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<b>UC01</b>	<b>Housekeeping</b>			
	<p>LMartin welcomed councillors            SAtherton introduced the agenda to council</p>			
<b>UC02</b>	<b>Committee Appointments: Chair and Deputy chair</b>			
	<p>LMartin announced appointment of chair and explained what the role entailed.</p> <p>SE-Bloom nominated themselves for role of Chair. A brief speech was provided as to why they would like to be elected as chair.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="341 647 536 792"> <tr> <td data-bbox="341 647 536 696">Vote:</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="341 696 536 745">84% for</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="341 745 536 792">15% RON</td> </tr> </table> <p>DEPUTY CHAIR:            SSHibli and DLacey provided short speeches for the appointment of vice chair.</p> <p>Results were set to be announced following the access break.</p>	Vote:	84% for	15% RON
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<b>UC03</b>	<b>Statements from the Chair</b>			
	<p>SAtherton provided a brief outline of the agenda to the chair. The chair welcomed councillors and introduced the next item on the agenda.</p>			
<b>UC04</b>	<b>Further Committee Appointments</b>			
	<p>SAtherton introduced elections and roles; and showed councillors how to find elections on uea.su website.</p> <p>JAnnand – provided background from own experience on finance committee and why it is rewarding to be part of a committee.</p> <p>CPerry – introduced the risk committee and what the committee works on. It was stated that two councillor positions are available on the committee.</p>			
<b>UC05</b>	<b>Cycle of business</b>			
	<p>SAtherton outlined what cycle of business is and will take to discuss with SOC and DPC before next council meeting.</p>			
<b>UC06</b>	<b>Review of by-law 2 (Code of conduct)</b>			
	<p>SAtherton – introduced item. SA has to work with SOC and DPC to review code of conduct. Explained where code of conduct can be found. Introduced main points from code of conduct. Explained conduct with staff, freedom of speech and accountability with FTOs. Meetings are reviewed in SOC and DPC and will be addressed in the following agenda.</p>			

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<b>UC07</b>	<b>Access break</b>					
	<p><b>Appointment of Vice Chair was announced:</b> SShibli was elected as deputy chair.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Votes:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Darius – 52</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Serene – 76</td> </tr> <tr> <td>RON – 1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Abstain - 2</td> </tr> </table>	Votes:	Darius – 52	Serene – 76	RON – 1	Abstain - 2
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<b>UC08</b>	<b>Minutes from the last meeting/ matters arising from last minutes</b>					
	The chair postponed the item to the next council meeting.					
<b>UC09</b>	<b>Reports</b>					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Trustee Board</b> CPerry introduced the role of board of trustees. Reminded councillors about the upcoming election. Reminded councillors that no Union Council member could be nominated for student trustee but could vote.  SBloom asked for clarification regarding voting and nominations. It was clarified that no one was currently running for the student trustee position as last nominee had to withdraw. No one can nominate themselves but can vote. Any student not on UC can be student trustee.</li> <li>• <b>Student Officer Committee</b> TBell introduced the role of SOC and provided an update on SOC decisions. Chair and vice chair have been elected. Provided an update on the establishment of a budget and latest funding requests. Announced regularity of meetings going forward.</li> <li>• <b>FTOs</b> SAtherton provided an update. Introduced the democracy review and how to become involved to discuss opinions for a restructuring of the SUs democracy. Officer provided a campaign update on accommodation and the rent setting process. An update was also provided regarding the motion for black student part time officer passed at the last council. This has been amended for by-laws and can be passed as soon as motions are amended. Election of the officer will follow.  APerez – Provided an update on an international student hardship fund increase. An update was also provided regarding a campaign in march around sports and societies and mental health. More details to follow. In relation to mental health projects it was stated that work is underway for Movember and men’s mental health. Research is also underway around women’s in sport and this girl can. All sport committees have received an email about how to get involved.</li> </ul>					

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ATrew – Provided an update regarding individual wellbeing initiatives such as courage and take 5 to help the community wellbeing network. From this, took away community based approaches to wellbeing. Officer is working with invisible disabilities officer and activities and opportunities officer. Update was provided regarding a campaign (20<sup>th</sup> January) to reduce stigma around mental health. Officer welcomed members to become involved in this project. Update was provided on Non-alcoholic flats.

CPerry – Provided an update on the campaign #signpostUEA. Sending information to all academics for signposting. Work is underway to improve teaching spaces and timetabling. Officer stated they are also working on improving clarity around student assessments and engagement workshops to ensure university experience is supportive of all.

MMarko – Provided an update for work with associate tutors- extending training provisions for the current year. Updates were also provided regarding PG spaces, by analysing usage data and enquiring about spaces for students with specific requirements.

