

Minutes

Meeting Union Council

Date Thursday 29 November 2018

Time 7pm-10.30pm

Location Lecture Theatre 2

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Key Points

- **Freedom Society** and **HAEM Society** were approved
- **Policy Lapse:**

The following policies were approved in policy lapse:

- **Adequate Office for Nightline**
- **A Housing Policy that delivers for students**
- **Listening to Students**
- **World Mental Health Day**
- **LED lighting in Union premises**
- **Welfare of animals on campus**
- **Assessment and Feedback**
- **Say Yes to the NUS**
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- **There's no I in BME – change is easier together**
- **Chair Reforms in Higher Education**
- **Reproductive Justice for All, UEA as a Sanctuary Campus**
- **Safe Student Sex**

- The following policies were lapsed:
 - **Post-Brexit Policy**
 - **Censure of the Welfare**
 - **Community and Diversity Officer**

- **Stand Up to Trump**
- **Colney Lane Defibrillator**
- The following motions were passed:
 - **Emergency Motion Limousines and GoPro Cameras!? Condemn the UEA Executive Team for their Abuse of Expenses**
 - **Oppose the Roll-out of Universal Credit**
 - **Subcommittees That Work (An Amendment to the Bye Laws)**
 - **Tidying up UEA SU's Bye Laws (An Amendment to the Bye Laws)**
 - **Transform International student assembly into a subcommittee**
 - **Developing Teaching Skills program, Make Societies Great (An Amendment to the Bye Laws)**

Voting Members Present in the Room

Saket Jalan (Postgraduate Committee); **Borja Martin Simon** (Student Officer Committee); **Chloe Crowther** (Student Officer Committee); **Georgina Burchell** (Student Officer Committee); **Hannah Murgatroyd** (Student Officer Committee); **Henry Bowen** (Student Officer Committee); **Jenna Chapman** (Student Officer Committee); **Jim Read** (Student Officer Committee); **Liam Deary** (Student Officer Committee); **Martin Marko** (Student Officer Committee); **Oli Gray** (Student Officer Committee); **Rob Klim** (Student Officer Committee); **Thai Braddick** (Student Officer Committee); **Zoe Freeman** (Student Officer Committee); **Mohaned Alhasan** (Student Officer Committee); **Temí Ogunniyi-Adeleke** (African-Caribbean); **Anna Deas** (Art History); **James Willcock** (Assassins); **Sophie Bunce** (Concrete); **Oliver White** (Conservative); **Jake Carrington** (Games); **Edward Grierson** (Headlights Comedy); **Samantha Farzad** (Language & Communication Studies); **Oliver Healey** (Literature); **Liam Self** (Music); Maddie Bransfield (Nursing); **Danai Nesbitt** (Occupational Therapy); **Alyaa Hassan** (Portugese); **Beth Brabbins** (Vegan); **Ben Smith** (Boxing); **Forhad Khan** (Lacrosse); **Hazrat Hussain** (Taekwondo); **Eleanor Armstrong-Mortlock** (Trampolining); **Laura Overton-hore** (Polo); **Anna Sutton** (School Convenor LDC); **Paige Green** (School Convenor EDU); **Roo Pitt** (School Convenor PPL); **Cameron Bray** (School Convenor NBS); **Zinnia Bugg** (School Convenor CHE); **Krish Hughes-Rai** (Faculty Convenor SCI UG); **Maria Armes** (International Students Assembly); **Rebecca Foreman** (Non-binary & Womens' Network - open place); **Abbey Doorman** (Disabled Students Liberation Society - Open place); **Emilia Bugg** (Disabled Students Liberation Society - SPLD and Autism Spectrum Place); **Lewis Martin** (Mature Students Assembly - Council Rep); **Alice Lyzcia** (Council Rep); **Eleanor Martin** (Station Manager of Livewire); **Ethan Johnson** (Freedom Charity Society)

Voting Members Present online

Hannah Luedke (German), **Ben Hawes** (Business), **Sophie Dawson** (Physiotherapy), **Eddi Kernoghan** (Education), **Kevin Fallows** (School Covenor ENG), **Natalie Jones** (Fencing), **Sophie Atherton** (Campaigns & Democracy Officer);

Chair

Elliot Folan

Deputy Chair

Dan Box

In Attendance

X Levantis (Campaigns & Democracy Coordinator), J Clare (Head of Campaigns and Policy), Toby Cunningham (Deputy Chief Executive)

The chair opened the meeting and conducted a quorum count.

