

Agenda



Meeting	Union Council
Date	14 th May 2025; 2pm
Location	Lecture Theatre 3
Status	Open

Useful Information:

Code of Conduct

All students are members of the union, and so should behave appropriately in line with our Code of Conduct.

<https://www.ueasu.org/union/memberscodeofconduct/>

Expenses

Remember – the Union (of UEA Students) may be able to reimburse you for travel or career expenses that you incur attending this meeting. Please contact su.voice@uea.ac.uk for more details.

<https://www.ueasu.org/democracy/unioncouncil/councilinfo/>

Articles of Association and Bye-Laws

The Union's governing document, the Articles of Association, and its rule book, the Bye-Laws, can be found online.

<https://www.ueasu.org/union/governance/constitution/>

Support for writing policy

Information on how to write policy and the policy template is available online.

<https://www.ueasu.org/democracy/unioncouncil/writingpolicy/>

How to access the online writing policy

If you cannot attend in person on Thursday and would like to use the online facility, please join via the Teams link in your Outlook calendar. If you have any issues accessing this, please email su.voice@uea.ac.uk.

Attendance

The full list of union councillors can be found online.

<https://www.ueasu.org/democracy/unioncouncil/listofunioncouncillors/>

Quorum

"1.15 Business shall not be conducted by the Union Council: 1.15.1 unless over 40 representatives are present at a meeting;"

Section A - Housekeeping

UC 086 Statements from the Chair

To receive statements from the Chair.

UC 087 Election of UC Chair 2025/26

To elect the Chair of Union Council for the next academic year.

UC 088 Approval of minutes of the previous meeting

Approve or make amendments to the Minutes.

The previous meeting was held on the 3rd of April 2025.

The previous meeting was not quorate.

UC 089 Matters arising

To consider any matters arising.

UC 090 Approval of Society and Peer Groups

To approve new Student Groups.

- [African Caribbean Queer Society](#)

Our mission is to create an inclusive, safe, and affirming environment that champions Black/Afro-Caribbean LGBTQIA+ identities fostering community, support, and education to initiate a calm approach to unique challenges faced by queer people in our communities. We recognise that being black and queer can feel lonely, so this society aims to bridge that gap by embracing every voice, journey, and experience.

- [Anaesthetics & Critical Care Society](#)

This society aims to raise awareness and encourage interest in these specialties, as described above. We will then bring together students with a shared interest in anaesthetics and/or intensive care medicine. We will provide information and talks about this career pathway and specialty, and practical skills sessions to practice important clinical skills.

- [Aviation Society](#)

The Aviation Society aims to gather those passionate about aviation, whether they enjoy or wish to fly or are just enthusiasts looking to be around like-minded individuals, bringing the opportunity to gain insight from industry professionals, visit museums, spot planes, participate in educational workshops and meet for relaxed social sessions. We aim to create a positive and pleasant environment, allowing members to come together and share their interest.

- [IIH Society](#)

We want to provide a space for IIH students to socialise, as well as to make friends across the cohorts. Repeatedly Liberal Arts and

Foundation Year students feel a lack of a sense of belonging, due to us dipping in and out of different schools. Furthermore, we want to offer peer support and foster long term university success.

- [Kuwait Society](#)

Kuwait Society aims to create a welcoming and supportive environment for Kuwaiti students at UEA. Our goal is to provide academic, social, and cultural support to help students feel at home while studying abroad. We strive to build a strong community where students can connect, collaborate, and celebrate their Kuwaiti identity.

- [Palliative Care Society](#)

Our main aims are to encourage healthcare students to consider a career in palliative care. We aim to put on talks from specialists as well as revision sessions/mock exams to help students develop their skills in this specialty. Our goal is to get people interested in palliative care as it is often a very misunderstood specialty, yet it is extremely rewarding!

- [Photography Society](#)

We aspire for the photography society to share skills between new and current photographers. I want to create a platform that everyone can use and show off their creative side. I plan to create a YouTube channel that current photographers can share their tips and tricks. We can host photography contests. We can also introduce employability for others by reaching out to photography firms/apprenticeships etc. Photo walks can also be organised too for more casual socials so that people can expand their horizons.

- [Student Action for Refugees Society \(STAR\)](#)

The Refugee Support Society connects students with Norwich's migrant community through English language support volunteering, awareness campaigns, and community projects. We aim to:

- Engage students in local migrant support initiatives.
- Raise awareness on refugee and migration issues.
- Develop university-led projects that foster integration, such as outdoor activities.

By combining education, action, and community-building, we create a welcoming space for both students and migrants.

- [UEA Education Society](#)

We will be focusing on purely Education as our theme, it will be our motivator. We will bring students together who are passionate about teaching, learning and education.

- [UEA Languages Society](#)

The UEA Languages Society aims to build a sense of community amongst language learners and to celebrate linguistic diversity. By running group study sessions we will foster language learning which is not only important and enjoyable on a personal level but is also a great way to show appreciation for cultural diversity. To

further encourage learning about other cultures and languages we plan to run language themed games and socials.

- [Women in STEM Society](#)

Our Society is dedicated to creating a strong, supportive and inclusive community for women in STEM. Our mission is to create a space where members can connect, share their individual experiences, and navigate challenges in their fields. Through career talks by industry professionals, skill workshops, and providing opportunities to connect and collaborate on external projects, we aim to empower women in their STEM journeys. Our goal is to increase awareness by advocating for gender diversity and equip members with the confidence and knowledge to achieve a successful career in their respective fields

Section B - Reports

UC 091 **Student Officer Committee Report**

The elected Student Officers meet as the Student Officer Committee (SOC) where they decide on how to run campaigns and on how to implement the policies passed by Union Council. This section is your chance to scrutinise the work of SOC and to hold the Student Officers to account for the work they have been doing on your behalf.

