

Minutes of Warwick Labour Executive Committee

12/05/2017



Meeting	Week 32, Term 3 - 12/05/2017
Present	Julia Pearson, Tilly Smith, James Curley, Jack Hogg, Alex Delameilleure, Nathan Lavenstein, Adam Taylor, Carys Hill
Apologies	Rob Blagov, Emma Worrall, Tom Honeywell, Laura Addison, Faiza Akhtar
Absent	None
Observers	None

Agenda
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Email Contact List2. Discussions of EGM3. Review into EGM Constitutional Issues4. SU Funding Update5. Society Undergraduate Open Day6. Upcoming Campaigning7. Red Tie Dinner8. Future Exec Meetings9. AOB

Action Points For Next Meeting		
Agenda No	Item	Person
1	Complete mailing list updates	James
2	Include relevant sections of minutes in weekly email	Julia
4	Submit SU funding proposal	Adam
6	Publicise upcoming campaigning	Jack
7	Confirm Red Tie arrangements with SU	Alex
7	Confirm location for results night	Alex
7	Create publicity for charity football match	James
8	Confirm timing for next exec meeting	Nathan

1 – Email Contact List
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• James: previous contact list incomplete/outdated, cannot use SU database directly for data protection reasons• New mailing list has been updated with 90 individuals still needing further details• Former members removed from database

2 – Discussion of EGM
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nathan summarised the minutes from the EGM held on 10th May• Julia accepted responsibility as Chair for failure to follow correct procedure for amendments• The following reasons for the failure were identified;<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ No clear procedure or experience for calling an EGM inherited from previous exec

- A need to hold the EGM by the week ending 12/05/17 to comply with Labour Students deadlines for delegates, leading to insufficient time for proper preparation
- Failure of the SU Societies Officer to respond to Nathan's notification of EGM and request for returning officer which may have resulted in an earlier awareness of the problems
- Issues in the proposed wording of the amendments themselves, as a result of the short time period available to discuss them
- A failure to consult with the wider society before sending the proposed amendments to the EGM, which may have led to the above issues being identified
- The following steps to prevent a similar incident in future were agreed;
 - To re-write the proposed amendments for inclusion in the next General Meeting
 - The creation of a guide detailing EGM procedures in consultation with SU by-laws, the Society constitution, and former and current exec members
 - To write this guide after the exam season, when time demands on committee members are lessened and previous exec members are still involved
 - Greater consultation with the wider Society before sending proposed amendments to a General Meeting
 - To call an EGM in Term 1 in order to pass the revised amendments, possibly concurrent with Labour Students delegate elections
- As not all exec members were present, Carys suggested the above be further discussed at the next meeting, which was agreed by the Chair.

3 – Review into EGM Constitutional Issues

- The Chair noted that a member of the Society, Ben Hayday, had requested the executive committee investigate the issues resulting from the EGM (*as discussed in 2*)
- Nathan noted that, while the previous discussion had been minuted, those minutes would not be published until after the General Election campaign
- James suggested publishing the relevant sections of the minutes in order to inform members; Alex proposed this be done in the next weekly email
- Carys proposed the constitutional amendment to be held at the start of Term 1, in order to not discourage freshers from attending the Labour Students delegate election
- James proposed using the Warwick Labour blog to explain the decided course of action
- Nathan suggested holding the consultation on proposed amendments in a Lefty Lattes slot

4 – Funding Update

- Adam noted the SY deadline for submission is 13/05/17, and requested that exec members be contactable in case their input is needed
- James to pass on information on costs of website to Adam
- Jack suggested allocating funds to targeted Facebook advertising; Julia noted such spending would have to be taken out of the Coventry South spending cap, and thus inadvisable
- The committee agreed to uphold the Society's affiliation with Labour Students
- Julia noted that the previous year's Talks/Events spending was unusually low, and suggested £50-£100 as an appropriate figure

5 – Society Undergraduate Open Day

- Julia noted that requests for a presence at the UG Open Day, to be held on 23rd/24th June, were to be submitted by 15/05/17
- It was agreed that not to take a place, given difficulties in availability of members and the nature of the Society.

6 – Upcoming Campaigning

- Week 4 campaigning confirmed for 16th/18th/20th May, with the session on the 16th being phonebanking
- Tilly: CLP have commented that phonebanking more effective use of time for gathering data
- Carys noted problems with transport in previous campaigning sessions, and requested that members are asked to confirm their attendance of campaigning sessions in advance
- Carys also stated that members who confirm attendance should be prioritised when transport limited
- Request from Matt Western to run voter registration campaigns – noted as against SU rules and therefore impossible

7 – Red Tie Dinner & Socials

- Alex: had met with Societies Co-ordinator concerning Red Tie on 11/05, further forms to be completed
- Current proposed standard ticket price of £38, projected to cover budget
- Ticket sales to go live following SU approval, most likely sometime in next week
- Election night: previous location no longer possible, Tilly to check with flatmates over possibility of using Sherborne
- SU not desirable due to presence of supporters of other parties
- Charity Football: Alex to contact Becky, Tom and Matt Pearce to arrange training sessions
- James to create publicity in advance as unavailable from 11/06

8 – Future Exec Meeting

- The exec agreed that meetings would be postponed for exam season following Week 5, to resume Week 8
- Need for meeting in week before Red Tie to confirm arrangements
- Nathan requested all exec members to fill out Doodle polls promptly

9 - AOB

- Julia: prompt timings of weekly emails noted by Michael
- Post received – unsolicited copy of vanity-published book
- Julia: PolSoc mock debate at 6pm 12/05 – members encouraged to attend
- Jack: first Twitter troll on official account – now blocked