Quorum Count 1: 43 Union Councillors were registered as being in the room, plus x online.

2319* Membership

The chair noted that the members of the meeting were those notified to the Campaigns & Democracy Coordinator, by 12pm on Monday 19 November 2018 who together with the Student Officers make up the Council.

2320* Remit of Union Council

The chair noted that page 5-8 of the SU [Bye-Laws](#) outline the functions and responsibilities of the Union Council and are available.

2321* Standing Orders Governing the Conduct of Union Meetings

The chair noted that the standing orders governing the conduct of SU meetings are on pages 13-18 of the SU [Bye-Laws](#).

2322 Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 15 November 2018

The chair introduced the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15 November 2018. The chair asked Union Council for comments.

The Postgraduate Education Student Officer asked for an amendment to be made to the minutes, requesting that a sentence, reporting the *Censure of Postgraduate Education Officer* debate be changed to:

*The Councillor also highlights that the proposer of this motion is **not** Postgraduate representative.*

The chair moved Union Council to a vote to accept the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting with the above amendment.

The votes were as follows:

Options	% Vote	Total
For	73	45
Against	4	
Abstentions	22	

The minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting subject to the above amendment.

2323 Notice

The chair drew Union Councillors' attention to the Code of Conduct for Union Meetings and reminded all members that debate must be respectful.

2324 Appointments

The chair noted that the following people had been appointed to UEA and SU committees by Union Council:

UEA / uea(su) Change the Culture Taskforce

Emilia Bugg

Zinnia Bugg

Jude Beckett

Mireille Abate

uea(su) Appointment and Human Resources Committee

This election has been re-opened.

Democratic Procedures Committee

RoN

RoN

Yanxin Wang

Jude Beckett

2325 Matters Arising

The Chair asked if there were any matters arising from previous minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda, no matters were raised.

2326 Club, Society and Peer Support Group Constitutions

The Deputy Chair introduced the constitutions of student groups requested for approval by Union Council.

The standard Constitutions were received from:

a) Freedom Society

b) HAEM Society

The Deputy Chair noted that before new Societies, Clubs and Peer Support Groups are submitted to Union Council for approval, the Societies Executive considers them and makes recommendations.

The Deputy Chair noted the following recommendations made by the Societies Executive Wednesday 14 November 2018:

Proposed society	Exec Recommendation	Context
Freedom Society	Approve	FGM and forced marriage are important issues. No other society is focused on these issues solely.
HAEM Society	Approve	Medical societies are popular and well attended on campus

The Deputy Chair proposed voting

g on both societies together as Societies Executive recommended them for approval. The Deputy Chair asked if there were any question about either student group. There were no questions raised. The Deputy Chair moved Union Council to a vote.

The vote was as follows:

Options	% Vote	Total
For	78	46
Against	9	
Abstentions	13	

Freedom Society and HAEM were approved.

2327 Reports from SU and University Meetings

The Chair asked if there were any reports from Union Council Representatives on University Committees. No reports were given.

2328 Student Officer Committee Report

Reports from the Full Time Officers.

Liam Deary Chair of the Student Officer Committee gave the report:

- **Martin Marko, Postgraduate Officer:** attended conference, planning PGR engagement research and January inductions, started discussions around service provision
- **Sophie, Campaigns and Democracy Officer:** at Aurora Conference, attended University Council Strategy Day, meeting with university staff soon to discuss accommodation and catering provision at UEA, and launching the *Your Money Counts* campaign focusing on student costs.
- **Jenna, Undergraduate Education Officer:** Attended TEF introduction day, attended a NUS BAME Attainment Gap Roundtable event, attended countless meetings to discuss lecture capture.
- **Georgina, Welfare, Community and Diversity Officer:** In the process of reviewing the Sexperience campaign launch, working on the recruitment of a new CEO, preparing for next meeting of the Trustee Board.
- **Oli, Activities and Opportunities Officer:** planning *Refreshers* in January, *This Girl Can* week was biggest ever with 650 in attendance, Movember the best ever with £6753 raised.