Unifitness councillor – Councillor asked officers if they had office hrs or other methods to be easily contacted.

ATrew – stated for the time being emails can be sent and will work on establishing some office hrs soon.

MDadswell – Councillor asked Activities and Opportunities officer for clarification on how to get involved in this girl can campaign.

APerez – Officer stated clubs can organise taster sessions. Advised to work with UEA sport and ask for their projects. Officer offered to provide help to organise something either as taster session or in the Hive.

**Unknown councillor** - Councillor asked who is in charge of risk assessment and stated they had some inconsistency with feedback.

APerez – Stated that a risk assessment form can be found on the website and demonstrated how to reach it on uea.su. Stated that as different people approve risk assessments, some inconsistency can be expected.

KColyer – Asked officers for stance on lecture capture.

CPerry – not all lecturers are happy and is up to the student to ask. Lecture capture is coming in in Jan. However, as opt in process. Working closely with lecture capture board and will go to Edinburgh to ask uni how they did it. Happy to take their email to make them part of the project.

MMarko – Stated they would ask officers questions if they had not been asked by other councillors to demonstrate discussion at council. Questions were asked to SAtherton around campaigns, such as progress with sustainability work and to APerez around frustration with long term gains on work.

SAtherton – noted that sustainability was an item on university council. Stated the existence of a paper on sustainability that was brought into governing structure as sub-committee of council to ensure su is upholding sustainability goals. Hoping to see some policies at next council as this is introductory.

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	<p>APerez- corrected MM's question and stated they were frustrated about the short term, not long term progress. However, content with long term plans.</p>								
<b>UC10</b>	<p><b>Society and Peer Support Group Constitutions</b></p> <p>Chair introduced societies and asked members to vote on whether they were happy for societies to be passed.</p> <p>DBailey – stated that some societies' aims are covered by others i.e. gavel is covered by debating. Councillor asked whether this was necessary.</p> <p>AShaw-Barragan – provided an explanation as to the reason for establishing the gavel society. Debating society is more structured, gavel is supposed to be more regarding public impromptu speaking. Encourages members to learn skills and gain experience in public speaking.</p> <p>AKhan – asked about the society fight racism, fight imperialism and how it is different from decolonise.</p> <p>APerez – Stated that decolonise is not a society yet. Both are up for approval.</p> <p>Proposer of fight racism, fight imperialism – Provided an explanation regarding the society and explained that it is a Marxist organisation, trying to do mobilisation about more political issues. They stated that they would really like to work with decolonisation, with a focus on demonstrations.</p> <p>Election votes by block:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td><b>Block1</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Appr.84</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Disprov.7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Abst.8</td> </tr> </table> <table border="1"> <tr> <td><b>Block2</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Appr.83</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Disprov.13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Abst.5</td> </tr> </table> <p>Questions were raised as to why voting was conducted in block.</p> <p>APerez explained how societies are approved for those who needed clarification.</p> <p>SAtherton explained that as societies have already been accepted by a society executive, council votes on blocks.</p>	<b>Block1</b>	Appr.84	Disprov.7	Abst.8	<b>Block2</b>	Appr.83	Disprov.13	Abst.5
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<b>UC11</b>	<p><b>Policy papers</b></p> <p>SAtherton introduced a mock policy.</p> <p>SAtherton and CPerry presented a mock supporting and opposing argument.</p> <p>Chair encouraged voting for the motion.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td><b>Mock vote:</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Appr.59</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Again.30</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Mock vote:</b>	Appr.59	Again.30					
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	Abst.9
<b>UC12</b>	<b>AOB – Open discussion</b>
	<p>SAtherton encouraged questions if anyone needed anything explained.</p> <p>BMert – Councillor asked for clarification on what is considered as offensive. Clarification was asked about the distinction between freedom of speech and not to offend.</p> <p>SAtherton reverted to by-laws to show clarification.</p> <p>Chair introduced by-law and explained what is explained as offensive behaviour. By-law 12.10.</p> <p>KColyer – Councillor asked for clarification as to the time and location of future meetings.</p> <p>SAtherton – stated the date and time of the next meeting and stated future meetings will all be held in the same location and at the same time.</p> <p>YAbubekr – Councillor asked whether a proxy could be sent if the union council representative was unable to attend.</p> <p>SAtherton – Responded that a proxy can be sent but this should be informed prior to the meeting and should be an elected member of the committee.</p> <p>PDowling – Councillors asked whether members have the opportunity to ask questions to the speakers of the policy.</p> <p>SAtherton – stated that councillors are able to ask questions but the number of questions asked is monitored by the Chair.</p> <p>SAtherton asked for those who do not have access to teams to come forward.</p> <p>Chair announced that David Richardson is going to come to the next council meeting and dismissed council.</p>