

# Minutes of Warwick Labour Executive Committee

22/06/2017



<b>Meeting</b>	Week 38, Term 3 - 22/06/2017
<b>Present</b>	Julia Pearson, Alex Delameilleure, Emma Worrall, Nathan Lavenstein, Tilly Smith, Jack Hogg, Carys Hill
<b>Apologies</b>	Laura Addison, Tom Honeywell, Adam Taylor, James Curley
<b>Absent</b>	Faiza Akhtar, Rob Blagov
<b>Observers</b>	None

<b>Agenda</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Socials</li> <li>2. Social Media</li> <li>3. Consultation</li> <li>4. Conference</li> <li>5. Scheduling</li> <li>6. Freshers' Week</li> <li>7. Internal Campaigns</li> <li>8. Summer Tasks</li> <li>9. AOB</li> </ol>

<b>Action Points For Next Meeting</b>		
<b>Agenda No</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Person</b>
2	Cross-train social media/publicity	Jack/James
2	Sort out Eleanor's blog post	Jack
3	Create constitution google form	Julia
3	Launch consultation	Julia
3	Create google doc for constitution rewrite	Julia
4	Create conference chat/group	Tom
5	Schedule meetings over summer as/when needed	Nathan
6	Decide on events for freshers' week	All
6	Find speaker for freshers' address	Emma
7	Preparation for freshers' campaign	Tilly
8	Organise facebook discussion/alumni groups	Jack

<b>Action Points For Start of Year</b>		
<b>Agenda No</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Person</b>
3	Publish results of consultation	Julia
6	Finalise schedule for freshers' week	All
6	Book rooms for freshers' week	Nathan
6	Create publicity to support freshers' events	James
6	Promote freshers' events	Jack
6	Organise Socs Fair stand	Nathan(?)
6	Sign off freshers' week spending	Adam
7	Create material for internal campaigns	Tilly

### **1 - Socials**

- Chair congratulated Alex on the running of Red Tie Dinner
- Issue of H&S and first aider presence – presence of sober members important
- For future events ensure at least one sober and first-aid trained
- Alex to take training
- Charity football - £205 raised before costs
- Alex congratulated Carys on large female contingent playing
- BBQ this evening – Ben Heyday to set up BBQ
- Karaoke – Alex to make event – Julia: by Saturday for weekly email
- Jack: requested photographs
- Julia: Tories have suggested drinking socials – against
- Carys: had to talk with some Tories at Great Get-Together for attempting provocation from both sides

### **2 – Social Media**

- Julia: social media has improved since conversation with Jack – all issues solved
- Jack to have conversation with James over summer
- Last year's publicity/social media split has left inefficiencies – need both members to post events
- Jack/James to train each other for redundancy
- Other members can take on parts of role under heavy loading
- Jack to talk to Alexei and Eleanor regarding social media and blog posts respectively
- Jack: trying to make more memes

### **3 – Consultation**

- Working group met Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss amendments
- Julia has emailed Socs Coordinator and DDO to discuss issues;
  - Proposal of amendments to amendments on floor uncertain
  - Bylaw provision for absentee voting – how to do particularly given amendments
  - Voting for one-member elections – by-laws require FPTP or STV only
- Multiple minor problems in constitution
- Summer: Julia to create google doc for exec to refine and re-write constitution
- New constitution to be passed in one motion with controversial points broken out if possible
- Previous proposed amendments – to look through and refine – online consultation over summer – statement prepared
- Alex to post statement to exec chat for perusal
- Consultation on amendments only – issues on constitution to be excluded but contact details provided
- Plan for EGM at end of term 1 – LS elections – no need to detract from freshers

### **4 – Conference**

- Inquiries from members received on conference attendance; Tom setting up a group
- Julia suggested sooner rather than later – before application deadline
- Alex to talk to Tom
- Emma/Carys also attending womens' conference

## 5 – Scheduling

- Exec scheduling – issues with this week’s meeting
- No meeting Wk10 – very unlikely to meet quorum and little to discuss
- Exec members to message Julia if issues
- 1/2 meetings in summer to plan freshers events
- Slot(s) working for all to be found once 2017/18 timetables distributed

## 6 – Freshers Week

- Schedule to be printed and handed to freshers for events up to first half term
- Allows members to better come along to new events
- Need to hold onto new members – caucus officers to lead within own caucuses
- Julia: exec members to lead one-on-one retention to encourage new members
- Tilly: sort out facebook chat earlier
- Alex: better if freshers encouraged to form chat without exec presence - Julia: informality allows exec members to be absent
- Freshers’ Address and reception – Emma to seek speaker in next couple of days
- Alex: Matt Western as backup
- Julia: need to email large number of contacts in order to get speaker
- Alex suggested the meet the exec social tie into the address – Emma: concern over length
- Julia: this year: exec/reception – meet the exec later in year. Alex: event with just freshers and exec
- Carys: important not to diminish non-exec members
- Julia: emphasis on caucus officers to increase caucus retention
- Emma: previous lattes topics to run in Term 1 – Julia: Wk1 – ‘Why I’m Labour’
- Drug policy – good discussion previous year
- Julia: alternation of drinking and non-drinking socials
- Pop!; non-drinking alternative to circling needed but separate room not working
- Alex/Emma: Bar crawl in Leamington – easier for non-drinking – need to promote inter-year socialisation
- Julia: caucus events to be planned up to half term
- Carys: planning womens’ caucus events – to message Chloe Whyn for talk on lad culture etc
- Laura: wants to run member talks
- Julia: wants caucuses to run more varied events
- Alex: women’s caucus can have wider net than Labour – Julia: wider issues allow co-operation with other societies
- Alex: WARSoc – need to repair links – Alex to talk to Faiza – BAME caucus
- Carys: friend on JewishSoc exec
- Freshers’ week: busy week – Julia and caucus roles to lead welfare – members should feel free to speak up if work too much

### **7 – Internal Campaigns**

- Tilly – lad culture during womens' caucus – in Freshers – Week 2
- Leafletting/discussion
- Emma: need for call to action
- Julia: issues with society objectives – 'we are not Nightline'
- Alex: helps prepare freshers' for campaigning. Contacts on leaflets can be SU
- Julia: opening up conversations – 'what is assault?' – can speak to Chloe
- Emma: wider – drinking culture, learning in male environment
- Alex: should not be purely womens' caucus events – need to not alienate male members
- Tilly: overall event with 5 days – theme for each – internal campaign for 2<sup>nd</sup> half

### **8 – Summer Tasks**

- Social media to continue over summer
- Facebook group – new group will be set up; departing members transferred to alumni group
- Jack to 'friend' as many freshers as possible to add them to page

### **9 – AOB**

- Events in afternoon – Lefty Lattes and BBQ
- Julia wished all members a happy holidays