- **Clubs and Societies Fair:** 19th of February, 11am – 4pm, Open Space, Level 4
- **SU Welcome events:** Stay in touch via our social media channels for more updates.

011. Meeting Closure

The Chair thanked all attendees and the meeting was closed.