



4th All Campus Student Parliament Minutes 23rd March 2021 6.30pm-8.30pm

Attendees

Chair – Filip Michl

Staff		Sabbs	
Jeni Day	Engagement Manager	Molly Purcell	SU President
Chris Jakens	Education Manager	Mark Kiley	VP Education
Steve Haugh	Director of Marketing & Strategy	Adrian Tejan Jalloh	VP Community & Engagement
Kirsty Matthew	Southend Campus Manager	Vinnie Jaya Kumar	VP Welfare
Craig Stephens	CEO	Olivia Matthews	VP Student Experience
Keith Rowland	Deputy Director for Engagement & Development	Ria Bauchie	VP Southend
Michelle Harris	Minutes	Alex Ille	VP International

Name	Role
Ana Stan	Lead Course rep C
Sandra Tyrhaug	E15 rep L
Verneicia Handfield	Individual rep
Phoenix Chilvers	LGBQ+ Officer
Rowan Moony	Individual rep
Kieran Phillips	Colchester Campus Chair
Ruta Kavaliauskaite	EBS Representative# Southend
Stuart Curlett	MA acting rep
Spencer Fredrick Rebel (he/him)	Rebel C
Lincoln Davies (Lincoln Davies)	SU staff rep C
Lo Feliciani Ojeda (he/they)	Loughton PofC
Charlie Cooke	Students with Disabilities Officer C
Skye	LGBTQ+ Student Rep
Tazi Amey	Societies Rep
Hannah W.	E15 rep SE

Alexandre Perin	international students
Henry Phillips	MA Acting Rep
Jenna Buckle	PG Rep C
Yi Shan	Asian Officer
Callum Lawes	MA acting rep
Pawani Sinhara Mudalige	International rep C
Cheyenne Bryan	BAME Rep-C
Scarlett Monaighan	SU staff rep C
Masa Melhem	Societies Representative
Somdip Dey	Mature Officer C
Ibraheem Toure	E15 president
Dan Seorici	Su services officer
Sarah-Louise Dudley	Womens Rep C
Dolly Okeowo	Women's officer co
Isobel Jacob	SCO Women
Momina Tarar	International Pep C
Julia Heimann	PGR office C
Stephanie Arkinstall	MA Acting rep

Sophie Harvison - Observer

Samra Saddique - Observer

Welcome

Union Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming, as it's the last week of term and everyone is busy

The Union Chair also took time to say congratulations to all those that won in the recent Leadership Race and said well done to all those that took part.

Apologies have been received from Julia Heimann, Tom Abadie, Samantha Howlett and Rose Tissen

The minutes for the previous meeting were agreed

Big Plan updates

1. WIFI

At the last meeting it was mentioned that the contract for accommodation etc was been reviewed and that the sabbatical officers were invited to be part of that discussion. That has now happened, and Glide will no longer be providing the WIFI service in accommodation and Southend. The main reasons were that the new provider could offer higher speeds of 50(?) and should be better at responding when problems arise.

Work on the external access points are nearly complete

Finally, work is being done on developing a reporting tool to help report issues more efficiently.

The WIFI project is likely to be wrapped up soon and some really good progress has been made on these issues this year.

2. Covid Learning

VP Education reported that online resources were at 86% and have now reached 90%. This is still short of the target 100% that was set at the start of the year. The Library has stated that they think to 100% goal was unrealistic which is frustrating to be told at this stage. However work is still on going in this area and as such the SU will be supporting a paper that will be presented at the next education committee that will ensure all essential readings will be available on line going forward.

Work is being done to prepare for the Exam period. VP education is working with the Education team to ensure the correct support in in place for students during the Exam period

At the last parliament meeting a policy was agreed on time allowed for exams. VP Education is now talking to any and all departments that are not taking a 24 hour approach and asking for an explanation as to why this approach is not being taken.

There have been some discussions about putting together a podcast on progress so far on the work of the Big Plan to update everyone and to reassess the opinions of students on the work that has been done so far. This will be delivered next week hopefully.

Question from the Chair – What are the Library's plans with regard to re -opening? VP education responded that the library is technically open for study space and for click and collecting books. The Paternoster lift that has for been broken so long has been fixed and is currently being tested for safety. This means that it will be easier to open the library back up as it will improve access. However, there is no timeline at the moment, but it has been asked for.

