

Minutes

Subject:	Union Council
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Key Actions:

Council accepted the constitutions of the following Clubs, Societies, and Peer Support groups: African Health Organisation, African Law, Buddhist, CMYRU.E.A, Emergency Medicine, FROG, Horror Film, Kaleidoscope, Lithuanian, Opera, Polo, Punjabi, Sewing Bee, Slackline, Teddy Bear Hospital, The Broad, and Transformations & Make-Up.

Appointments were made to both University and Union Committees, along with officer scrutiny panels. These include: travel and expenditure, student senate discipline committee, student senate appeals, estates forum, democratic procedures committee, finance, human resources, Welfare, Undergraduate, Postgraduate, Activities, and Campaigns.

Council adopted an amended resolution for the proposed motion: Composite resolution on the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) and the National Student Survey (NSS)

Union of UEA Students Purpose:

"To enrich the life of every UEA student"

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Voting Members present:

Lucy Auger (MOMENTUM), Esther Ayomide Sotubo (STOP THE TRAFFIK), Gemma Bailey-Smith (CHEERLEADING STUNT), Chris Ball (Non-Portfolio Officer), Ellie Barrett-Rees (LAW), Bashar Fteiha (LAW), Sophie Berkoff (Cocktail), Ruth Bingham (PAEDIATRICS), Laurie Bird (Engineering), Caillin Bowles (HEADLIGHTS COMEDY), Hannah Brawn (Conservative), Illona Brinton (CAPOEIRA), Emma Brown (MIDWIFERY), Almantas Budrikas (FREELANCE), Roland Buenafe (Entrepreneurship), Cecilia Calle-Jordá (FRENCH), Camomile Shumba (PPE), Jack Carey (American Studies), Silvia Castro-Torres (International Assembly), Wing Lam Cham (Carbon Crew), Serafina Chan (OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY), Sophie Chapman (Feminist), Lou Cherril (FMH), Ben Cheshire (VIDEO GAME), Chika Chima (SIGNATURE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP), Allan Claydon (Art), Alex Clements (MENS HEALTH AND WELFARE), Molly Cookson (CHEERLEADING DANCE), Tom Cooley (TABLE FOOTBALL), Francesca Cox (Dharma), Joseph Craft (BOXING), Emily Cutler (Economics), David Cutting (PG Assembly), David Linghorn Baker (HSC), Saul Dawes (Investment), Liam-Antoine De Busschere-Drury (International), Gruia Dimcea (FMH), Juliet Donaghy (NURSING SOC), Michelle Drolet (OBGYN), Mark Duncombe (ROOSTER TEETH), Charlotte Earney (PG Assembly), Alex Edge (WATER AID), Eleanor Lambe (LDC PGT), Robin Emmanuel (Christian), Tom Etheridge (Non-Portfolio Officer), Melisa Eyuboglu (M.A.S.S.), Maria Camila Fadul-Gomez (Disney), Fufu Fang (TRIATHLON), Leah Fitzsimons (RIDING), Ruth Flaherty (PG Assembly), Jessica Frank-Keyes (Concrete), Priyanka Gandhi (Indian), Laura Goldthorp (LIVE MUSIC), Alex Goodall (TENNIS), James Govier (Computer Science), Oli Gray (SURF), Jenna Groves (PHYSICS & ASTRONOMY), Joviani Gunawan (Indonesian), Thomas Gymer (Floorball), Kamala Hajjalibayova (Azerbaijan), David Harrington (Conservation and Wildlife), Peter Harvey (SUB AQUA), Maariyah Hassan (NEURO SOC), Michael Hetherington (FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS), Luke Hewerdine (FENCING), Jacob Hewes (R.A.G.), Sophie Hewson (Business), Elliot Hoepelman (MIGRANT SOLIDARITY), Aaron Hood (PPL), Lucia Horea (LTS PGT), Thomas Howard (HIS), Cameron Huke (TEACH FIRST), Oliver Humphries (QUIZ), Jonathan Hunt (SALSA), Mohib Iqbal (PAKISTANI), Amira Izeboudjene (WOMANIST), Urszula Jablonska (SAVE THE CHILDREN), Jak Maloret (PSY), Malaika Jaovisidha (International), Alicia Jeffries-Jones (TRAMPOLINING), Susanna Jones (MUSIC), Parus Juneja (OXFAM), Lauren Kelly (WOMEN IN BUSINESS), Elliot Kemp (Assassins), Ben Keppie (SKATEBOARDING), Yates (GYMNASTICS), Mohammed Khalid (MIXED MARTIAL ARTS), Askhat Khametov (Kazakhstan), Charles Killick (PHYSIOTHERAPY), Gina Kim (KOREAN), Lilian Klein (ROMANIAN), Ann-Kathrin Knacke (HOCKEY WOMEN'S), Orla Knox-Macaulay (ULTIMATE FRISBEE), Camille Koosyal (KORFBALL), Eleesha Kyriazis (JUDO AND BJJ), Michael Kyrinlov (PG Assembly), Kaylan Lad (NORWICH PCP), Dorcas Lai (Chinese Christian Fellowship), Kimberley Lane

