

3. Acceptance of Agenda for November 1st, 2023

It was MOVED by Dhruv Taneja and SECONDED by Anxhela Likaj, “The agenda for November 1st, 2023 be accepted as presented”.

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4. Confirmation of Minutes for October 11th, 2023

It was MOVED by Vanshika Sharma and SECONDED by Anxhela Likaj, “to accept October 11th, 2023 meeting minutes as presented”.

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5. Business:

a) Next Semester’s Collaborations

- VP, Sonia announced that Campus Manager, Charanpreet reached out to the VPs to confirm each council’s willingness to collaborate with the various college departments during the Winter 2024 semester.
- The Newnham council agreed, and VP, Sonia will follow up with Charanpreet to confirm.

b) Student Proposed Event

- Some students reached out to Ammar to ask to organize a Qawali night.
- Coordinator, Vanshika and Campus Manager, Ammar discussed removing the food requested by the students and substituting it with snacks (e.g., samosas).
- Ammar will meet the students, work around the budget with them, and get back to the council with more information.

c) Committee Updates

- Anxhela – The SDG Committee is still working on updating the website. They have a meeting right after the LBC to organize the informational event.
- Vanshika – The Newnham Club Fest’s proposed date is November 7th. Ammar confirmed that the date is ok.
- Dhruv – The Off Campus Committee will review the feedback from past off-campus trips this week.
- Sonia – The Food Bank Committee still has not met because of schedule conflicts. She is still waiting for Akarshannoor to intervene.

d) Advocacy Issues

- Anxhela helped a student with a payment issue by assisting as best as possible and accompanying the student to the Service Hub. Student was happy with the assistance.
- Dhruv assisted a student with an issue with a professor (related to a academic integrity accusation), and suggested to reach the student adviser.
- Sonia is currently involved in a Academic Appeal Committee due to a student appealing the decision of their case. The Committee has been reviewing documents and proofs, but the information is very unclear and incomplete. There will be more meetings regarding the same case soon.

e) Other Business

- SSHIFT Club Issue

Campus Manager, Ammar, urged the council to discuss the SSHIFT Club event. The SSHIFT Club requested the event twice over two semesters, and it was not approved by Newnham both times. The President of the Club felt like the decisions were not properly considered, and that he was targeted because of his ethnicity. The EDI department and Student Conduct are now involved.

Dhruv mentioned it does not make sense to repeat the event as there is an Afro beats party coming up on the regular calendar at the end of November. Ammar highlighted that refusing an event based on culture is not appropriate, and the event that was proposed was not specific to any culture.

Vanshika stated that the Afro beats party would have happened regardless of the club, that the club's mission was aiming at promoting inclusivity and diversity and did not feel like the event was inclusive to everyone. She also stated that the budget proposed was too high.

Anxhela mentioned that she was ok with everything apart from the proposed budget, which she proposed to reduce.

Dhruv mentioned that the council must look out for all students, so duplicate events are not proper. Dhruv also added that involving different college departments will not alter his approval decision.

The Council did not move forward with the approval of the proposed event.

Sonia will reinstate the Council's stance on the proposed event to the student.

6. Member's report

- Biweekly report for the current reporting period will be due on November 3rd, 2023.

7. Assistance needed from Campus Manager

- None.

8. Items to be taken to the Central Level

- Culture Fest – Event Charter needs approval.

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Date: Wednesday, November 8th, 2023

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Venue: F1525, Newnham Campus

10. Adjournment

It was MOVED by Vanshika Sharma and SECONDED by Dhruv Taneja, “that no further business is to be discussed and this meeting is adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

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