The Chair asked if anyone had any questions for the Full Time Officers. No questions were raised.

Report from Part Time Officers.

Harry Bowen, Deputy Chair of the Student Officer Committee gave the report:

- **Thai Braddick, Non-Portfolio Officer:** BAME attainment, attended NUS Black Students Winter Conference
- LGBT+ Activism – Trans Awareness Week and Trans Day of Remembrance
- **Hannah Murgatroyd:** Disability History Month
- **Mohaned Alhasan:** Working with international students – International Food Monday, organising Christmas calendar, food in shop.

The Chair asked if there were any questions for Part Time Officers.

- Update from **Ryan Jordan**, Ethnic Minorities Officer who had not submitted their report in time.

The Officer reported that they had been working on the Decolonising the Curriculum with **Thai Braddick** as well as contributing to the LGBT+ History Month planning.

- A further update was given by **Rob Klim** Ethical Issues Officer who had been working on the YMCA sleep-out to raise awareness of homelessness and had set up a collection point to send Coats for Calais.

2329 Trustee Board

A verbal report was given by the Chair of the Trustee Board.

The Chair confirmed that the Trustee Board had not met since the previous meeting of Union Council. They also highlighted that the Trustee Board on meets 4 time per year.

The Chair of Union Council asked the Chair of the Trustee Board to explain what the Board is to Union Councillors. The Chair of the Trustee Board explained that the board receives reports about all areas of the SU and has oversight of the entire organisation, making sure there's no *illegal activity or financial ruin*.

2330 Reports from Representatives

The Chair invited Reports from representatives, on issues not covered elsewhere in the Agenda; that Councillors wish to draw to the attention of Union Council.

Union Councillors gave no reports.

2331 Open Discussion

The Chair noted that the Open Discussion would not take place during this meeting to allow more time for Policy Making as this meeting will consider Policy Lapse.

2332 Policy Lapse 2018

Campaigns and Democracy Officer, Sophie Atherton via Skype to explain what Policy Lapse is to Union Council. Highlighting that 36 policies are due to expire.

Chair asks if there are questions, no one has any.

The policies listed in green in the Agenda are recommended to be kept by the Campaigns and Democracy Officer.

Full details of each policies and proposed amends can be found in the Policy Lapse document.

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The Chair asked if there are any objections to keeping all of these policies.

'Votes at Sixteen' is moved to the Debate section.

Games Society Representative asked if the policy of 'Diversifying Our Student Staff' is only open to BAME students.

Ryan Jordan, Ethnic Minorities Officer stated the process is to increase BAME staff, not based on being BAME, but on skills. The aim is to attract BAME staff with policies and the way university is run and attract student staff to be from a diverse range of backgrounds.

Hannah Murgatroyd Students with Disabilities Officer raised a point about the policy LED lighting in Union premises. They stated that they did not wish to debate the policy but wanted to ensure that there is research into the frequencies of the lights, to avoid triggering seizures in people with photosensitive epilepsy.

The Chair gave Councillors the opportunity to speak against voting for the policies as a block and nobody spoke out about it.

The vote was as follows:

Options	% Vote	Total
For	93	46
Against	0	
Abstentions	7	

The following policies are approved to be kept:

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The policies listed in blue in the Agenda are recommended to become policy precedent:

- **Student Club Nights (Never OK)** (1979)
- **Zero Tolerance to Hate Crime** (1990)
- **Safe Student Sex** (2043)
- **Bookworms at UEA** (2062)

A councilor objected to *Safe Student Sex* being in this section. The chair moved this policy to the Debate section.

Move to vote on moving the policies *Student Club Nights*, *Zero Tolerance to Hate Crime* and *Bookworms at UEA* into policy precedent.