(Education), Kara Langford (TAP), Ken Li (Chinese Board Games), Oskari Linderborg (ARCHERY), Max Luoma (HIP HOP), Oliver Healey (RED CROSS), Zakari Marshall (Japan), Amanie Mathurin (International Assembly), Abigail Mcilpatrick (BASKETBALL WOMEN), Cameron Mellows (Labour Students), Sara Mendoza (SSF), James Merewood (SSF), Alex Millard (BIO), James Mitchell (Anime), Adrian-Ioan Moldovan (Amnesty International), Adrian Moore (Drama), David Morales-Rodriguez (SCI), Katie Mowles (NETBALL), Abbie Mulcairn (Women's Officer), Charlotte Munday (SEXPRESSION), Casey Neate (Casual Board Games), Kirsty Nice (NATSCI), Emily Nicholson (LINKS), Finn Northrop (Non-Portfolio Officer), Nana Nuako (Catholic), Chloe Otoo (KAOS), Sina Oversveen (SCANDINAVIAN), Amy Palmer (Fashion), Louise Parker (ROCK AND ALTERNATIVE MUSIC (Previously Deviant)), Artiben Patel (PHARMACY), Pavithira Pathmaraja (YOGA), Travis Payne (LACROSSE), Peter Bush (HSC YR1), Viktoria-Rozalind Petrova (Bulgarian), Liam Pile (Darts), Bogdan Polovinko (RUSSIAN), Louisa Quarshie (GHANAIAN STUDENTS), Bhavna Raghuvanshi (BME Caucus), Sarah Abdul Razak (Enactus), Abdulaziz Abdulrahman (INTO), Cameron Mellows (Labour Students), Ben Sulch (GEEK), Jennifer Williams (LGBT+ caucus), Beth Summerfield (HUM), Jo Swo (Welfare, Community and Diversity Officer), Joviani Gunawan (Indonesian), Tarosha Jayasinghe (Buddhist Society), Tarun Sridhar (Ethnic Minorities), Lilian Klein (ROMANIAN), Jack Robinson (Non-Portfolio Officer), Denise Teh (BALLET), Noura Khalil (Afro-Caribbean), Roland Buenafe (Entrepreneurship), Abbie Mulcairn (Women's Officer), George Lankester (PPL), Alyssa Girvan (Nightline), Theo Antoniou-Phillips (Undergraduate Education), Juliet Donaghy (NURSING SOC), Christopher Wyburn-Powell (FELL & MOUNTAINEERING), Emmanuel Agu (Ethical Issues), Sam Varney (LAW), Hussam Hussein (DEV PGR), Jack Spoor (MODEL UN), Zoe Smith-Creasey (POLE FITNESS), Bobby Onanuga (NIGERIAN), Malaika Jaovisidha (International), Eilish Rolfe (LASER), Amy Rust (Campaigns and Democracy), Louisa Ng (Commercial Awareness), Caitlin Jones (AMA), Benjamina Efu Dadzie (WAM PG), Misha Camp (Development), Lee Brown (LGBT+ (trans/non-binary)), Adelaide Sheard (MATHS), Kate Snape (Students with Disabilities Officer), Rebecca Hemmings (Women's Caucus), Charlie Norman (GAMES), Madeleine Colledge (Postgraduate Education), Jasmine Lancaster-James (British Sign Language), Suprateeka Talukder (Buddhist Society), Tim Barker (PG Assembly), Lucy Agar (Psychology), Elliot Hoepelman (MIGRANT SOLIDARITY), Charlotte Earney (PG Assembly), Shannon Roche (FOOTBALL WOMEN), Louise Rudd (Mature Students), Maelle Kabore (TEDx), Harry Radcliffe (Livewire), Peter Bush (HSC Y1), Jessica Frank-Keyes (Concrete), Jenna Groves (PHYSICS & ASTRONOMY), James Houghton (ROCK CLIMBING), Rhys Purtill (Pride), Alex Edge (WATER AID), Eddie Basse (Mary Chapman), Christel Lomahan (PGT PPL), Sharmin Hoque (LGBT+ (open place)), Chris Ball (Non-Portfolio Officer), Maria Camila Fadul-Gomez (Disney), Patricia Alcoba (SOUTH EAST ASIAN), Sophie Hewson (Business), Adam Stokes (LIBERAL DEMOCRATS), Andrea Sterling-Manson (LATIN AMERICAN), Oksana Shlonimskaya (International Assembly), Z Freeman (Women's Caucus), C Pritchard (Creative Writing), L Martin (The Broad)

