

Minutes

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 6

21st January 2026 – SU Meeting Room, 14:00 to 16:00

N.B. Where an item number on the agenda is followed by a star (*) this indicates items that can be "taken as read", without discussion. Officers may request items to be un-starred for discussion, as required.

| 1 | WELCOME AND APOLOGIES | Actions |
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| 2 | <p data-bbox="240 685 547 712">No apologies received.</p> <p data-bbox="240 763 619 790">Present at the meeting were:</p> <p data-bbox="240 797 834 824">Alex Wilson (Chair – Students' Union President)</p> <p data-bbox="240 831 676 857">Mj Blyth (VP Education & Welfare)</p> <p data-bbox="240 864 983 891">George Watkinson-Biddulph (VP Activities & Commercial)</p> <p data-bbox="240 898 632 925">Liv Wrightson (Student Officer)</p> <p data-bbox="240 931 625 958">Jacob Bavin (Student Officer)</p> <p data-bbox="240 965 651 992">Jess Dunipace (Student Officer)</p> <p data-bbox="240 999 695 1025">Eva Gospodinova (Student Officer)</p> <p data-bbox="240 1032 722 1059">Andy Hodgson (Minutes - Chief Exec)</p> | |
| 3 | <p data-bbox="240 1137 858 1164">MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING AND ACTIONS</p> <ul data-bbox="292 1200 1219 1823" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="292 1200 1219 1305"> <p data-bbox="339 1200 1219 1227">• Minutes from the last meeting – to agree as true and accurate (EC5)</p> <p data-bbox="339 1234 647 1261">Agreed as true and accurate</p> <p data-bbox="339 1267 1150 1294"><i>The committee requested that item 'Commercial discussion' to be redacted</i></p> <li data-bbox="292 1352 1219 1608"> <p data-bbox="339 1352 1034 1379">• Action points from last meeting, and ongoing actions:</p> <p data-bbox="339 1386 1230 1413">2024-2025 actions listed and assigned via the public Exec Committee</p> <p data-bbox="339 1420 411 1447">Trello:</p> <p data-bbox="339 1453 1161 1480">https://trello.com/b/36FwVU8x/executive-committee-2025-2026</p> <p data-bbox="339 1487 1126 1514"><i>The start of each meeting will include running through action</i></p> <p data-bbox="339 1520 564 1547"><i>updates via Trello</i></p> <p data-bbox="339 1554 1106 1581"><i>Agreed to also run through AH/TJ actions alongside officers</i></p> <p data-bbox="339 1648 834 1675">All actions were reviewed and verified</p> <li data-bbox="292 1722 1219 1823"> <p data-bbox="339 1722 1174 1823">• Items needing redacting for website [items that are sensitive/confidential and should not be recorded in the publicly available minutes]</p> <p data-bbox="339 1872 927 1899">Items to be redacted: Commercial discussion</p> | |
| 3 | MATTERS ARISING | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Union Staffing Update (Education & Student Voice/Welfare & Advice) (MJB) <i>Advisor & Wellbeing Manager maternity leave cover</i> MJB gave a verbal update on the pending parental leave being taken by Amy Thorpe. Exec have provided a card of wellbeing. During AT's absence Ben Robson has been seconded to her role and cover via a short term contract has been put in place for Student Voice coordinator. Campaign support should be actioned via Sabbs and then introduced to the SVC so as not to overwhelm. Contract starts next week – focusing on handover until AT leaves the week after. | |
| <p>4 *</p> | <p>UPDATES FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS [SUBMITTED IN ADVANCE] Officers to submit their updates via the public Exec Committee Trello. https://trello.com/b/36FwVU8x/executive-committee-2025-2026</p> <p>Updates to be taken as read, but items within updates can be “un-starred” for discussion, upon request, as part of this agenda item on the day of the Exec meeting.</p> <p>No items have been unstarred</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alex Wilson (Students' Union President) • Mj Blyth (Vice President, Education & Welfare) • George Watkinson-Biddulph (VP Activities & Commercial) • Liv Wrightson (Student Officer) • Jacob Bavin (Student Officer) • Jess Dunipace (Student Officer) • Eva Gospodinova (Student Officer) | |
| <p>5</p> | <p>EXEC TEAM - COLLABORATIVE WORKING <i>[This is a standing item - An opportunity to discuss all officer activity/engagement and other work; how the Executive Team is working together and collaborating, invitation for feedback].</i></p> <p><i>An item for any feedback from the team</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MJB noted that they have had their 360 and thanked officers for completing the requested feedback. Please do continue to give feedback – you don't need to wait for these formal opportunities - Noted that JB will be on placement from mid April-June, it is expected that he will still be able to attend scheduled exec meetings – JB confirmed he will plan ahead for any activity or output for exec during this period - Planning for handovers (and social element) should start taking place now – please give feedback to Alex if you have any. Action – all - Officer encouraged to book 121's - AW to resend booking links. Action AW | <p>All AW</p> |
| <p>6</p> | <p>POLICIES, PAPERS, AG PROPOSALS AND 'SU'GGESTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - None presented | |