What might be useful is if parliament members could talk to their communities and let to let VP education know what parts of the library you would like to see open first. The PG reading room is currently a priority, but what should be a priority for Under Grads?

3. Building Connections and Welfare

The Lets connect project has now ended and the Umi app has been launched both of which went down well. The cultural project and entrepreneurial projects are now under way.

RAG starts this week – Black minds matter and Colchester foodbank are the nominated charity

Today is the 8th Day of the Brit challenge 2021 (<https://www.thebritchallenge.org.uk>) there are 4.5 weeks left to go. The VP student experience will keep you updated on progress during this challenge

VP Welfare reported that as a result of the wellbeing projects work they are now talking to external organisations to work with to facilitate peer to peer support groups. It is hoped that this process will conclude at the end of this month and will be in place next month.

As Exams will be very different this year VP Welfare is working with VP Education and the Education team on how we can best support students throughout the exam period and what the Exam campaign should look like

In addition to this, with the SU services starting to look at reopening, VP welfare is starting to look at what Policies and procedures are in place and how we can ensure a safe night out for all.

As mentioned at the last meeting there has been a review of Report and support being undertaken . On the 7th April there is a meeting to look at the results of this review and the suggested changes and recommendations.

4. Loans, Bursaries ad Grants

Planning to launch at end of April – and have sent out an email to all students who had been in touch about this issues to let them know about laptops, loans and other support that is available.

Officer Question time

SU president updated parliament on the Tuition fees referendum progress. After months of requesting the information from the university, the data on fees and spending has finally been provided and this will be circulated soon. After the referendum a 5 point plan was put together and that is reaching an end , so work is now starting on what the next steps need to be. A meeting is being held next week to look at this.

As part of the 5 point plan a template letter was put together and the President would like to encourage as many students as possible to send this letter to their local MPs. These can be sent from student's home or student address.

Action – SU President to circulate to Parliament members and members to circulate to their communities

It was suggested that the sabbatical team reach out to UCU. This has been done by a number of sabbs but unfortunately no response has been received so far. The president is now looking at alternative ways to reach out to them

Students will have received an e-mail this week regarding graduation. The university has now confirmed that the July ceremonies have been cancelled.

Many students have raised questions about this, as the nightclub Sub zero is looking to hold events around a similar time. The President wanted to remind Parliament that the SU is a separate organisation to the university and so can make its own judgments and calls on what events to hold etc.

The President reassured that the Su had lobbied in favour of holding ceremonies in July as usual but that the university were unwilling move on this issue. Graduations are now looking to be held in September instead.

Union Chair asked if the university have looked at the option of an outdoor ceremony. The president was not aware that they had but was happy to present to them as an option.

VP International updated Parliament that currently the Government is saying that there should be no International Travel

Policy Lapse

The Boycott, Divestments and Sanctions (BDS) policy is due to lapse or be renewed. Parliament representative Masa Melham has submitted the policy to Parliament to be renewed but with a few amendments to the previous policy. This document has been circulated.

The policy and the amendments were presented to Parliament

A member asked a question about Amendment 4 – they felt it was very repetitive as the BDS is an anti racist organisation and this is included in the policy elsewhere. Masa was happy to accept that change and the vote took place on the basis of that change being made.

Another question was asked as to why does the SU only look at Israeli goods and no other countries who are committing Human rights crimes?

The BDS movement is Palestine led. Its objective is to pressure Israel to meet what the BDS movement describes as Israel's obligations under international law. The movement is organized and coordinated by the Palestinian BDS National Committee. BDS is modelled after the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa.

Vote on the Amended BDS Policy with amendments

Agree – 88%
Disagree – 4%
Abstain – 8%

Policy is passed with amendments and will be in place until 23rd March '24

Upcoming policy lapses

The Union Chair reminded Parliament that the plastic Policy will be lapsing in June. This policy is 3 years old now and maybe in need of some significant changes , SU Services officer volunteered to look at existing policy and prepare any updates or amendments. **Action:** Anyone wishing to contribute to this should contact Dan Seorici

Fair Communication for SU staff

This paper was not appropriate for Parliament to vote on and the SU Services officer will provide an update during the Colchester campus parliament as it is mainly affecting Colchester students

Election Focus Group

Following the recent Leadership Race, some students raised concern and wanted to feedback about the process . In order to facilitate this The union Chair and Colchester Campus chair held a meeting on Friday (19th March) The attendees were a mix of parliament members, candidates and Democratise the SU movement.

