

# University of East Anglia Students' Union Executive Committee

28/10/2025 - 17:00-18:00 Hybrid Minutes

#### **Useful Information**

#### Quorum

Quoracy for the Committee sits at 50% plus 1 of present core and guest members.

#### Agenda

Author:	Elsa Mounayer
Status:	Approved during November's Committee
In attendance:	Elsa Mounayer -Voice Coordinator Ayane Hida-Stringer- Head of Voice (Online)
	Chris Kershaw- Campaigns and Democracy Officer Bhaskar Bukkanahalli Shivanna - Postgraduate Officer Turaiya Lemard- Undergraduate Education Officer (TL) Matilda Nunn- Students with Invisible Disabilities Officer (online) Sabita Tahiya- Ethical Issues Officer Sam Newman- Nonportfolio Officer Tobias Lambe- Students with Disabilities Officer (ToL) Alicia Khuttan- Women's Officer

#### 01 General Business

MN- working towards manifesto points:

- -Community building craft and munch
- -Helping Jazz with Disability week: really good feedback from people who visited the stalls, and were able to promote the survey
- -Spread information on social media
- -UEA50 motion about invisible to be more representative of people with disabilities
- -More activities and socials with Tobias
- -Working with Turaiya and lecturers, disability month work with Amjad
- -Working with Tobias about disabilities awards night

To use data from survey to know what's needed to be done more

CK- Working on Second queer history conference 21st of February Previous trans officer Thea taking part

-UEA50 went really well, positive space to be in, especially in comparison with Union Council, wasn't restrained by combative debating styles, rather have conversations Two items reached a consensus. One was rejected for more information.

Thank you for members of the Voice team, particularly Magda for making it happen.

-Working with Bhaskar on 'Home away from home' projects for international students, promoting the benefits of the international community with the local community.

AK- Putting together a plan for 60 days of activism. Campaign ran by Women UN.

- -Awareness stall in the hive.
- -Getting relevant societies involved.
- -Doing workshops. If anyone wants to get involved.
- -Helping the advice team with drug and alcohol awareness and anti-spiking.

### ST- Working on boycotting Coca cola on campus

- -Involved with Amjad on disability month
- -Collaborating with student trustees with Palestine
- -Working on an event with Jaz

ToL- Data hunt, to know what students want, and base projects upon that.

- -Accessibility Watch
- -Reaching out to UEA, putting out a document about disability to put all resources in the same place for people to access.

Just gone out of four weeks of placement.

SN- Just got back on their course and are catching up.

Plans to extend community pantry for hygiene products that students might struggle to afford.

#### TL- October black history month

- -Worked with African and Caribbean society, 6 events to increase employability for black students. Almost 50 attendees for one of the events.
- -Collaborated with SOCAs as well.
- -Celebrating culture through afro beats in the Bluebar

<u>Next month:</u> DKMS charity, encouraging more stem cell donors in young communities, working with Tobias, MED convenors to get involved. Will have people in the hive to collect cells from inside people's cheeks.

- -Working close with MED to get her in contact with someone from NHS to give a talk about stem cells.
- -Working to boost engagement in academic representation system.

### BS- Engaging Postgraduates in events

- -PG community paper presentation along Becky Price
- -Social Science FLTQC
- -Exec team increased just 3% of studentships, working on increasing that number
- -Forming a Postgraduate Committee in the new democratic system.
- -PG Creative writers caffe, focused on engaging students from arts and humanities
- -Last week, Diwali, largest festival of life in Norwich
- -£3k secured with Amjad for community projects
- -'Home away from home' campaign
- -New scheme of volunteers for PGT- for each school. Recruiting in January and start in February

Bhaskar reminded Committee members to accept or decline the calendar invite for the meeting. He requested to be noted that neither Carole Taylor nor Jaz Brook sent

apologies (by email or calendar invite) to inform the committee that they cannot attend.

# 02 Minutes Approval

Seven Committee Members raised their hands to approve the minutes of September's Committee.

# The minutes of the last committee were then approved.

BS- Reminds the importance of this committee in the new democratic system.

### 03 UEA50 motions to approve or make note on

BS- reminder that committee members are not voting based on their opinion regarding the motion, rather based on the motion being reputationally, financially or legally detrimental to uea(su).

Asked other committee members if they read the motions that were sent by email. Everyone had read the motions and was ready to vote.

# Motion #1: 'PTO Invisible Disabilities Terminology'

Seven committee members voted to approve that the motion passed by UEA50 does not harm uea(su) financially, reputationally or legally.

The motion was then approved by the committee.

<u>Motion #2:</u> 'The SU to stand against the stocking of Nestle products at the shop'
Six committee members voted to approve that the motion passed by UEA50 does not harm uea(su) financially, reputationally or legally.

Two committee members abstained from voting.

The motion was then approved by the committee.

### 04 Officer Funding Requests- None yet submitted

BS- Reminder to the committee that they have a £5k budget to spend on projects and events.

# 05 Any Other Business

TL- Flagged the artist Dizzie Rascal with Venues Team- because external promoter there isn't much that can be done, if a student is not happy with this decision she suggests submitting a complaint with the SU.

AK- Stress awareness day next week. If people want to be involved, Headucate will be around wednesday and friday doing events.

Instagram stuff to share.

In March, gig and people then go from bars to the Waterfront, if someone wants to be involved.

TL- Need volunteers to swab stem cells from people's cheeks. You will receive training for it. If willing to get involved drop me a message. 25<sup>th</sup>- 26<sup>th</sup> November off the top of my head. Stall in the hive. Encourage especially people from Black and Asian descent.

AH- By-elections nominations open until  $31^{st}$  of October. If you know anyone who might be keen, please encourage them to nominate themselves. Voting happening on  $4^{th}$  and  $5^{th}$  of November.

BS- Officer circle for FTOs and PTOs maybe once a term, can invite UEA academics to discuss anything. Helps PTOs to meet colleagues. If any of your interest, we can work on it.

CK, AK Agree

The Committee was concluded.

The upcoming Executive Committee to be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2025.