Online:

No councillors had been present online.

Chair:

Amy Rust (Campaigns and Democracy Officer)

Charlie Norman (Games)

Deputy Chair:

Benamina Efua Dadzie (WAM PG)

In Attendance:

T Moore (Democracy and Governance Coordinator), Jim Dickinson (Chief Executive), J Melling (Student Staff)

Apologies:

Kirtsy Nice (NAT), Emma Brown (MidSoc)

Section 1 – Housekeeping

1938 Membership

Membership had been noted.

Council co-opted Beth Summerfield (HUM Faculty Convenor) and Ruth Stone (FMH Faculty Convenor), and James Merewood (SSF Faculty PG Convenor).

1939 Appointment of Chair and Deputy Chair

A Rust (Campaigns and Democracy) held elections for the position of Chair. The candidates had been: Jack Lewis (AMA), Charlie Norman (Games), and Kara Langford (TAP).

Council elected Charlie Norman as their Chair.

A Rust (Campaigns and Democracy) held elections for the position of Chair Deputy Chair. The candidates had been: Kara Langford (TAP), and Benjamina Efua Dadzie (WAM PG)

Council elected Benjamina as their Deputy Chair.

1940 Remit of the Council

A Rust (Campaigns and Democracy) noted the remit of Council.

1941 Standing Orders Governing the Conduct of Union Meetings

Standing orders had been noted.

1942 Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 12 May

Council approved the Minutes from the previous meeting.

1943 Matters Arising

There had been no matters arising.

1945 Club, Society and Peer Support Group Constitutions

J (Gymnastics) had brought an issue to Chair regarding Aerial Arts Society. Noted Gymnastics had pushed to include this discipline within their own activities, thus creating a separate society take away the hard work put in over time.

L Symonds (Aerial Arts) noted the society had been started due to a lack of communication from the Gymnastics club regarding their

activities. Noted would be better as its own society due to the intensity of the activities.

Chair deferred this matter to the Activities and Opportunities Officer for investigation.

J Donaghy (Nursing Society) questioned what activities are involved in first love society.

Chair deferred this Society to the next meeting due to no representative being present.

Chair moved Council to a vote on societies, clubs, and peer support groups as a bloc.

Council approved all constitutions.

1946 Appointment to UUEAS Sub-Committees and University Committees

Chair noted, if not enough Councillors come forward for each position then those who did put themselves forward will be automatically given the position. Chair noted contested positions will be decided by a preferential ballot after a short speech from each candidate.

University Committees

Travel and Expenditure:
P Bush (HSC)
(Councillor)

Chair noted both Councillors had been elected to the committee.

Senate Students Discipline Committee:
P Bush (HSC)
L Ng (commercial Awareness)

A ballot had been taken, the results are to be published online in due course.

Senate Student Appeals
J Spoor (Model UN)
L Ng (Commercial Awareness)
T Howard (HIS)

A ballot had been taken, the results are to be published online in due course.

Estates forum
M Camp (Development)

Chair noted the Councillor had been appointed to the forum.