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| | <p>planned around healthy relationships and reducing VAWAG – this will be a Union-wide activity – with a mix of in-person and virtual resources with external partners. Some distrust was expressed about Police involvement because of their reputation, and this would need to be approached with care. Union to share data with exec on crime reporting the Union undertook 18 months ago. Action AH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AW & MJB to meet and discuss Police involvement and anecdotal distrust. Action AW/MJB - Officers were broadly in favour of supporting all activity and are keen to be engaged – AW will send research to JB to create questions/quiz for stand engagement. Action AW. Action JB. - Confirmed that this activity is taking place w/c 2nd Feb on both WD and KAC and will run into... <p>- SHAG Week (Sexual Health and Guidance) – w/c 9th Feb (MJB)</p> <p>As above, officer agreed to support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GOATING/Planning for Recharge Festival (MJB) <p>Feedback was asked about recharge festival and some was provided in room, but it was agreed to add this to the schedule for GOATING topics for officers – MJB to add</p> <p>Activities Zone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No discussion items received - Noted that new AG’s have been paused, so no new proposals at this time – this will be reviewed shortly <p>Commercial Zone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion on commercial events – as requested at EC5 Response regarding exec concerns regarding event headliners, student social material portraying the venue as empty, and student voice in events planning was provided by JW as written feedback. It was noted that exec were not keen on any new social media channels as this is seen as saturated (in relation to venue specific channels) Exec asked if we could further promote the actions we have undertaken on the basis of feedback (i.e. wellbeing team, pop up bar etc) as it's undertaken (specifying if this is a trial where applicable). Action AH/JW Creating of a Bop video from JB was discussed – JB to put together a project plan for this and discuss with Millie. Action JB. A question was received about who is creating content for commercial activity – central staff create images; other content is being explored by student staff in commercial. | <p>AH</p> <p>AW/MJB</p> <p>AW</p> <p>JB</p> <p>MJB</p> <p>AH/JW</p> <p>JB</p> <p>GWB/AH</p> |
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| | Exec asked for JW to attend next meeting to talk about commercial services and any updates | |
| 9 | <p>CAMPAIGNS BUDGET/EXPENDITURE</p> <p><i>To discuss and agree upcoming plans for officer campaigns budget expenditure.</i></p> <p><i>Live link also on Executive Committee Trello "For Reference" List</i></p> <p>Updated spend to date linked here: EC Campaigns Budget + Expenditure.xlsx</p> <p>Remaining budgets were disused and noted.</p> | |
| 10 * | <p>KEY DATES IN THE UNION CALENDAR</p> <p><i>[For information - key dates that all officers should be aware of]</i></p> <p>Chair to highlight any key dates upcoming relevant to officers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Union Calendar link: Student Union Calendar 2025-2026.xlsx <p><i>Officers noted those dates present</i></p> | |
| 11 | <p>Exec Committee Photo/Video Filming</p> <p><i>An opportunity to take an Exec Committee photo or film a short video to wrap up the Executive Committee Meeting, to feedback and communicate with members. To be posted on social media following the meeting.</i></p> <p><i>This activity took place as planned</i></p> | |
| 12 | <p>A.O.B <i>[Any other business]</i></p> <p><i>No matters</i></p> | |
| 13 | <p>Executive Committee Promotional Video (Filming)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AW filmed Exec Committee video, spotlighting in particular the role of Part-Time Officers – (updating last year's video, found here: https://www.instagram.com/reel/DFx-h7FJono/) | |

Dates for upcoming Executive Committee Meetings:

- **EC7** - Monday 16th February 3:30-5:30pm, SU Meeting Room (Andy to clerk)
- **EC8** - Monday 23rd March 12-2pm, SU Meeting Room (Andy to clerk)
- **EC9** - Friday 17th April 12-2pm, SU Meeting Room (Tiff to clerk)
- **EC10** - Monday 18th May 4-6pm, SU Meeting Room (Tiff to clerk)