



**University of East Anglia Students' Union
Community Sub-Committee**

07/10/2025 - 16:00-17:00

Online

Minutes

Useful Information: Quorum

Quoracy for the Sub-Committee sits at 50% plus 1 of present members.

Quoracy for the Community Sub-Committee = 7 attendees (Not Met – 6 members only)

Author:	Nicole Ajibade
Status:	Approved
In attendance:	Amjad Daher (AD) - Communities and Culture Officer Jaz Brook (JB) - Environment Officer Alicia Khuttan (AK) - Women's Officer Chanel Munroe (CM) – Non-portfolio Officer Aura Modal (AM) – Student of Colour Ambassador Taiyo Suzuki (TS) – Student of Colour Ambassador
Supporting staff:	Nicole Ajibade (NA) - Voice Coordinator Elsa Mounayer (EM) - Voice Coordinator Ayane Hida-Stringer (AHS) - Head of Voice

Agenda

1	General Business	Welcome! Introductions and pronouns
2	Election of a Chair	Quoracy not met
	UEA50 motions to approve or make note on	None yet submitted
	Community projects idea generation and discussion	
	General Business	Any Other Business Consultation on any Union matters

01 General Business	Welcome: Introductions and pronouns NA welcomes all attendees and introduces the meeting. She encourages everyone to do the same. All other attendees introduce themselves, stating their name, pronouns and role in relation to the uea(su).
02	Election of Chair

	<p>AD is voted to be acting chair for this meeting only as quoracy wasn't met for a valid vote for permanent chair to be elected.</p> <p>AD and AK expressed interest in nominating themselves for chair of future meetings but again won't be decided until next meeting where quoracy is met.</p>
03	<p>UEA50 motions to approve or make note on</p> <p>None yet submitted</p>
04	<p>Community projects idea generation and discussion</p> <p>JB acknowledges that the following week is UEA Disability week and that 25 events will be taking place focusing on various individual conditions; university life, work, climate related stuff, and other sub areas. It is a collaboration with UEA Student Services with sponsorship from [school of global development] and external companies. Activities will be featured in The Square newsletter, other bulletins and on ueasu social media.</p> <p>JB – there will be a book display, sensory room, guide dogs, and loads of different stuff.</p> <p>JB does a call out for meeting attendees to share the details of the events with others and to take part or help out where they can.</p> <p>JB – we will be producing a report afterwards on different things so if anyone wants any questions added to the survey, let me know. As part of the environment officer project, I have made a Teams group for students to communicate with sustainability staff, and it was used to sort out climate week. Climate week will be bigger this year than previous years so if anyone wants to contribute ideas to this, let me know.</p> <p>CM and AK put themselves forward to help with the events surrounding disability week</p> <p>AK - As part time officers, we can pick to do a welcome term event that voice is helping me organise. Mine is a feminist craft night on the 5th of December. It is woman-focused as that period of time aligns with '16 days of activism' against Gender-Based Violence. It's a campaign the UN do every year against domestic violence in the UK. I am working on a women's collective project I want to do because like in NUS they have like VP of Liberation and Welfare and they have their liberation collective - I thought we could do something similar. I'm starting that off by doing surveys to gather the information that I need and how to shape this so it's not just an aimless thing. It's like with the sustainability working group because as well as the sustainability one, it gives them the chance to make a change. I'm going to try and target groups, but also people who aren't part of groups on campus and spread it across campus within the schools and faculties. Additionally, Headucuate has some community impact projects - trying to base it on the premise of community building. We hope to have hot drinks and snacks. But it's more not just for people to do work, but like to meet other people, play games, do crafts, stuff like that, and slowly building collaborations with other varieties of mental health related things as a group.</p>

