



STUDENT EQUITY COUNCIL

OVERVIEW & PURPOSE

The Student Equity Council (SEC) exists to provide a representative, student-led platform that facilitates meaningful institutional dialogue between students and the university. It ensures that the lived experiences of students, particularly those from underrepresented or widening participation (WP) backgrounds, directly shape institutional policy, practice, and equity-focused interventions.

The SEC champions student co-creation, enabling students to actively participate in the development, implementation, and evaluation of strategies related to Access and Participation (APP) and broader equity issues specifically relating to the student body at Liverpool John Moore's University.

FORUM DUTIES

The council duties are:

- Provide a space for diverse student voices to be heard, valued, and ensure their insights contribute to discussions that may inform university decisions.
- Inform, evaluate, and influence institutional approaches to student equity and APP-related initiatives through the University Student Equity Group (USEG).
- Foster student development through employability, leadership, and advocacy skills.
- Hold the university accountable for progress on equity-based goals and commitments.

REPORTING & MEMBERSHIP

Chair	JMSU Vice President Education
Vice Chair	JMSU President
Secretary	Democracy & Liberation Coordinator
Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• JMSU Student Campaigners• JMSU School Representatives• VP Wellbeing & Community• VP Activities
Report To	Student Forum

In the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair will chair the meeting. In the absence of both, the meeting may appoint a temporary Chair from the members present.

The Secretary is responsible for taking brief minutes of the meeting. In the absence of the Secretary the meeting may appoint a temporary Secretary from the JMSU Voice & Support Staff.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Members will receive notice of the meeting, requesting them to attend. To ensure maximum participation, at least five working days' notice of meetings will normally be given.



The Secretary is responsible for sending notice of meetings. The draft minutes from the previous meeting will usually be circulated at the same time as the notice.

QUORUM

This Council is not quorate for formal decisions. However, regular attendance is encouraged, and involvement may be recognised through awards or recognition initiatives.

VOTING

The council may conduct informal votes to gauge opinion on wellbeing issues, campaigns, and proposals. Any formal motions will be referred to the Student Forum or relevant JMSU governance structures for approval.

Each representative shall have one vote, with the Chair holding a casting vote in the event of a tie.

FREQUENCY

The council will meet at least twice per academic year, supplemented by Student Equity Assemblies throughout the year. Additional meetings may be called by the Chair in response to emerging issues.

MEETING STRUCTURE

- Student-led, accessible meetings with inclusive practices.
- Use of icebreakers and informal approaches to encourage participation.
- Sessions will be up to 90 minutes, with support for accessibility and hybrid formats.