



**UBU General Meeting
Notes
11-11-2025, 6pm, Horton Barn**

56 students were in attendance.

Chair:- Seif Ilyas

Sabbs Raizana Razeen and Anas Iqbal in attendance from Sabb Team

- 1. Chair's Welcome and Safety Message – Seif Ilyas**
- 2. Reminder to sign attendance list – QR Code displayed on screen**
- 3. Apologies from Executives**
Sabbatical Officer – Sanskriti Baraili
Execs – Zenib Zia, Mahad Ali, Zara Khurram
- 4. Approval of agenda - Approved**
- 5. Declarations of interest – None**
- 6. Presentation from the UBU Executive on the current state of UBU – Powerpoint presentation given by Raizana and Anas**

There was an introduction from Andy Morwood, new CEO of UBU. Andy talked about his extensive background in Student Unions and introduced himself.

There was a question about the status of previous CEO – Andy confirmed that he is currently on sick leave.

Leo Cameron addressed the meeting, he introduced himself as a member of sports exec and a bars manager from SC02.

Leo outlined some concerns he had, these were around several topics including:-

- The effectiveness of comms for the GM. Particularly to Sports Teams
- The way POTA was handled
- Issues around the time taken to cancel a recent rugby game and to modify membership prices on the website
- Poor planning of Game Day event
- Lacklustre preparation of events for sports, incl RAG
- Credit taken for Ubies



- Poor upkeep and facilities in Communal Hall and Biko Room
- Sabbs not engaging with SC02 events

Raizana and Anas then did the presentation

Finances were presented as well as updates on Reps, Campaigns and Events. Some key issues going forward were raised such as the Dual monitor project for student spaces, VC recruitment project, current volunteering opps. There was info about Black History Month and work the Womens' Officer is doing.

7. Questions to the UBU Executive

There were an extensive number of questions for the Sabbs and more widely. Raizana and Anas answered many of these questions with some interventions from UBU Staff. Some of the questions were not things UBU could answer on that day but are invaluable feedback for us to take forward to University meetings and provide very good suggestions for how students are feeling and what their current concerns are. UBU will be taking these considerations forward.

A summary list of the questions is below:-

- Question about how to become a University Student Ambassador. This is not run by UBU but Raizana outlined how to apply
- Question about the number of personal tutees it is reasonable for a PAT to have
- Question about 3-month placements and how international students don't feel supported by university to get these. Later in the discussion someone pointed out that UG Home students also find it difficult to find placements.
- There should be anonymous feedback boxes or equivalent
- There is antisocial behaviour in the library
- Do the University security patrol the Green? Anas outlined that they do as part of regular patrols
- It was pointed out that there are loud parties at the Green and people occasionally set off fireworks, but security do not address this.
- A homeless man has been coming into a flat in the Green and sleeping in the kitchen
- Question as to why there was only 56 students in attendance

- Question on Turnitin which doesn't seem to always work correctly, often highlighting the wrong things.
- A student had had a very good Academic writing session earlier that day but felt it would have been better had it been provided earlier in the term
- There was a discussion on the Safezone app as a tool for safety on campus
- Someone pointed out that SC02 was a good space and should be used for more events, for example Ubies or Film nights. Someone else pointed out that it wasn't run very well and a Halloween event had changed start time numerous occasions and not been well promoted.
- Movember was mentioned and Anas expressed interest in supporting this
- Someone pointed out that students come to class stoned and vape indoors.
- Someone pointed out that the Academic Skills person who provides Maths support had left and not been replaced, leaving a significant need unaddressed.
- People are selling weed at the Green and it has not been addressed.
- Someone asked what is happening at the Laisteridge Halls as they are unsightly and since they are near various key services (nursery, sports pitches, health centre) it is unpleasant for users
- In other Halls some fire alarms are overly sensitive.
- Someone asked if they could restart a dormant society, they were encouraged to do so.
- Someone complained that students talk in lectures, Raizana is trying to address this, both one by one and overall. She asked for more details.
- Someone asked what the Women's officer has been doing recently. Komal Iqbal, Women's Officer, stood up and detailed some things she is working on;- free period products, reclaim the night, power hour, podcast, mens stuff. There was a comment that comms around this had not reached all.
- Someone suggested the Women's officer should go into schools to encourage young women into STEM subjects.
- Private study rooms in the library are often booked then people don't turn up. The questioner wondered if there could be a way to cancel bookings if not attended.
- Somebody pointed out that toilet cubicles in Horton can be opened from outside
- There were numerous ideas expressed around the best way to communicate with students. Someone suggested Whatsapp groups for specific cohorts, such as international students.



Someone else felt emails were best and suggested a regular email containing all the upcoming events, without being too long.

- An Exec asked if they could do Society memberships in two payments over the year. They were told they could.
- It was pointed out that the library is very noisy at night.

8. Motions – No motions

9. Matters for approval or ratification

10. Any Other Competent Business (submitted in advance to the chair)

11. Any other business/Announcements

Prizes for attendance were done. 4 people were randomly selected from the attendance list and awarded prizes.

12. Date of Next General Meeting/AGM

AGM Tuesday 14th April 2026 – TBC