The Chair thanked all those that attended. They are currently pulling the information together and will set up another meeting with the SU to follow up on the issues raised and will update Parliament in due course.

Action: Chair to update at next meeting

Vote of no confidence

The Student Engagement Manager reported to parliament that although this was due to be presented back to Parliament this month, it is not yet ready. It is still being worked on though and the SU is looking for engagement from Parliament on this. A group did meet to discuss it and so it would be good to see the results of that discussion and ensure that it is included in the new process.

Broke off into campus meetings

Southend Student Parliament Minutes

23rd March 2021

Attendees

Kirsty Matthew

Hannah W

Craig Stephens

Ruta K

Michelle Harris

Vinnie Jaya Kumar

Chair – Filip Michl

Apologies received from Rose Tissen

Actions from last meeting

- Whats up group is now set up however Rutas number not working so please send again.
- Ria unable to circulate information about the free Financial courses as still waiting on the contact to come back to her
- Ria was to contact admin regarding issues with reaching tutors. Ria did raise with Zoe Manning so she is aware of these issues but still waiting on a response from the admin in team
- Kirsty circulated info regarding the outside area of the Forum but she has had nothing back. There is still time to feed into this
- Student parents – Ruta and Ria spoke – VP Education took to the department and so is being dealt with

Community updates

Ruta

It is the last week of proper lectures. There has been no communication from the department about the summer term and what that will look like. They are hoping to hear soon as currently have no idea what that will look like,

Students were very disappointed to hear that Graduation is cancelled

Hannay W

Its all going well. Most students are back to some form of Face to Face teaching and they seem to be scattered all over the place.

Had one issue recently where a classmate had some concerns about a tutor. They tried to contact the SU Advice but did not hear back for two weeks. They ended up having to speak with another tutor about the issue which they had not wanted to do as they were aware that the tutors were friends. How long should students wait for a response from SU Advice?

VP welfare responded that Su Advice aims to reply in 3 working days

The issue has been dealt with it was just unfortunate that SU Advice was not able to help as it made the situation a bit tougher.

Action: VP welfare will feedback to SU Advice manager

Also approached by a student recently, they had a proposal. E15 had a rough time recently and the question was asked would be possible to have a budget that could be put towards creative workshops that students can sign up for free? This could be open to all but would be set up with E15 students in mind.

Action; VP welfare thought it was in interesting idea and was happy to discuss the idea further with the student.

Southend Student Parliament going forward

The chair asked for ideas and suggestion on how to improve the parliament and does the representatives make up need adjusting?

It was agreed that it had been nice to be in an all campus parliament this year and that normally they felt left out of the bigger issues .

It was agreed that the more reps were needed but it was necessary to change the structure but instead ;look at ways to attract more people to fill the roles that already exist.

Action: Hannah W agreed to create a video to sell and promote Student Parliament. This should be one video to cover all three campuses

It was agreed that most students don't know Parliament exists so a video would help this. It was also agreed that the link with Colchester is interesting and could be a way of enticing new people into Parliament.

This is also true of the Student Community Officer positions. Need to find a way of attracting people to fill them. If they and exiting Parliament roles were filled it would be a bigger and more interesting committee

Union Chair said that they were happy to help with the video happy.

VP Welfare asked if any other welfare issue that needed to be reported but there was nothing.

WIFI issues. Glide are currently the suppliers of WIFI in the accommodation and there have been a number of issues and some criticism of the reporting methods when there is a problem. How do you e-mail when you have no internet access?

Glide have proposed some morning drop in sessions going forward to help with this suggested but have suggested a town hall meeting first . This will be held at 6.30pm this Thursday (25th March) via Toucan. Student need to sign up for their place and then the link will be sent to them. The information is all on the what on pages

Hannah W stated that there will be classes in place for the East 15 students during the break apart from Bank Holiday weekend. However, they will be given a week off at another point.

