

Minutes of Warwick Labour Executive Committee

31/08/2017



Meeting	Summer Break – 31/08/2017
Present	Julia Pearson, Tom Honeywell, Matilda Smith, Emma Worrall, Alex Delameilleure, Nathan Lavenstein, James Curley, Jack Hogg, Faiza Akhtar
Apologies	Adam Taylor, Carys Hill, , Robert Blagov, Laura Addison
Absent	None
Observers	None

Agenda
1. Constitution Update
2. Week 1-5 Timetable
3. Young Labour Policy Forum
4. UG Open Day
5. WL Banner
6. Workers' Beer
7. Labour Students
8. Caucus Reports
9. Party Conference
10. Finance Update
11. Publicity/Social Media
12. Freshers' Leaflet
13. Freshers' Retention
14. Internal Campaigns
15. External Campaigns
16. PolSoc Question Time
17. Domain Name Issues
18. Upcoming Socials
19. Correspondence from Local Co-Op Society
20. AOB

Action Points For Next Meeting		
Agenda No	Item	Person
1	Write up working group update	Julia
4	Organise freshers' fair stall	Nathan/Julia
5	Discuss funding for new banner	Adam/Julia
7	Send potential speaker contacts to Emma	Julia
8	Incorporate caucus-led latte sessions into schedule	Emma
9	Publicise exec members attending conference as welfare contacts	Emma
10	Authorise spending requests	Adam
11	Launch and update discussion groups	Jack/James
12	Design new freshers' leaflet	James
13	Confirm speakers for freshers' events	Emma
15	Organise campaign briefing	Tom
16	Confirm Labour representative	Julia
17	Contact Societies Officer for info on resolution	Julia
18	Post previous year's events timetable on exec group	Julia

19	Send reply to Co-Op Party	Julis
20	Book rooms for upcoming events	Nathan
20	Organise rota for freshers' fair stand	Nathan

1. Constitution Update

- Subteam to write up working group update – no need to completely re-write constitution as much does not need changing

2. Week 1-5 timetable

- Link sent out – to fill out event
- Lead time for leaflets on order of a few days: to be printed in first week

3. Young Labour Policy Forum

- Alex and Molly accepted as delegates
- More info to be received from LS

4. UG Open day

- 23rd – clashes with women's
- Next open day – will be present
- Julia has ordered materials – caucus materials from Rob
- Nathan has booked stall and to organise rota
- Nametags – identify roles/caucus officers – Julia

5. WL Banner

- Current banner broken
- Julia to chat w/Adam about new banner – funding given

6. Workers' Beer

- Alex: Successful – good links with other socialist socs – worth doing again
- Julia: c. £400 raised

7. Labour Students

- LS Chair's training – interesting according to Julia – good ideas of events
- Julia has picked up contacts for tours/events – to send to Emma
- LS have contacts to support National Campaign on housing
- LS Training Weekend – productive – unions, YL, anti-semitism, caucus best practice

8. Caucus report from Faiza

- Caucus presence at freshers' fair important
- Non-drinking socials a good way to include all members
- BAME/liberation-led lattes for beginning of year – introduces caucus presence– Emma to liaise with caucus officers for leaders/topics
- Practical/action topics – e.g. LGBT+ rights

9. Conference

- Alex has checked people have accommodation
- Molly has made post regarding womens' conference
- Emma: to make plans closer to time – visible presence of exec for members in discussion groups – emergency welfare roles

10. Finance Update

- £120 from SU – internals including £30 for banner still to be paid out
- Finances more stable than past
- Julia: spending requests to Adam
- Freshers' fair cost – none
- Considering visiting W+L for CLP fundraising
- Emma/Alex needs reimbursement – cannot be done over hols

11. Publicity/Social Media

- Jack to launch new discussion group in next couple of weeks and move old members to alumni group
- Facebook banner needs updating – James to do tonight
- Jack: currently set as public group – new group closed – have to be member to read posts
- Other political societies have closed groups also
- New group to be closed

12. Freshers' Leaflet

- Jamie to send previous year's leaflet to Julia for comparison
- One side to be event timetable, other about soc/caucuses – caucus section took large chunk of last year's – confusion as to purpose of soc – more talking about soc more broadly
- Draft to be confirmed for week before term – links to social media feed
- James to write copy

13. Freshers' Retention

- Jack – most social media activity to start in next couple of weeks
- Has joined multiple freshers' groups to promote soc
- Julia: one-on-one chats important to make potential members welcome – exec should take leads
- Freshers' address – Julia: Matt Western to be recontacted via Felix about speaking – Julia has discussed for other events

Intro to campaigning events – Tom/Matt Western

- Talks and events – freshers’ reception: Mary Creagh – 5th. Drinks reception after
- Freshers’ Address: No reply r.e. Yanis Varoufakis, Emma to begin seeking others
- Week 5 – Lord Adonis – topics including student visas, Brexit, etc.
- Wk3 – campaign events
- Weekly lattes beginning 12th October – ‘what Labour means to me’ – broader than originally – to re-iterate rules of conduct/safe space
- Topics recycled from last year’s poll – Julia suggested having representation from caucuses to lead first session

14. Internal Campaigns

- Sexual assault campaign – too difficult to do issue proper justice
- Tilly/Carys discussing womens’ shelter campaign drive around reading week – caucus involvement – Julia suggested contacting Hannah for details of prior campaigns

15. External Campaigns

- Tom: brief intro week 2/3 – two sessions – Leam/Cov – Julia: week 2 good as after reception
- Potential to have Matt Western at campaign brief

16. PolSoc Question time

- Emma: quick message received – event to be held 24th October
- Student question time similar to BBC format – rep from each political society needed
- Seeking individual to show positions on broad range of issues
- Julia to post call in exec group; Tilly has volunteered to represent Labour

17. Domain name issues

- Warwick Tories reused warwicklabour.co.uk domain for results day link
- Julia messaged socs officer – can make an official complaint
- Julia to send inquiry to see if rules are broken

18. Upcoming Socials

- Wk 1-5 socials posted on calendar
- Casual welcome drinks in Terrace bar after freshers’ reception
- Lasertag – date chosen around discounted slots
- Julia to get last years’ timetable from Jamie and post on group
- Charity shop crawl – Alex cannot go, will plan route and hand over
- Kasbah week 3 – pre-drinks location needed – Leam or campus for uni express
- Bar crawl – long doc of challenges to run through with lib officers
- Post-reading week events: Pop!, board games night, school dayz – second event as to not clash with PolSoc, Christmas market/meal

19. Correspondance from Local Co-Op Society

- Message from Midlands regional development offering leaflets etc for stalls
- General agreement - Co-Op in society name
- Emma: leaflets for freshers' stall – sponsorship unlikely
- Potential source for speakers for events so good to cultivate

20. AOB

- Julia suggested members contact her/Tom/caucus officers as appropriate if needing a chat
- Emma: room bookings – when opening? Nathan to enquire
- Freshers' fair stall – Nathan to organise rota
- Next meeting to be held on or about 2nd October