[Click here to view the SOC Report](#)

A verbal question time by the Chair of SOC.

Approved minutes of all meetings of SOC can be viewed online

[Student Officers \(ueasu.org\)](#)

UC 092 **Trustee Board Report**

The Trustee Board is the governing body of the Union and is responsible for setting the strategy of the Union, ensuring its good governance, overseeing its financial performance and its legal compliance. The Board is made up of Full Time Officer Trustees, Student Trustees elected by Union Council and four external expert Trustees. As the Chair is external, the Deputy Chair who is a Full Time Officer Trustee reports to Council and you can scrutinise the work of the Trustees and hold them to account.

[Click here to view the Board Report](#)

A verbal question time by the Deputy Chair of Board.

Approved minutes of all meetings of the Board can be viewed online.

[Trustee Board Documents \(ueasu.org\)](#)

UC 093 Student Officer Reports

An opportunity for Students to ask Officers on their written report.

Activities and Opportunities Officer – Olivia Hunt

[Click here to view the Officer Update](#)

Campaigns and Democracy Officer – Chris Kershaw

No report submitted.

Postgraduate Officer – Bhaskar Bukkanahalli Shivanna

[Click here to view the Officer Update](#)

Undergraduate Education Officer – Rebekah Temple-Fielder

No report submitted.

Welfare, Community & Diversity Officer – Nathan Wyatt

[Click here to view the Officer Update](#)

Non-Portfolio Officer – Sam Pyle

No report submitted.

Non-Portfolio Officer – Hannah Foley

No report submitted.

Non-Portfolio Officer – Ahsan Ahmad

No report submitted.

Ethical Issues Officer – Bianca Chiciudean

No report submitted.

International (EU) Officer – Nayana Chandra

No report submitted.

International (Non-EU) Officer – Ali Sabba

No report submitted.

Environment Officer – Oscar Welchman

No report submitted.

Women's Officer – Alicia Khuttan

No report submitted.

Invisible Disabilities Officer – Chelsea Hishon

No report submitted.

Physical Disabilities Officer – Hermione Guymer

No report submitted.

People of Colour Officer – Nadia Eweiss

No report submitted.

Black Students Officer – Lydiah Malova

No report submitted.

Mature Students Officer – Chelsea Hishon

No report submitted.

LGBTQ+ (Open Place) Officer – Matthew Shields

No report submitted.

LGBTQ+ (Trans + Non-Binary Place) Officer – Thea Glover

No report submitted.

Any Officer updates can be found online.

[Officer Updates \(ueasu.org\)](https://ueasu.org)

UC 094 Election of 2 NUS representative 2025/26

To elect two students as NUS representatives for the next academic year.

NUS stands for the National Union of Students. They describe themselves as 'your national union representing university and college students across the UK. Together we achieve national

change for students. As one of the world's largest student movements, we're fighting to make education free and lifelong. We believe that education should be accessible and enjoyable for all – and our community of students, educators, activists and advocates are determined to make it happen.'

uea(su) is affiliated with NUS, and every year we elect representatives to represent us at NUS conferences and events. uea(su) will ensure that your travel and accommodation is covered for any NUS events that we would like you to attend.

Section C – Open Discussion

UC 095 Open Discussion Topics: Reflection on the year

Time set for group discussion and direct student consultation that can ultimately influence policy and Union strategy. Union Council representatives may request items for open discussion with the Chair before the agenda deadline.

For this meeting we will be looking at: How the SU has done in the past year and how we can improve.

[Please use this link to let us know how we did.](#)

Section D – Policy Making

If you would look to propose an amendment to any of the resolutions, please send it to proper and the Chair at the earliest opportunity before the meeting to see if the proposer is willing to incorporate it into their resolution. Please email your amendment to su.voice@uea.ac.uk and inform us whether it was accepted or rejected by the proposer. The deadline for amendments is 48 hours before the start of the meeting.

All current Union Policy is available online

[Union Policy \(ueasu.org\)](http://ueasu.org)

UC 096 Confer lifetime membership to former Activities and Opportunities Officer Luke Johnson

All officers and trustees, upon completion of their term of office, are given Honorary Lifetime Membership to the SU for periods over one year. Luke was A&O for ten months and narrowly missed the threshold! However, given his achievements in the role this should be conferred on to him regardless.

[Click here to view full Motion](#)

UC 097 Amendment to General Group Meeting Byelaws 9.28 - 9.31

This motion seeks to amend Byelaw 9.28-9.31 to bring the language and structure in line with current practices, improve clarity and inclusivity, and reflect practical implementation for Student Opportunity Groups.

[Click here to view full Motion](#)

UC 098 Amendments to Bye-Laws

UEA SU's democracy is in crisis. Meetings are often inquorate, the culture has become toxic, and the work of student council is

increasingly remote from the lives of students. It's time to vote for change.

[Click here to view full Motion](#)

[Click here to view proposed Bye-Laws](#)

Please note only elected Union Council reps can vote on this

UC 099 Amendments to the Articles of Association

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Section E – Any Other Business

UC 100 Any Other Business

Any other business items are matters which representatives could not have become aware of before the agenda deadline. These items can be requested from the Chair up to 24 hours before the start of the meeting

UC 101 Next Meeting

The next meeting is held in the next academic year.