

**MINUTES OF THE STUDENT VOICE MEETING**  
**22 January 2016**

**In attendance: Jo Norman, Will Sparrow**

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| Williams, Francesca | 301903 | AM L3               |
| Horvat-Kelly, Ryan  | 330659 | AML3                |
| Boston, James       | 352225 | AML2                |
| Greenough, Holly    | 360891 | Adventure sports L3 |
| Mansbridge, Harry   | 361357 | Adventure sports L3 |
| Daniels, Jack       | 368072 | Adventure sports L3 |
| Kumar, Toby         | 370564 | Adventure sports L3 |
| Humberstone, Max    | 371277 | AM L3               |
| Dunham, Ben         | 371706 | Land & Environment  |
| Tyler, Abbie        | 373121 | AM L2               |
| Hatzfeld, Rachael   | 375460 | AM L3               |
| Sibley, Luke        | 371392 | Land & Environment  |
| Provan, Joseph      | 280853 | Land & Environment  |

**Action By**

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Dates for your diary

- 9 February - Safer Internet Day: no place like Gnome!  
1 gnome will be provided per course for students to decorate in their own style. i.e. horticulture with a shovel, agriculture with a tractor etc. A Facebook page will be set up and the gnomes will travel around the world. Prize for furthest travelled. There will be a map in restaurant to plot progress.
- Weds 24 February Student Voice Conference: A whole day with reps attending from Bedford and Kempston. If you are in lessons, you can still attend. Food will be provided. An email will be sent and you need to reply to that.

Last year was 'Dragons Den' and the outcome was that The Tavern Bar was re-designed and is now the café side of Munch & Mocha.

This year the theme is Core Values of Society.

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WS introduced Dave & Anna from Health Watch:

A Health & Wellbeing event for young people is taking place on Wednesday 17 February (half term) at Centre Parks Woburn Forest. It will consist of workshops some of which will be filmed. A report will be produced about the views of young people to go back to the council. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

In the afternoon you will have the opportunity to have some

fun at the Subtropical Swimming Paradise!  
Forms to apply will be available from Student Services.  
Parental consent is required. Siblings/friends age 13-18 not attending college can apply to attend also.

This information should be taken back to groups by the student reps.

### 3 Student Issues

#### L3 Animal Management:

- Staff in the Munch restaurant are rude to students. Previous staff are missed greatly – she always had a chat with students whereas the new staff don't do this, they just 'watch' over the students.
- Restaurant expensive: e.g. water for pot noodles £1.
- Students asked restaurant staff to wear gloves for serving but were made to feel uncomfortable about this by the staff.

WS

#### Land Based Studies:

- Poor variety of drinks / food available.
- The cost of a panini is not covered by the meal bursary.
- Cream eggs are 80p
- More water fountains requested to be installed around campus.
- Cash machine mentioned again and it was explained that there is no connection for this.
- Would like Yorkie bars on sale in restaurant.

#### Outdoor Ed:

- Prices in restaurant expensive.
- Group would like a tour of Animal Unit.
- Suggestions of a student course swap for a day.
- Students (all courses) have said they have been trying to use the Gym for a long time. Inductions are an ongoing issues with ED aware.

WS

#### Animal Care L1 & 2:

- There are not enough places to sit inside on break/lunch as M & M always full.
- Not enough bins on site. This is the reason for litter.
- Buses more of a problem as regularly late in mornings. (Bedford, Leighton Buzzard & Westoning).
- Dirty & 'leaking' buses.
- Buses blocking the road to car park. WS says cars need to be patient.
- Complaints about the potholes down the drive.
- Request for a microwave to be made available for student use

MD

in café.

- State of toilets on site is bad. Russell Hall girls, graffiti on back of door.

**Horse Management:**

- When the Tavern changed to Munch & Mocha students were told that bottled lagers would be made available in the café side for sale in the evenings. JN explained that the coffee shop is not open after 4.30 and so this has not been possible.

**Any other business:**

- WS stated that all buses have been told not to leave until 5pm, Facilities are monitoring this.
- Regarding the incident of a Masons bus driver being rude and insulting a student, she has not had a response from college or the bus company. The incident was reported to WS and to Masons. WS said he would look into it.
- Sofas from outside the restaurant have been removed as they have been ripped, stuffed with rubbish (crisp packets etc) and graffiti done on them. They were in another part of college for 5 years previously, this damage was done within a few weeks of being at restaurant.

JN and WS to speak to Facilities about the return of sofas and said Students need to take responsibility for them and not be afraid to ask other students not to damage/abuse them.

**WS/facilities**

**WS**

**JN/WS**