

KE Meeting 6

Minutes

Date: 31st January, 2017

Time: 18:20 hrs

Venue: KSU Board Room

Attendance:

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Present:

Denis Muscat (PG)	Nico Muscat
Michael Piccinino	Gabriella Sutton
Shanice Borg	Kaityln Byrne
Valeriya Bonkova	Omar Shamala
Rebecca Stoner	Martina Miggiani

Excused:

Alexander Hili	Jean Claude Scicluna
Jacob Portelli	Martina Camilleri

Absent:

Clayton Axisa	Ryan Falzon
Daniel Vella	Manuel Xuereb (PG)
Patrick Gatt (PG)	Dylan Gauci
Maria Katrina Azzopardi	Mark Borg
Duncan Muscat (PG)	Chantelle Abela
Tracey Sammut	Brenda Lee Cutajar (PG)
Monique Dimech Genius	Luke Young
Stuart Vella Bonello	Rachel Cauchi
Rita Catherine Mangion Bianco (PG)	Dylan Mercieca
Nicholas Karl Buttigieg	James Attard (PG)
Bernine Caruana	Robert Dingli(PG)
Martha Marie Bartolo	Francesco Refalo



George Zamit Montebello	Alexander Clayman
Martina Cutajar	Marya Camenzuli (PG)
Julian Bonello(PG)	Joshua Cortis
Martha Marie Bartolo	Nathan Adams/ John Montebello
Felic Micallef	Nigel Xuereb Said
Duncan Muscat (PG)	Samiro Bartolo
Cody Galea	Anthony David Brincat
Christian Cordina	Meverick Spiteri
Elizabeth Camilleri	Deandra Cutajar
Isabelle Kniestedt	Robert Micallef
Carmel Theuma	Gabriella Calamatta
Eman Mifsud	Mark Borg
Terry Duca	Neville Decelis
Andrew Pisani	Maxim Georgievich Nikitin
Analise Sammut	Elizabeth Borg Cardona
Nicole Tabone	Francesca Zammit
Maria Azzopardi	

Meeting started: 18.30 hours

1. Approval of Agenda – Approved nemo con.
2. Approval of Minutes – Approved nemo con.
3. Arising Matters out of Minutes

There were no matters arising out of the minutes of the previous meeting.

4. Dates of Upcoming KE Meetings

The dates of the next KE meetings were given. These are the 1st March, 28th March and 17th April. It was agreed that these will be held at 6pm.

5. Examinations Hall Conditions and Invigilators' Behaviour Feedback

The online forms were once again available for students to fill in during exam periods. The commission was asked whether the commission would like to bring up any specific complaints. Maria Cutajar brought up that halls with long benches meant that when one student has to leave the room, the whole row is disrupted. This was noted.



Michael Piccinino suggested that the front of the papers be changed for the next exam setting, as they still state that you cannot write during the extra 5-minute reading time. He also suggests that since it is not allowed to start answering questions but allowed to make notes, it is difficult to differentiate between what is allowed and what is. Steph Dalli suggested that it has to be made clear and a standard be set out, and conveyed to students so that they are aware of what is allowed. Caitlyn Byrne asked why driving licenses are not accepted as identification for University of Malta.

Steph Dalli also brought up that the signing and checking of ID cards should take place not in the exam time. It was suggested that this should take place before the exam. The reading of rules and explanation of the 5-minute reading time should also be done before the exam starts, and not during as this runs into exam time. These will be included in the report of complaints towards the end. Gabriella also suggested that the ones who write the paper should be contactable, so that if a problem does arise they can clarify.

6. The Junior College Spelling Bee

KSU will be holding a Spelling Bee at Junior College, with KSJC. The commission was encouraged to promote the event with any junior college students they think may be interested.

7. Student Representative Guidelines

The Subcommittee working on the student representative guidelines, have completed the content which now needs to be finalised. We are currently trying to meet with the Registrar so as to include these as the official guidelines recognised by the University.

8. The KSU Research Days

An email was sent out to students about the KSU Research Days which will be held in March. We are trying to compile a panel of judges, and are looking at potential prizes for the winners. The commission was encouraged to promote this event with anyone who might be interested. Maria Cutajar suggested to speak to the Head of Departments and email Deans directly. Omar Shamala suggested that it is not very clear what the benefit of applying to present at the conference is. He also suggested speaking to faculties to give suggestions for the top students, to approach them directly as this might encourage them more.

9. Post-Secondary Education Revamp Subcommittee

Yesterday the education minister announced there will be a revamp of the post-secondary education and a call for a working group was put up and anyone interested in applying is urged to apply. Nico Muscat, Martina Cutajar, Valeryia Bonkova and Caitlyn Byrne expressed interest.

10. Research Subcommittee



The last subcommittee that we will be launching this year will be a research subcommittee, whose aim will be brainstorming about raising money for research. The call will be up next week. Nico and Maria expressed interest.

11. Other matters

The meeting was adjourned at 19:00hrs

Martina Miggiani, KSU Education Commissioner

Rebecca Stoner, KSU Education Coordinator