SU Angels

What do students in Southend need over the spring break. What support is needed and what activities should the SU run? **Action:** Please reach out to communities and let us know

Current ideas are making Easter cakes with prizes available, t-shirt decorating , and providing care packages . The SU is currently giving roses and chocolates to all those performing in premiers. This has gone down really well and was appreciated by all. Thank you to Kirsty and Hannah for arranging this.

Loughton

Loughton Parliament

In Attendance:

Isobel Jacob Women's Officer

Olivia Matthews VP Student Experience

Callum Lawes MA Acting Rep

Molly Purcell SU President

Chris Jakens Education Manager

Lo Feliciani Odeja People of Colour Officer

Stuart Curlett Chair

Sandra Tyrhaug Deputy Chair

Henry Phillips MA Acting

Ibraheem Toure East 15 president

Stephanie Arkinstall MA Acting

Keith Rowland SU staff/Minutes

Apologies

Charlotte Hobbs

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and the following updates were given:

The Campus monitoring meeting has been pushed back so the timeline for gender neutral toilets is still not clear. The meeting will now be held on the 25th March.

The action regarding the anonymous feedback meeting is complete as the meeting has been held on the 24th of March.

The campus monitoring student voice group clashes with the class -this has been raised with Ilaria Boncetti -the Deputy Dean for Education for Humanities and Caroline Ibrahim Hansford the East 15 School Manager.

Two small amendments were made to better reflect the meeting that happened on the 23rd of February these corrected minutes will now replace the previous ones.

Officer updates:

Loughton Women's Officer raised the fact that a lot of people have recently been contacting her about the behavior of staff at East 15 and that students are made to feel uncomfortable in class due to language used by lecturers or guest lecturers. She requested for Reps encourage students to report issues using the report and support system.

Discussion moved on to the report and support system and how the process is not suitable for East 15 students, due to the length of time it takes and also the fact that the school do not seem to support, understand or advertise it.

It is largely unknown by students. The meeting chair requested that an email is sent out with details of report in support and how to submit a complaint.

Action: East 15 president and women's officer to compose and circulate an email about how to raise issues within the report and support system.

Discussions followed about the fact that a lot of students are reluctant to complain about members of staff or guest speakers on the basis that they feel it may harm their chances of breaking through in the industry. Deputy Director Engagement and Development for the Students' Union, asked what would it take for students to have confidence in the system and the fact that they would remain anonymous if they wished to use Report and Support to complain? Women's officer stated it would require the school to fully support the system, advertise it and talk about it openly which currently doesn't happen.

Action: VP welfare to be made aware of the issues surrounding report and support for East 15 students and to set up a meeting including: East 15 president SU President and Loughton women's officer.

The People of Colour officer reported that in collaboration with the Asian officer in Colchester he was discussing events around recognition of the Asian related violence that is happening around the world. He intends to hold an event on campus to mark some of the events in the recent national news and open up the topic for debate.

Charlotte send comments to the chair, around both the Women's Safety discussion on Tuesday 17th March and the Sarah Everhard vigil on Friday 14th March and requested comments from the Women's Officer in relation to both events.

The Women's officer reported that the event on Tuesday concerning women's safety was really successful with a really good attendance of around 150-200 students on Zoom. She reported that people have spoken out since, which has really helped in relation to highlighting and raising awareness of the problem. She said several students had raised the fact that Chris Main, Head of East 15, did not attend the event on Tuesday to discuss women's safety, or the vigil held on Friday evening.

Charlotte noted in her statement (read by the chair) that she had written separately to Chris to express dissatisfaction at the fact he hadn't attended the Friday event, and she requested it be minuted in this meeting that he didn't attend due to childcare issues.

Charlotte also requested that it was noted that the women's officer didn't attend the Friday night vigil and would like to request a formal reason to be given as to why as she felt it was her duty as Women's officer to be there. It was stated that this was in no way calling into question the general performance of the Women's Officer, but was seeking to understand why she didn't attend the event.