Union Committees

Democratic Procedures:

E Agu (Ethical Issues Officer)

E Cutler (ECO)

K Snape (Students with Disabilities Officer)

T Barker (PG Assembly)

Lilian Klein

Chair noted all Councillors had been appointed to the committee.

Finance:

M Adrian (Amnesty International)

J Stephen (SSF)

E Basse (Mary Chapman)

O Shlonimskaya (International Assembly)

A ballot had been taken, the results are to be published online in due course.

Human Resources:

P Bush (HSC)

G Bailey-Smith (Cheerleading Stunt)

Chair noted both Councillors had been elected to the committee.

Scrutiny Panels:

Welfare

R Purtill (Pride)

O Knox-Macaulay (Ultimate Frisbee)

Chair noted both Councillors had been elected to the panel.

Activities

L Martin (The Broad)

H Radcliffe (Livewire)

Chair noted both Councillors had been elected to the panel.

Postgraduate

B Efua Dadzie (WAM PG)

H Hussein (DEV PGR)

Chair noted both Councillors had been elected to the panel.

Campaigns

C Pritchard (Creative Writing)

Z Freeman (Women's Caucus)

Chair noted both Councillors had been elected to the panel.

Undergraduate
E Cutler (ECO)
L Ng (Commercial Awareness)

Chair noted both Councillors had been elected to the panel.

Code of Conduct
E Barrett-Rees (LAW)
T Howard (HIS)
A Claydon (Art)
L Ng (Commercial Awareness)

A ballot had been taken, the results are to be published online in due course.

J Dickinson (CEO) noted there had been 1 position available on Retail on Catering board for a self-identifying woman, 2 positions available for self-identifying women on the Licensed Trade board.

All Councillors who stood for the positions were appointed.

A Rust (Campaigns and Democracy) noted the President of First Love Society had arrived and had been ready to answer questions.

J Donaghy (Nursing Society) questioned the activities of the society.

J (First Love) noted, to organise activities with like-minded people generally have a good time and spread the love.

L Symonds (Aerial Arts) noted gym can still run the sessions, but Aerial can organise more events and conditioning training.

Yates (Gymnastics) noted due to the overlaps there needs to be more discussion, therefore defer this matter to the next meeting.

T Payne (Lacrosse) questioned what the concept of First Love is.

(First Love) noted they are a society across the world, noted they are a Christian based society.

Chair noted these societies will be debated at the next meeting.

1947 University Committee Reports

No report had been given as committees had only just been appointed.

1948 Student Officer Committee Report

Council received a report from J Swo (Welfare, Community and Diversity) and T Etheridge (Non Portfolio) of the nature and

members of SOC, along with the activities SOC had done since the last meeting of Council.

J Williams (LGBT+ Caucus) questioned why funding requests go through SOC and not Council.

J Swo (Welfare, Community and Diversity) noted this had always been the case.

C Mellows (Labour) questioned what other events SOC had planned for the mental health matters campaign.

J Swo (Welfare, Community and Diversity) noted there is currently no waiting time for Counselling. Noted a more long term plan of working alongside SSS is in progress.

1949 Trustee Board

T Antoniou Phillips (Undergraduate) provided Council with a report from the trustee board. Noted the structure of the trustee board.

1950 Reports From Representatives

J Frank-Keyes (Concrete) raised an issue with the recently added society The Broad UEA, they questioned how conflict between the two would be avoided.

L Martin (The Broad) noted they are not looking to step on any toes, noted they are looking for a buzzfeed like format.

E Hoepelman (Migrant Solidarity campaign) noted there are increasing concerns regarding storage. Noted as the demolition of Calais jungle grows nearer, it is more important to increase collections, yet noted they are being urged to vacate the current storage space within the Union.

M Colledge (Postgraduate) noted they will take it to management committee.

OPEN DISCUSSION – Higher Education Post Brexit

Council heard a presentation from J Dickinson (Chief Executive) on the forecasts for the educational climate since Britain voted to leave the EU. Noted mainly international students are going to be effected, moreover Universities will find it much harder to attract non-English speaking students, along with less researching funding from EU bodies, and many courses will be affected.

A procedural motion had been brought to Council by A Moore (Drama) to bring motion 1958 to the top of the agenda.

Chair moved Council to a vote.

Council moved item 1958 to the top of the agenda.

