**Union Exec Meeting 1st February 2021**

Attendees: Harry Sheppard (HS), Jawad Ahmad (JA), Safa Ahmed (SA), Hamad Khan (HK), Paige Dawson (PD), Arran Rangi (AR), Dafydd Jones (Chair), Onome Ogwuda (OO), Saad Khan (SKH), Annas Mazhar (AM

**Agenda:**

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| *Time* | *Item* | *Person(s)* |
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# Minutes:

Apologies

## Sabbatical Officer Updates

HS – Not much as updated at council, still working on the accomodation.

BP – Farmer’s Protest in India, was contacted by BBC about opinion on the matter. Employability skills project continues.

HS – What did the BBC want?

BP – They will be using a quote on radio 1.

JA – All should have received the new safety net policy, from the university will be asking for student opinion. Update form Jenny: if PT officers would like to take part in the Papyrus training course, to contact Jenny.

SA – Rejecting/Accepting for the Student Phonebank roles. 45 Volunteers also recruited, significant interest in the paid job roles.

## PT Officer Updates

PD – It is LGBT history month, three of the LGBT podcasts have been recorded, first should hopefully be out this week. Will be doing a review of the programme “It’s a Sin” for Instagram later. Currently recording some social media videos.

SKH – International student fees, e-mails had been received on the topic due to international students not being necessarily able to get to Aston.

JA – Asking finance office for how the fees are being used and to provide this information to students – and if they are justified.

AM – Not much more other than that which was given at UC. Sent a report on disability in higher education to the officers and SA.

OO – Continuing promoting students and alumni who have made an impact on Instagram. Had earlier meeting with BP and C&P Staff, to discuss International Women’s Day. Also making plans for March.

AR – Not much to update, working on Green Week, Keep Aston Tidy campaigns being worked on.

Chair – Working on union council refresh meeting happening 2nd February.

BP – What is the purpose of meeting?

Chair - Changes to the style of meeting, simplification.

## AOB

OO – Has there been any discussion about the BAME Officer?

HS – Due to proximity of March election, the process of removal was not taken forward. But someone may stand for the next year.

All – Discussed song of the fortnight.