The Women's Officer explained that she hadn't attended the Friday evening vigil for two reasons, the first reason was her own safety- not living in Loughton, or locally, and travelling to a vigil in the dark at 10:30 pm and having to get home alone, didn't make a feel safe. The second reason, was that the school had stated that they could not support the vigil due to it not being legal (under current covid restrictions) and the fact that the safety of students could not be guaranteed. The Women's Officer felt in her role, it's important that she didn't attend due to safety and to not be seen to be going against the current guidelines, but instead sought to plan a more accessible event that was safer online, where security could be guaranteed for all attendees. The Women's Officer also noted that looking back it was a regret that she didn't communicate her intention not to attend to the organisers, but the short notice of her finding out about the event and the event taking place didn't really allow for too much discussion. She stated that she stands by the decision she made on the night, but noted it was a tough decision, but also would like to highlight the fact that her non-attendance in no way signifies that she didn't support the vigil going ahead or others rights to attend it.

The East 15 president stated that he attended the vigil to represent the Students' Union, he also endorsed the Women's Officer and her right to not attend the vigil if she didn't feel safe to do so. He also went on to formally recognize the Women's Officer's excellent performance in her role so far.

The Women's officer reflected that both events and this discussion have highlighted how much there is a need to engage more people in the women's network and have these discussions directly, rather than through mechanisms like Parliament. The Women's Officer then reflected that she hopes that people would reach out to her or attend her drop ins to discuss these issues face-to-face in order that more can be done to try and combat issues.

Loughton people of colour officer supported the fact that the vigil was short notice and echoed that safety should be paramount and that the event on Tuesday was a real success and safe and accessible for all to attend. He stated he felt that the two

events together had supported each other and had helped to bring issues out into the open.

Rep Updates

MA acting rep Henry Phillips stated that masks are currently inhibiting their performances and students have been notified that their final performances will also be required to take place whilst wearing masks. He stated there was concern amongst students that these performances will be recorded and distributed within the industry and if all the drama schools were not enforcing the wearing of masks for final performances this will hinder their chances of getting noticed. He noted that there is no current legal requirement for masks to be worn during performances and performances have previously been allowed to go ahead during term two without masks. East 15 president reported that on his course performances will be mask free and consistency was an issue here. He stated that he would contact the school to try and understand what the specific ruling is.

Deputy chair stated that she had had sight of all risk assessments, which have recently been re-written, but could be clearer about the wearing of masks during performances. The SU Education manager stated that it was the original instruction, that on returning to face to face teaching, that all rules would be reviewed on a two weekly basis and we need to see that those reviews have happened and are happening, and to see the outcome of them.

The East 15 president stated students should ask their DSM, as they know what the rules are and how they should be applied, the chair stated that if others were being recorded without masks, the MA acting students would be severely disadvantaged.

Action: East 15 president to request the dates and details of each review and the specific ruling of mask wearing.

East 15 president stated that the living history review was going very well and lots of things are changing for the better he will provide further details once it's finalized but reports that the work is looking very encouraging.

Any other business

None was reported that the meeting was really closed at the request of the union chair in order that students could return to full parliament to undertake a vote.

Colchester

Attendees:

Ana Stan

Verneicia Handfield

Rowan Moony

Kieran Phillips

Phoenix Chilvers

Spencer Fredrick Rebel

Lincoln Davies

Charlie Cooke

Skye

Tazi Amey

Alexandre Perin

Jenna Buckle

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Julia Heimann

Minutes from the previous minutes were approved.

Actions from the previous meeting.

Chair noted there was a number of updates required from the last meeting.

The first update was regarding the Faith Centre. VP Community and Engagement was asked to attend this part of parliament to update. The Chair moved to the next point whilst waiting for VP Community and Engagement (VPCE) to move over.

The next update was Quality of value of accommodation where Student Engagement Manager (JD) initially updated that Student Engagement Team will work with students who want to see a change in value of accommodation. Additionally, this was also on the Big Plan list provided to candidates during the Leadership Race.

VP Education agreed with JD and additionally stated that value for money was included in the referendum and this extends to value of accommodation. The University needs to focus on the value of accommodation, however we need student feedback to provide a quality argument to the University to ensure that improvements can be made.

LGBQ+ Officer updated regarding the meeting with the Trans champion. The meeting was an introduction meeting however there will be a more detailed meeting next month which will have other students share their experiences.