1958 The Provision of a Sufficient Office Space for Nightline

M Govan (Nightline) gave a speech in favour of the motion, made clear how important NN is at UEA, and noted the way in which they have been treated is unjust. Noted the new office on floor 02 of the Library, volunteers are no longer able to eat or sleep in their 12 hour shift, which goes against their human rights.

A Summation had been given to Council by A Moore (Drama).

Chair moved Council to a vote.

Council adopted the resolution.

1951 Composite resolution on the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) and the National Student Survey (NSS)

Chair noted this motion is a combination of two similarly submitted resolutions. Moreover there have been amendments submitted to the resolution, these disagree on how to oppose the NSS. Chair noted a speech for the motion as a whole, then the speeches for the first amendment.

F Northrop (Non Portfolio) gave a speech in favour of the composite motion. Noted how fees effect the choices of working class children as they go for more marketable courses than following their dreams. Noted NSS scores will be used to raise fees higher and faster. Noted the disagreement has come from what action is taken against fee rises.

T Antonious Phillips (Undergraduate) speech in favour of their amendment. Noted a boycott of the NSS is not a productive way to fight against fee rises. Noted there are problems with the NSS, however many services on campus have directly been improved through its results.

M Colledge (Postgraduate) provided a speech against the amendment. Noted the postgraduate assembly voted on this issue and mandated the Officer to bring their collective voice to Council. PhD students are invaluable to the way UEA is run, they will be directly affected by TEF as it will create more pressure, distancing them from quality teaching.

A Rust (Campaigns and Democracy) gave a speech in favour of the amendment. Noted a boycott would be unachievable and highly unpopular. Noted the Undergraduate Officer has had testimonials from academics across campus to not boycott the NSS.

J Swo (Welfare, Community, and Diversity) gave a speech against the amendment. Noted despite students performing well, students were more likely to report positively for teachers who look most like them, therefore noted this is not an accurate assessment of actual teaching performance. Noted relevance as this information goes into TEF, this may affect the teaching excellence of academics of colour, and women academics.

T Antoniou-Phillips (Undergraduate) had given a speech in favour of the amendment. Noted all institutions in the TEF will be able to increase their fees by inflation, whether the NSS is boycotted or not, noted for an institution the size of UEA we would need 1000 students to boycott for there to be an effect, noted they do not believe this is achievable.

F Northrop (Non Portfolio) had given a speech against the amendment. Noted there are many data sources, a single question in the NSS at the end of three years is not good enough. Noted past action has not worked, a unified student voice is needed noted that is what the boycott shows.

E Agu (Ethical Issues) questioned

M Fadul-Gomez (Disney) questioned whether the NSS takes into account international students' experience, and does the TEF effect their fees.

E Cutler (ECO) questioned how will you get students to boycott it? Noted the Union has not been very successful in the past with boycotts.

T Thomson (Quidditch) noted the NSS is important, questioned what other surveys are there, and how would they bridge the gap.

T Payne (Lacrosse) questioned if no boycott, what other option is there to have our voices heard?

T Barker (PG) questioned how long the boycott would need to be in place for there to be a significant disturbance.

R Purtill (pride) questioned why F Northrop believed the NUS to be right in this instance.

J Robinson (Non-Portfolio) asked why is it that we have to spend our time getting 1000 to complete this, noted why not devote our time to other pressing matters.

F Northrop (Non Portfolio) provided a final argument against the amendment along with answers to the posed questions. Noted getting 1000 would be a challenge but the officer team are highly dedicated and noted it can be done. Further noted rejecting this

amendment and passing the resolution gives students the opportunity to choose whether to boycott or not.

A Summation had been given to Council from T Antoniou-Phillips (Undergraduate). Noted there are no other surveys that ask the same questions as the NSS. Believed it will take several years of boycotting for the campaign to be successful.

Chair moved Council to a vote on the 1st proposed Amendment

Council added the amendment to the motion.

E Basse (Mary Chapman) questioned whether 49% had been enough to win a vote at Council.

Chair noted it is.

Council adopt the Resolution with amendment 1.

Council had reached its guillotine time, therefore the meeting had been adjourned.

1968 Time and Place of the next Meeting.

Chair noted the time and place of the meeting is 7 pm on the 3rd of November, in the Enterprise Centre Lecture Theatre.