



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

11/11/2025 - 16:00-17:00

Online/In Person

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:	Chris Kershaw (CK) - Campaigns and Culture Officer Chanel Munroe (CM) – Non-portfolio Officer Sam Newman (SN) - Non-portfolio Officer Aura Modal (AM) – Student of Colour Ambassador Taiyo Suzuki (TS) – Student of Colour Ambassador Noosha Yaserbi (NY) - Student of Colour Ambassador
Supporting staff:	Nicole Ajibade (NA) - Voice Coordinator

Agenda

1	General Business	Welcome! Introductions and pronouns
2		Election of a Chair
3		Approval/Decline of Minutes from previous meeting
4	UEA50 motions to approve or make note on	None yet submitted
5	Community projects idea generation and discussion	
6	General Business	Any Other Business Consultation on any Union matters Reflection on first UEA50

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

	NA 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.
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>TS – is the founder of DEV farm and Agroforestry initiative which has the purpose of bringing students into a space to reconnect with nature. He was talking to friends from his course, and we were discussing how nature and students are disconnected. We acknowledged that there are a few green spaces on campus, but the brutalist architecture of the buildings means there is a disconnect from nature, so DEV farm and Agroforestry want to introduce more greenery on campus.</p> <p>NY agreed and proposed that UEA could consider transitioning to an eco-brutalist approach but notes that it will be a bit costly. She observed that the winter season can be depressing as it does get darker early and coupled with the 'concrete jungle' feel on campus, it makes everything feel a bit sad. She recommended adopting the approach made by the UEA Library over the summer – adding more plants and natural woods.</p> <p>CM also agreed that there is limited greenery, mostly visible on the walkways around campus.</p> <p>CK suggested speaking to Danny Bodewes as he looks after estates affairs outside of the buildings and has shown interest in making campus greener, both from a political and physical standpoint. CK notes that an issue with introducing climbing plants on the sides of buildings is that it could damage the concrete and make it difficult for UEA to know when the concrete is ageing and instead suggests potted plants as a way around that. He has been working with Brunel University on their adoption of eco graffiti (a combination of moss and sugar water to promote growth in specific areas) and has raised the idea with Mr Bodewes as a possibility, to which Mr Bodewes is not opposed but wanted assurance that if it would be something students would engage in and not just an additional task delegated to his team.</p> <p>TS and NY arrange to chat to CK and Mr Bodewes about this project at a later date.</p> <p>TS asked for clarification on what Eco Graffiti is and how it works to which CK provides clarifications and acknowledges the common issues, specifically getting high quality moss spores and sourcing materials.</p> <p>TS noted as days get darker, many students may suffer from a decline in their mental wellbeing. Studies have shown that the presence of greenery in their surroundings has the potential to increase student mental health. TS suggests that if plants have the capability to damage concrete, then they could consider using allotments similar to those at the enterprise centre.</p> <p>CK – UEA has allotments down where the donkeys used to be that appear not to be used currently</p>

	<p>CM – attended DEV lecture and there was a person who arranges allotments for students</p> <p>NY – we did a ‘Women in STEMM’ event and planning more, also collab with cultural ball with SOCAs, bio committee not doing anything in pride in bio or bame in bio – lack inspiration</p> <p>CK – in process of organising queer history conference in Feb with 4 confirmed speakers may be bigger than a single day, invites Noosha to join – queer employment networks and similar projects</p> <p>NY – who is the speakers, CK provides names and their roles. NY states they want to do something but not on their own and wants to work with someone with some experience. CK to invite NY to the meeting about this topic with and President of UEA pride soc and CM.</p> <p>CM – questions activity of BAME in Bio and NY states BAME in Bio doesn’t exist anymore and CM suggests a collaboration with Psychology Society and asks to get in touch.</p> <p>AM – SOCAs working on cultural ball and all the details. Responsibilities have been allocated, and it will occur in December. EDI training with other SOCA law.</p> <p>NY – EDI training in May for Psychology staff.</p> <p>AM - ARM reached out and wants to collaborate with SOCAs and BAME (external organisation). CK offers his connections.</p> <p>SN – currently personal hygiene products stocked at the community pantry – with Enactus. Putting meeting tomorrow if they can donate to the community pantry.</p> <p>CM – cultural events with Hot drinks and more cultural societies. Collab with Italian society for a proper coffee morning, march on the 25th Nov for 16 days of activism with Alicia and Med Soc. Contacting external organisations</p> <p>SJP vigil in December. Next year February attempting to ft Rum based cocktails in the bar and zines for SOC. AM and NY – agree to send them the information to spread the information</p> <p>CM – Christmas dinner for international students who couldn’t go home. CK will connect with Laura (INTO CEO). Turaiya is having a stem cell donor drive.</p> <p>CK – aside from points raised. Bhaskar and I have launched Home Away From Home Campaign. Went around town trying different cuisine spots and culture maps and taking pictures. Raising awareness online and different areas such as Anglia Square and Dereham road and similar areas. Requests for others to share their personal stories about being international students, and share the Home Away From Home page. This was in part in response to the Far Right movement, a time where international students may not feel included and welcome. Narratives around international students boils down to the financial transaction and whilst that is true that should not be an agreement for having people come to the UK and stay. Important to highlight the</p>
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	<p>cultural diversity and richness outside of the Norfolk Based. Soft launched. Encourages attending SOCA's to share the campaign. Queer history conference.</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>CK reflects upon the successes of UEA50 and the motions that passed. Mention of Nestle motion and the possible lobbying against stocking Coca-Cola.</p> <p>CM suggests the SU to buy the shop on campus to combat the lower costs of</p> <p>SN – how does the lobbying of Nestle Products work.</p> <p>CK explains that part of it would be lobbying, talking to Phil Steele, the Director of Commercial Services, and direct actions such as petitions.</p>
<p>06</p>	<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>