VPCE attended a Faith centre meeting the day before. Now the road map has been released, the group is focusing on finances and the work is continuing in the faith centre. However, there is still some uncertainty regarding room 5a and 5b. These rooms are currently available for booking, however it does not seem positive or likely that mass prayer will commence come term time. This conversation is continuing and planning is occurring for next academic year.

The Chair requested that representatives ensure that their communities are updated with this.

VPCE additionally noted that all faith society presidents are invited to the meetings, however as this is voluntary and due to barriers and time conflicts it is recognised that this can be hard. Therefore, there has been an agreement that there will be meeting with VPCE and the faith society presidents as pre meets. To ensure that VPCE is able to represent the students accurately and efficiently.

Student staff communications

Services officer and both Student Staff reps (Scarlett and Lincoln) noted that they had received feedback from Student Staff regarding lack of communication from the SU regarding what's happening with their position within the SU.

They had a meeting with the Manager of PED earlier that day. Today's meeting was quite comprehensive and issues were expressed. Not all the issues are relevant for Parliament, however it was a good way to build the bridge between student staff and PED. There is now guidance regarding how to approach these issues and concerns that student staff have. Communication will increase during the summer term, especially as the government restrictions are expected to change a lot and this will directly impact the roles of student staff. They now feel they are on the right track.

VP Education question – VP Education is the Chair of the Audit and Risk committee (sub group of the trustee board), where policies regarding staffing are overseen. He is happy to sit down and discuss the issues on this level, to make sure the sub committee can ensure that student staff are heard.

It was agreed that the Services Officer and Student Staff Reps will discuss this outside of this meeting.

Dan emphasises that student staff can come to him to ask any questions.

Library discussion

VP Education began with a general update regarding the Library. The paternoster lift is looking likely it will open which is very positive. There are plans to have the Library 24/7 (like before) when possible.

The Library want to know what aspect of the Library students want to see accessible the soonest i.e. What do students want to be brought back first.

Which would be more useful/ is the priority – access to study spaces or access to physical books?

Eventually both will happen, however there needs to be prioritisation on what needs to happen first. VP Education opened it up to the room to hear views and comments.

Verneicia Handfield (Individual Representative) asked what/ how many student spaces are currently available in the Library?

There is currently general seating and PG seating available.

VP Education had a look online (<https://libcal.essex.ac.uk/>) and there was currently 50/60 spaces available. Majority of these spaces have pcs.

You can have a space for 3 hours at a time. They have spoken to the library about extending it. It is a relatively easy way of booking it.

The Library have never reached capacity. You don't have to book in advance, you can turn up and book one at that time.

Scarlett (Student Staff rep) noted that as an individual who studies on campus – much prefers to have the ability to browse books before additional study spaces. As

some lab spaces and other study spaces are also already open on campus, however it is currently difficult for students who have a book heavy module/degree as they cannot browse books.

Services Officer agreed -Browsing would be ideal right now, especially for students who need multiple references for their dissertation.

Dan asked how feasible would this be?

VP Education replied that the library has been looking at this since the beginning of the academic year as there were previous plans of a phase opening prior to the November lock down.

No final decisions have been made on the operationality of browsing books, however the assumption would be a restriction of touching the books/ use of gloves and also isolation of the books for 72 hours (which is currently happening as part of click and collect).

VP Education thanked everyone for the feedback and this aligns to previous views. There are a number of factors that will be taken into account including – number of students in at one time and ventilation. However, the paternoster is likely to help the outcome of being able to browse books, as it is not an enclosed space. It was also added that the stairs are narrow and are one of the reasons why the upper floors have not been able to open.

Parliament positions

JD stated that currently parliament positions and members of the whole of parliament are being reviewed. JD asked the campus section their views on whether should be any changes with numbers or roles. Members can also email suparli@essex.ac.uk their views and feedback.

Student staff for Southend and Loughton need to be represented somehow, however this may not be best as having positions as they are a small number of student staff on the campuses.

Community Updates

Students with Disabilities Officer has a meeting with the Senior Disability Champion on the 7th April – so if anyone has any feedback from students with disabilities from their communities please feel free to email Charlie prior to the meeting so this can be raised.