The vote was as follows:

Options	% Vote	Total
For	88	48
Against	0	
Abstentions	12	

The policies *Student Club Nights*, *Zero Tolerance to Hate Crime* and *Bookworms at UEA* are moved into policy precedent.

The policies listed in red in the Agenda are recommended to be scrapped:

- **Post-Brexit Policy** (1984)
- **Censure of the Welfare, Community and Diversity Officer** (2027)
- **Stand Up to Trump** (2064)
- **Colney Lane Defibrillator** (2088)

Edward Grierson Headlights Comedy Rep asked whether the Post Brexit Policy could be moved into the Debate section.

The Chair moves the Post-Brexit Policy into the Debate section.

The Chair asked the Council if there any more questions about lapsing the three remaining policies. There are none.

The Chair stated that there won't be a vote and apart from Post Brexit Policy all these policies will now lapse and are no longer Union policy.

Censure of the Welfare, Community and Diversity Officer, Stand Up to Trump, and Colney Lane Defibrillator are all lapsed.

The policies listed in yellow were recommended to be debated by the Council.

Market Reforms in Higher Education

Lewis Martin Mature Students Assembly (Council Rep) made a speech for the policy – stated that since 2010 there have been systemic changes to higher education and students are viewed as cash by executive team. They argue fundamentally marketisation has failed – we need to take ourselves as institutions and lead the fight.

The Chair asked if anyone wished to speak against the motion.

Martin Marko, Postgraduate Education Officer – said this policy should be sent to the DPC.

Lewis Martin argued that the Council does not need to mandate any person to deal with policy, as we can mandate the Student Union to deal with it. Even though TEF is under reform, this policy is broad enough to take in all versions of TEF as it exists. He stated that there is no need to send this policy to the DPC and have it sent back. He recommended the Council avoids sending the policy to DPC to have it sent back, so the Council does not have to hear the same debate twice.

Chair calls a Vote on whether *Market Reforms in Higher Education* is sent to DPC.

The vote is as follows:

Options	% Vote	Total
For	15	47
Against	66	
Abstentions	19	

The motion to send *Market Reforms in Higher Education to the DPC* is not passed.

The Council then moves to votes on keeping this policy.

The vote is as follows:

Options	% Vote	Total
For	70	46
Against	9	
Abstentions	22	

Market Reforms in Higher Education is kept.

Close Down Yarls Wood Detention Centre

Thai Braddick, Non-Portfolio officer gave a speech on the amendment to the policy - stated that they submitted amendments to remove parts mentioning the Movement for Justice which is 'deeply abusive'. They note that the Movement for Justice society was also dissolved on campus.

The chair asked if anyone wants to speak against this amendment. No comments were made.

The chair calls a vote to accept or reject the amendment to this motion.

The vote is as follows:

Options	% Vote	Total
For	87	45
Against	0	
Abstentions	13	

Close Down Yarls Wood Detention Centre is amended, and the debate is moved onto the amended motion.

Thai Braddick made the opening speech for keeping the policy. They stated that Yarlswood is UEA's closest detention centre and that if an international student has issues with their Visa, they would go there. Yarlswood is a private company. People are de facto imprisoned and exist between states. The Council is asked to refuse lapsing this motion.

Jake Carrington, Games Society Rep made the speech against – stated that people are held in detention to be processed and the purpose is for order. The Councilor also asked for evidence of the mention of 'rising white supremacy' in the opening speech for the motion.

Ryan Jordan, Ethnic Minorities Officer gave the speech for the policy – Asked if it is truly 'order' when humans are treated like commodities. Stated that they are for this policy and that if there were truly beneficial intentions for detention centres then they could maintain order, however they have awful conditions, stigma, racism and countless atrocities. Overall, detention centres could be useful but currently are not.

Jake Carrington, Games Society Rep made a speech against - stated that they supported de-privatisation of detention centres, and better treatment within them. However, from the first speech for the policy, the use of the phrase 'open all doors' made it seem like the motion wants detention centres open indefinitely, which the Councilor states is not a good idea.