	<p>CM – Most of my work has been with societies outside of the role; fem society, hot drinks society, and Solidarity for Palestine society. We are helping out with Diwali - it'll still be an SU event, but we're going to volunteer to help run the stuff because I know you're going to need a lot of hands. We're trying to do more collabs with other societies so more people can get together, such as rage room with EMS society to get people to chat and have fun. We also have some protests and marches around campus planned.</p> <p>AM mentioned co-hosting BHM event on 24th October with Turaiya (Undergraduate Education Officer, SOCAs, ACS, and ACMS. She is also helping with Diwali and hoping to anchor the cultural programme again this year.</p> <p>AD - So I've been working on a couple of projects. Luckily, I've achieved four of them, which were that both the buses services have been extended, the pharmacy I have been working on reopening has been reopened, as well as well as discounted food on campus which has been achieved. I've been working with Campus Kitchen on more projects as well, but one of them was the discounted food and it runs every Wednesday and Friday. Now we, according to the numbers that I've received so far, the number of people using campus kitchen has increased with the discounted food initiative been introduced compared to before. Now I'm working on rebranding Go Global to make it more of a cultural hub for all the events, plus the Go Global event itself, I've been working closely with all the cultural societies on that, and they are happy with the new brand. Nicole from Voice has been helping me to set up the webpage for Go global to make it a cultural hub on the on the website, and now my focus is, yeah, just rebranding go global.</p> <p>I am working on Shark Tank UEA, which is for like businesses and planning, trying to get funds for them through different sponsors. I am working on a games room for the SU, which has been a really interesting project to make this games room happen. It's on the way. Hopefully it would be open for the student community soon.</p> <p>JB offers help with Shark Tank UEA idea as she has prior experience with the Student Enterprise Change Makers as well as running a business in Norwich and having connections with local businesses in Norwich.</p> <p>AD welcomes this and encourages other to contact him if they wish to help. AD also requests AM's insight on the Go Global campaign and states he will talk with them separately later on.</p> <p>Attendees conclude that segment and move on to general business.</p>
<p>05</p> <p>Other general business</p>	<p>NA - is there any other SU specific business that anyone wants to discuss, address or have any questions they would like to ask?</p> <p>JB is unsure whether her point is a community matter but acknowledges that it might be nice to have other people involved.</p>

JB – Career Central have reached out to me and said that they're wanting to do a sort of like sustainability and social impact related careers event in March and would like my input on it. My input on it is very much if that companies may be investing in wind energy or solar energy, but if they're a fossil fuel supplier or if they're a big bank, they shouldn't be included in this sort of thing. And I understand that sometimes that comes across quite sort of radical and I understand it's not a one-size-fits-all sort of thing, but if anybody else would like to be involved in that sort of communication, and because I think what we class 'sustainability' and 'social impact' has different lenses and for different people, their ideas fit within the norm a little bit more than mine, if that makes sense.

AD encourages attendees to reach out to JB to get involved if they desire.

AK asks for clarification on what their roles are within the subcommittee and what the role of subcommittee is within the uea(su) democratic structure.

EM explains that the main roles for you guys would be to vote on things when we have motions that are community related. And I think something that might be helpful is if you always bring feedback or like any feedback or concerns.

CM questions the uea(su) affiliation with NUS and EM clarifies matters like that would go to UEA 50 because they're considered bigger concerns that because they're about the whole SU.

JB - I just wanted to ask because the Instagram, I don't think anybody's managing it anymore, but I just had some sort of ethical finance training from SOSUK and the head of UEA finances offered to meet with me to discuss the ethical and sustainability related stuff. There was a campaign by a group on campus last year that was about UEA investing in something, they filed a Freedom of Information request and got some information about where our money was going, and they printed leaflets and put them everywhere. I can't seem to get hold of anyone who had previously done that, and we're looking at rebooting a bit of that campaign, and we were hoping that the NUS Palestine campaign was going to include some stuff around divestment ultimately. And US have been disappointing on this front in multiple ways, which I think is probably what the motion is about. So, there was over 50,000 lbs of UEA investment in Israeli occupied spaces, in like hotels or something, so I'm looking if anybody wants to get involved in that campaign, but also like I need the information on what work's been done to make sure that we don't repeat and stuff.

AD asks JB to clarify that she said she was meeting with the head of finance. JB confirms this to be correct

JB - I sat on the UEA Sustainability Committee, and we went through the People and Planet framework and assessment, ranking things in the last meeting, and we scored 0 out of 0 for all the sort of ethical finance related stuff. He offered to have a meeting about this. Chris then told me recently that there may be some changes to the banking. So then when I've brought this up in this e-mail chain to this head of finance guy and I was like, 'can we discuss the changes in banking? Can I get some more information?' he's like, I'm not aware there's been any changes in banking. So I think there's some

	<p>wires crossed somewhere. I don't have the full picture of information and obviously some information is only privy to people who sit on specific committees, so whatever information can be shared with me and whoever is privy to that information and could support those campaigns, that would be super helpful.</p> <p>JB requests AD to share with her who the new bank is with if he is permitted to and AD requests to follow up on that later as he needs to look into it and check permissions and what can be shared.</p>
06	<p>NA states that as quoracy was not met in this meeting, the next meeting will address the issue of electing of a chair for future community sub-committee meetings.</p> <p>NA states she will sharing the minutes with attendees to see if there's any disputes that any of them have. She dismisses the group; everyone says goodbye and leaves the call.</p> <p>Meeting concludes.</p>