**Arms Trade Action Group minutes – 4th June 2025**

**Attendance**: Max Williams, Sustainability Officer (MW) Syed Saddath, President (SS) and Fern Warwick, EPS Student Rep (FW).

**Staff:** Sofia Islam, Student Voice Coordinator (PG & I) (SI)

**Apologies**: James Lindsay, Director of Community and Representation.

**Start**: 14:59

MW started the meeting and went over the last minutes with FW

SS: entered the meeting at 15:10

FW: I just wanted to touch on the last bullet point that was added and the relationship to the last paragraph

* *To create a student-staff group to consult on and review the University’s investments*
*and feed back their views to the University, and the University should respond to that*
*feedback*

 *The above points should be subject to a yearly review of students’ interest in working for and
researching for these companies, to ensure the Officers are still acting within the interests of
the student body*

I am happy with the document as it stands, and the last bullet point added but do we think the last paragraph is redundant with the last bullet point. But seeing as it is the last stage and at the stage of approval I am happy to go ahead and approve the policy.

SS responds to this and explains that the difference between last bullet and last paragraph is about what students need and what they believe in. There are currently contemporary issues, such as Israel and Palestine which influence student perspectives.

MW: Clarifies that the last paragraph was added to touch on the issue of working with these companies

SS: The last paragraph means this motion or policy could be used for anything terrible happening not just arms trades.

SS- In regard to getting some insight into how QMSU run their student/staff consultation group that was mentioned by JL at this stage it is not going to change the last bullet point. But any feedback from QMSU could shape what we could do better and give advice to the incoming Officers so it would be useful to share once we get that.

SS, FW, MW agree to push the motion to various different Societies once live (EPS, Sustainability, Palestine).

MW- Happy to approve unless James and Jo have a major thing to change.

SS, FW, and MW all agree to approve the policy and send it to ASV.

**Meeting End**-15:20