The vote is as follows:

Options	% Vote	Total
For	77	47
Against	6	
Abstentions	17	

Close Down Yarls Wood Detention Centre is kept.

Remember - don't Repeat (White Poppies)

Thai Braddick Non-Portfolio Officer made speech for the motion- For the past two years, white poppies have sold well on campus. White poppies represent peace and remembrance. The Motion does not argue for the removal of red poppies but the purpose is so students can choose how they remember and grieve war.

The chair asked if anyone wished to speak against motion, no comments or questions were

made.

The vote is as follows:

Options	% Vote	Total
For	72	46
Against	13	
Abstentions	15	

Remember – don't Repeat (White Poppies) is kept.

Only Fools and Horses: Stop the Student Debt Sell Off

Lewis Martin Mature Students Assembly Council Rep made speech for the motion - stated the Union needs to continue campaigning against selling off student debt because it does not make economic sense and it is our student debt being handed to private companies.

The chair asked if anyone wished to speak against motion, no comments or questions are made.

The vote is as follows:

Options	% Vote	Total
For	77	44
Against	5	
Abstentions	18	

Stop the Student Debt Sell Off is kept.

Reproductive Justice for All

It is noted to the Council that amendments had been proposed to motion but have been withdrawn, and the Council will vote on the motion as it is in the policy document.

Amy Atkinson Woman's Officer made opening speech for the motion read by **Georgina Burchell**, Welfare, Community and Diversity officer - stated that the motion should not lapse, as it is still necessary to support abortion rights in Northern Ireland.

No speech is made against the motion.

The vote is as follows:

Options	% Vote	Total
For	86	42
Against	2	
Abstentions	12	

Reproductive Justice for All is kept.

UEA as a Sanctuary Campus

Ryan Jordan Ethnic Minorities Officer made opening speech for the motion – it is central that UEA is a safe space for migrants and refugees, because UEA is an institution providing education and support and everyone has same rights and opportunities whether they are migrants, refugees and otherwise. Also, stated he wanted to speak against the Prevent initiative by the government which is inherently racist, Islamophobic and does not address the causes that the government said they would address. UEA should be a Sanctuary Campus.

There are no speeches against and there are no questions asked.

The vote is as follows:

Options	% Vote	Total
For	72	43
Against	14	
Abstentions	14	

UEA as a Sanctuary Campus is kept.

Votes at Sixteen

Amelia Bugg Disabled Students Liberation Society made opening speech for motion – sixteen-year-olds aren't foolish and deserve to have the right to vote.

Jake Carrington Games Society Rep made speech against – stated sixteen-year-olds cannot reasonably vote, as they are too impressionable and are still forming their identity at that age. Teachers in this country are not unbiased in teaching and let political biases into curriculum. If students are fed with a narrative, they won't vote with a clear mind and the election won't be valid.

Thai Braddick Non-Portfolio Officer made a speech for the motion - stated that regardless of teacher's biases, teachers want what is best for students, and at sixteen years old students want to carry on campaigning but are disenfranchised. They stated that the argument that people at sixteen are impressionable and stupid is a poor argument because many people that age want to make a change in world.

Conservative Association Council Rep made a speech against - stated even as a Politics student he believes his worldview is still changing, and at sixteen he had an undeveloped worldview. In a democratic society we need to have people who know why they are voting and what they are voting for. 16 years old is too early to have an educated worldview.

The vote is as follows:

Options	% Vote	Total
For	62	42
Against	26	
Abstentions	12	

Votes at Sixteen is kept.

Safe Student Sex

Georgina Burchell gives speech for the motion - stated that encouraging students to be empowered around sexual health is a good thing. The requested move of the motion from policy precedent to active policy is because the policy is only just started to be worked on and should continue to be worked on in active policy.

There are no speeches against, or questions asked.

The vote is as follows:

Options	% Vote	Total
For	88	42
Against	0	
Abstentions	12	

Safe Student Sex is kept.

Post-Brexit Policy

There is no speech for retaining the policy.