Discussion whether individuals would be interested in another social event

Since we have some extra time this would be a good time to discuss this. Verneicia (Individual representative) noted that the last social was a good success so something for the third term would be good. Exam destresser or after exams.

Sarah (Women's representative) couldn't make the last one as it looked this it was going to be good fun. Sarah wanted to ask the people who did go what did they

do and would they like to repeat or should we create new ideas. Thanks for the discord chat, it is nice to have something casual to engage with people.

Colchester Chair attended. They all spent lots of time creating structure prior to the event however when they got there it was very informal with chatting and some online games throughout the night. It worked well that way.

Sarah in her department have socials every Friday for PGT and this allows for a casual environment.

PGR Officer organised the last social and agreed that having a social would be great, but also thinks it should be opened up for the wider community.

PGR Officer asked VP International if it can be hosted on a discord.

Alex, says parliament has now been moved into the community hub on discord. The discord will be launched for the wellbeing project at the end of the week however the whole of the community hub will be launched as part of this to. Alex encourages everyone to do so, there will be tutorials of how to use it to.

Perhaps agree next week when there will be another social.

Back to All campus meeting

Southend and Colchester resumed Parliament – Loughton were still at their Campus meeting

Any other business

VP Welfare wanted to draw Parliaments attention to a bill that is due to go before the House of Commons soon. This Bill is looking to change the rules around protesting in the UK.

VP Welfare is worried about this Bill and some of the language used in it and feels that it would remove a cornerstone of Democracy in Britain, the right to protest and that this Bill will have a particularly damaging impact on the younger generation and students.

Following discussions with sabbatical team and the SU senior managers team, it was agreed that it should be brought to Student parliament to discuss

VP Education completely agreed and felt it was important something should be done. The suggestion was that Parliament could pass a policy about this Bill or a policy that states that the SU respects the right to protest and it would be good to talk to the various communities about the effects of this bill on them.

It was asked if it was worth talking to other student unions to see what they are doing and how they are planning to opposed the Bil ? It was agreed that this was a good

idea but that would take time and something should be done ASAP and that any further actions would be stronger if there was a mandate from parliament in place

It was agreed that the best course of action was that a statement should be put together expressing that the University of Essex student's union disagrees with the Government's Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill.

It was agreed Loughton student parliament needed to be back in the room for this to be voted on

It was agreed that the vote needed to have 50% in favour to pass. This was done by a show of electronic hands as 28 out of 33 present parliament members voted in favour of preparing a statement immediately. **Action:** VP welfare to lead on preparing this and then circulating to all members. Further actions will be discussed at the next Parliament.

The Meeting was brought to a close.

Next Meeting will be on 27th April

Voting record

Verneicia Handfield (She/Her), Individual Rep, CS	For
Lo Feliciani Ojeda, they/he, SCO POC L	For
Alexandre Perin (he/him) international students C	For
Somdip Dey, He/Him, Mature SCO, Colchester	Abstain
Yi Shan, He/Him, Asian Officer	For
Ruta Kavaliauskaite (she/her), EBS Representative, Southend	For

Masa Melhem, (She/Her), Societies Representative	For
Lincoln Davies, he/him, Student Staff Rep, C	For
Daniel Seorici, he/him, SU Services SCO	For
Charlie Cooke - She/Her - Students with Disabilities Officer – Colchester	For
Hannah Wengard (she/her) East 15 representative	For
Jenna Buckle, She/Her, Postgraduate Parliament Rep	For
Stuart Curlett he/him MA Acting rep Loughton	For
Pawani Sinhara she-her , International rep	For
Mihai-Robert Fortu, they/them, LGBTQ+ Student Rep C	For
Tazi Amey, She/Her, Societies Rep	For
Callum Lawes, he him, MA Acting Rep	For
Isobel Jacob, she/her, SCO Women Loughton	For
Rowan Moony, individual rep	Abstain

Scarlett Monaighan (She/her, Student Staff Rep, C)	For
Phoenix Chilvers (they/them) - LGBTQ+ Officer - Colchester	For
Ibraheem Him E15 Pres	
Spencer Fredrick (Rebel Rep C he/him)	Against
Cheyenne Bryan (she/her), BAME Rep	For
Sarah (she/her), Women's Rep	For
Dolly Okowo, They/Them, Women's Officer	For