Mohaned Alhasan International Students asked what the recommendation for this policy is.

Lewis Martin stated that when **Lewis Martin, Sophie Atherton** (Campaigns and Democracy Officer) and the Chair sat down to talk about policy lapse, this policy was bought up because it is completed and is now meaningless. The Aurora conference is expensive and this is why they were looking to get rid of the policy and replace it with a more realistic post-Brexit policy that didn't commit to attending an expensive conference.

The chair asked **Lewis Martin** to explain what the Aurora conference is to the Council.

The vote is as follows:

Options	% Vote	Total
For	12	41
Against	64	
Abstentions	24	

Post-Brexit Policy is lapsed.

2333 **Emergency Motion Limousines and GoPro Cameras!? Condemn the UEA Executive Team for their Abuse of Expenses**

A motion proposed by **Hannah Murgatroyd** (Disabled Students' Officer) and seconded **Thai Braddick** (Non-Portfolio Officer) (page 46 – 47)

There is a move to vote on whether the Council moves to an emergency motion.

Hannah Murgatroyd Disabled Students Officer - made speech for moving the Council to the emergency motion - stated the Council should hear the motion because UEA executives should be held to account. As an SU we should have a statement as soon as possible.

No speech is made against hearing the emergency motion.

Georgina Burchell, Welfare, Community and Diversity Officer asked if she could ask a question on the behalf of the Campaigns and Democracy officer **Sophie Atherton** about resolve 3 in the motion.

The chair said if the vote is passed to hear the motion, then the question can be asked.

The vote on hearing the motion is as follows:

Options	% Vote	Total
For	88	40
Against	5	
Abstentions	8	

The Council moves to vote on passing or rejecting the emergency motion.

Mohaned Alhasan International Students - pointed out there are only 40 people left in the room, which is the minimum needed to vote, and asks people not to leave. The chair disagrees with this, saying that people should be able to leave if they want.

Hannah Murgatroyd, Disabled Student Officer gives opening speech for the motion – stated that executives using First class transport and having £640 dinners are not reasonable when students are paying for course books and not receiving mental health support.

Sophie Atherton, Campaigns and Democracy officer asked a question, read by **Georgina Burchell** Welfare, Community and Diversity officer - Regarding Resolve 3 in the motion, is there any expansion on what the £15,000 expenses claimed by Pro-Vice Chancellor for Science were for?

Thai Braddick, Non-Portfolio Officer – told the Council that they helped to write the motion. Stated that an article in Concrete states that the £15,000 expenses might have gone to the Pro-Vice Chancellor for Science, Philip Gilmartin, travelling internationally. However, people are angry because this money is the same amount paid to lowest paid members of university staff such as cleaners and it went towards a go-pro camera and premium Skype subscription.

Martin Marko, Postgraduate Education Officer asked for clarification about whether the money was justifiable and whether it has been established whether the money was misused.

Thai Braddick, Non-Portfolio Officer said that if the motion is passed, it would state that the money was misused and would be raised in a statement by the Student Union.

Martin Marko, Postgraduate Education Officer - asked again about the first part of his first question, does the Council know why the money was spent or why items were needed, and if the expenses was justifiable.

Thai Braddick, Non-Portfolio Officer stated the money was used on expensive limo rides, go-pro cameras, first-class tickets, 5-star hotel rooms when this isn't necessary. They said that some expenses might be justified if you ask the UEA executive, however, executives are the ones benefitting from 5-star hotel rooms.

Ryan Jordan, Ethnic Minorities Officer - asked whether this motion is in line with the previous motion, *Market Reforms in Higher Education*, and asked if it could it be explained to the Council how this is linked, if the answer is yes.

The chair states this would be a speech for the motion, so the council would have to have a speech against in balance.

Martin Marko, Postgraduate Education Officer - stated he doesn't know much about it, but executives do travel and go abroad to bring more money to university. He is not sure if the money went to this or to luxuries.

The Deputy Chair proposes to move to summation speech by Proposer.

Hannah Murgatroyd, Students with Disabilities Officer gave a summation speech – stated that there is no excuse for someone to travel first-class on student's money, when standard is acceptable and should be used. Five-star hotel rooms are unnecessary, and money could be better spent on campus e.g. fixing and replacing broken lifts.

Options	% Vote	Total
For	66	41
Against	5	
Abstentions	29	

The chair called for a move to vote on passing the Emergency Motion.

The vote is as follows:

Emergency Motion: Condemn the UEA

Executive Team for their Abuse of Expenses is passed.

2334 Oppose the Roll-out of Universal Credit

A motion proposed by **Hannah Murgatroyd**, Students with Disabilities Officer and seconded by **Lysander Hugo** Welfare Rep for Disabled Students Liberation Society. (page 48 - 49)

Hannah Murgatroyd Students with Disabilities Officer made speech for the motion – stated that Universal Credit is replacing 6 benefits. Disabled students are no longer automatically eligible for some benefits and will face more stress applying for benefits. Universal Credit is affecting past and future students.

No speech is made against the motion and there are no questions asked.

There is no summation speech by the proposer.

The chair called for a move to vote on *Oppose the Roll-out of Universal Credit*.

The vote was as follows:

Options	% Vote	Total
For	82	39
Against	3	
Abstentions	15	

Oppose the Roll Out of Universal Credit is passed.

2335 **Subcommittees That Work (An Amendment to the Bye Laws)**

A motion proposed by **Sophie Atherton** (Campaigns and Democracy Officer) and seconded by **Rebecca Foreman** (Non-Binary and Women’s Network (Open Place Rep) (page 50 – 51)

Sophie Atherton Campaigns and Democracy Officer made speech for the motion - stated sub-committees failed to meet quorum and didn’t work, however the SU wants them to work- passing the motion will improve transparency and functionality.

Roo Pitt School Convenor for PPL asked question regarding language in motion. The councillor stated that saying sub-committees failed to meet quorum is a generalisation of sub-committees and asked if it only applies to the sub-committees mentioned in motion.

Options	% Vote	Total
For	88	40
Against	2	
Abstentions	10	

Sophie Atherton confirmed that this language only applies to the

sub-committees in the motion.

There is no summation speech by the proposer.

The vote was as follows:

Subcommittees That Work (An Amendment to the Bye Laws) is passed.

2336 **Tidying up UEA SU’s Bye Laws (An Amendment to the Bye Laws)**

A motion proposed by **Sophie Atherton** (Campaigns and Democracy Officer) and seconded by **Lewis Martin** (Mature Students’ Assembly Council Rep) (page 52 – 65)

The Chair explained to the Council that the proposal has 3 parts. He explained the Council

will vote on the following 3 parts:

- 1) Accepting the believes and backgrounds elements of the proposal
- 2) Debate the grammatical and technical parts of the motion
- 3) Debate about how NUS delegates are elected.

Sophie Atherton made speech – stated that the grammatical and political areas in the bye-laws aren't good enough and NUS bye-laws contradict themselves.

Vote on accepting the background and notes of motion:

Options	% Vote	Total
For	86	35
Against	0	
Abstentions	14	

The background and notes of motion are approved.

Section A: Grammatical changes

Sophie Atherton introduced the grammatical part of motion - stated bye-laws have undergone vast amount of change resulting in grammatical and technical errors. The Council should avoid confusion and avoid the need to clarify something that should be clear in first place.

No questions were asked.

Votes on whether to pass section A of motion (bye-laws grammatical changes):

It is noted by the chair that as this is a change to the bye-laws, it requires a 2/3 majority vote.

The vote was as follows:

Options	% Vote	Total
For	90	39
Against	0	
Abstentions	10	

Section A of the motion is passed.

Section B: Bye-laws political changes

This section is introduced by **Sophie Atherton**.

The vote was as follows:

Options	% Vote	Total
For	87	39
Against	0	
Abstentions	13	

Section B of the motion is passed.

Section C: elections to NUS conference

The opening speech is waived to **Lewis Martin** - he stated he is speaking in favour of 'option 1', which is direct election of lead delegate to NUS by entire student caucus. This will increase democracy. He stated the current process is confused and can either happen by option 1 or 2 (where full-time officers decide who is lead delegate). Option 2 lacks transparency and democracy. FTO are elected by us, but the decisions made in the

management committee aren't ratified by anyone else. This blocks the vote from those who want to be lead delegate and do not know when these meetings are held. He recommended the Council vote for option 1, direct election of lead delegate to the NUS conference.

The chair explained to the Councils that NUS is the national representative body of students and represents students on issues decided on.

There are no questions about motion and no speeches made against option 1.

Vote on whether we adopt option 1, direct election of NUS conference lead delegates:

Options	% Vote	Total
For	79	38
Against	8	
Abstention	13	

Option 1 is approved. NUS delegates will be elected directly. Option 2 automatically fails.

All of the sections are approved and therefore entire motion has been passed.

Tidying up UEA SU's Bye Laws (An Amendment to the Bye Laws) is passed.

2337 Transform International student assembly into a subcommittee

A motion proposed by **Mohaned Alhasan** (International student officer – Non-EU) and seconded by **Borja Martin Simon** (International student officer –EU).

Mohaned Alhasan made a speech for the motion – stated that the assembly current has no power over finance and has to ask sub-committees. Transforming it into a subcommittee will help increase the engagement of international students

There is no speech against this motion and no questions are asked.

The vote is as follows:

Options	% Vote	Total
For	79	39
Against	0	
Abstentions	21	

Transform International student assembly into a subcommittee is passed.

2338 Developing Teaching Skills program

A motion proposed by **Martin Marko** (Postgraduate Education Officer) and seconded by **Jenna Chapman** (Undergraduate Education Officer) (page 68)

The Deputy Chair invited the motion's Proposer to give the opening speech.

Martin Marko Postgraduate Education Officer made speech for the motion – stated that developing teacher skills is training provision currently provided by university until end of academic year, however it might be moved to online training after this. This Motion will establish the position of the Union.

There is no speech against this motion and no questions are asked.

The vote is as follows:

Options	% Vote	Total
For	85	39
Against	3	
Abstentions	13	

Developing Teaching Skills program is passed.

2339 Make Societies Great (An Amendment to the Bye Laws)

A motion proposed by Roo Pitt (School Convenor, Politics, Philosophy, Languages and communication studies.) and seconded by Sophie Atherton (Campaigns and Democracy Officer) (page 69)

Roo Pitt (School Convenor, Politics, Philosophy, Languages and communication studies) - clarified the changes on the amendments, removed two parts in final draft. One resolve incomplete. Changed title.

Oli Gray (Student Officer Committee) asked a question about resolve 2 in the motion – stated he is behind the motion otherwise, but wanted to flag that ‘remove the down voting system for new societies on the UEA SU website’ should be removed because the website creators cannot remove the down-voting part of system without removing the whole voting system on website.

The chair moved to debate on removing Council Resolves 2 ‘remove the down voting system for new societies on the UEA SU website’ from the motion.

Oli Gray made speech for removing this line – Stated he has spoken to the website provider and removing it isn’t possible, and down-voting is important to have.

Roo Pitt made speech against – Stated that keeping this line in the motion will state what Union Council believe in principle. If the Council votes to keep this Resolves, it shows the Council are against the down-voting system in principle and if it can’t technically be removed there are ways to work around it e.g. just ignoring downvotes.

There are no questions asked.

The vote is as follows:

Options	% Vote	Total
For	46	39
Against	38	
Abstentions	15	

Resolves 2 ‘remove the down voting system for new societies on the UEA SU website’ is removed from the motion.

The chair states the Council is now voting on the remaining three Council Resolves.

Roo Pitt made summation speech on the motion.

The vote is as follows:

Options	% Vote	Total
For	90	40
Against	0	
Abstentions	10	

Make Societies Great is passed.

2340 The Chair noted that this was the final Union Council meeting of the term and that the next meeting would be after the Winter break, at 7pm on Thursday 24 January 2019 in Lecture Theatre 2.

