

Committee Members					
Full Name	Position	Initials	Present	Apologies	Absent
Lauren Mann	SU VP Welfare (Chair)	LM	*		
Matthew Greenhalgh	SU President	MG	*		
Lee Arrowsmith	SU VP Activities	LA	*		
Rachel Arland	SU VP Academic Representation	RA	*		
Sherry Tebs	SU BME Officer	ST			*
Bethany-Rose Joliffe	SU Disabled Students' Officer	BRJ	*		
Molly Houghton	SU LGBT Officer	MH	*		
Yotam Berant	SU Part Time/ Mature Students' Officer	YB	*		
Rosie McKenna	SU Women's Officer	RMc	*		
Elliot Hughes	SU Postgraduate Students' Officer	EH	*		
In Attendance (Non-Voting)					
Richard Raymond	Representation Coordinator	RR	*		
Kathryn Pidcock	SU Disabled Students' Officer elect	KP	*		
Yasmin Lee	SU LGBT+ Officer elect	YL	*		
Ben Whittle	SU President elect	BW	*		
Dan Bocharnikov	SU VP Activities elect	DB	*		
Luke Myer	SU VP Academic Representation elect	LMy	*		

Section A – Opening Matters

1. Apologies for Absence

Molly Smallwood (Women's Officer elect)

Isabella Castaneda Godoy (International Students' Officer elect)

Dawn Chadwick (Part Time/Mature Students' Officer elect)

2. Chairs Announcements

Welcome and thank you to everyone for attending the final Executive Committee of the year. The VP Welfare Elect has resigned and as such we are holding a by-election for the role of VP Welfare. Details on the role are on the website along with dates.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

Approved

4. Matters Arising

None

Section B – Matters for Discussion

5. None raised

Section C – Policy for Discussion

6. None submitted

Section D – Your Ideas

7. Chair introduces the ideas which have been submitted on our website, that have received at least 30 up votes, to discuss how they could or if they should be taken forward.

Extra Printer in HUB

This motion was passed – unanimous vote

Also to consider easier access to students, queue's issue, printing map for students and possibility of additional printers (free) in other buildings. RA to take officer lead.

Men's Officer

This motion was not passed – majority vote (5 against, 4 abstained)

RMc men's officer shouldn't be a liberation position.

YB our ratio of female to male students suggests that it could be required.

MG comments made in 'Your Ideas' suggest that it is needed.

RMc raised issue about the terminology being used during the discussion is not inclusive of the Trans community.

RMc a men's officer would tokenise the women's movement, cites Keele as one of the Unions which use to have this position and have now removed it.

YB should a gender equality officer be looked at instead?

MH (regarding comments in 'your ideas') Mental Health is an issue in men but is a wider issues effecting all students.

MG students feel that this is required, points out that women would not be able to relate to male issues.

MH agrees that she would not be able to understand a potential issues men have, but points out that there will be greater male representation in next year's sab team.

LM clarifying that all sabs are there to represent all students, not just one gender.

RA Athena Swan campaign at EHU has highlighted that there is too much male representation at all levels and that mental health would be covered by VP Welfare and Disability Officer Roles.

MH what campaigns would a men's officer do?

RMc the 2010 equality act defines minority groups and men are not included in this, it shouldn't be a role. Mental health is a bigger issue for young women than you men (citing more young females attempt to commit suicide than males).

MG asks RMc that because she is not aware of how men could be oppressed that they shouldn't have representation?

MH other than mental health campaign, what else could/should a men's officer do?

RA danger of creating roles for the sake of roles, would we need a male PG officer as well as a female PG officer etc.

LA more support is required for men, particularly surrounding psychological issues.

MH the way that the idea is presented, it comes across as a 'we should have one as well' manner.

EH doesn't feel that enough information for the exec committee to make an informed decision, should it go to students for a referendum as to whether there should be a men's officer?

MG should we have an equality officer?

BRJ agrees

RMc disagrees

LM vote to be taken on this as presented, if a referendum is to take place, it would need taken to trustees.

Edge Hill Students' Union should disaffiliate from the National Union of Students

This motion was not passed - unanimous vote

The committee agreed that there would be a need to do a campaign promoting what NUS (and EHSU) does to ensure that students are aware and understand what both organisations are and do. This would then help feed information to next year's exec to make a decision on whether to proceed with a NUS referendum next year. LMy, DB, BW and TBC (next year's Sabbatical team) to lead.

RMc argues that we in fact make money by being affiliated with NUS, have access to discount card, NUSSLE and support for officers in the SU.

MH points out that the idea is presented as disaffiliation, something they would not be able to enact, rather than a referendum.

LM vote will take place here to decide if recommendation to trustee board to hold a referendum.

RA we would need to ensure that if a referendum is to take place that students are aware of what they are voting for.

RMc agrees and points out that the new NUS officer team will change how students view NUS as a whole.

MG questioning if NUS works for us as a Union, citing the issues with campaigns which our students don't relate to (i.e. walk out on trump campaign).

RMc disagrees with this and cites the impact we have had on the green paper and TEF.

MH NUS officers come to EHU to help us with campaigns which is very helpful to have that support.

LA feels that we are just NUS puppets and that it is not relevant for students at our Uni.

MH highlights RA point about informing students as to what NUS does for them.

RA regardless of outcome of this discussion/vote NUS informing campaign is needed.

MH NUS is the NUS card to most students and highlights the need to inform students.

YB this would need to be more than just a leaflet.

RA staff at EHU are unsure what NUS and EHSU do, work needs done at this level as well as students will get opinion from all EHU staff as well as EHSU.

EH EHSU is a bar and NUS is a discount card to the vast majority of students. Would a year be long enough to challenge that view?

LM the campaign would take as long as needed.

RMc doesn't disagree with a referendum but students should know what they are voting on.

Quicker travel reimbursement for students on placement

This motion was passed – unanimous vote

RA, EH and MH to lead.

EH could easily be done on phones etc. now so should be a quicker process.

MG is it end of placement to claim?

EH can be done throughout the year but lots of repeated paperwork. Turnaround time of around 4 weeks after handing forms in.

LA is it tied in with when their payroll would be happening?

RA there is typically groups that are responsible for this decision making, possibly they can only meet once a month? Academic regulations looking at ways to reduce marries such as these in processes across the institution.

EH placement will stay the same so surely no need to re-submit forms after the initial claim? Additionally, trip can take longer than calculated due to roadwork's/congestion and a slightly longer route is quicker (i.e. motorway rather than A roads) but this is not factored in.

LA might be good to get more student feedback to see how big an issue it is for all PGCE students, as well as your experience.

Section E – Officer Reports

8. SU President

Overview of work to date with focus on plans around campus development and gathering student opinion. Paper submitted.

MH will new library have gender neutral toilets? It is something students want.

MG there is no Uni policy currently, but fighting for it to then ensure that the building is future proof.

RA suggests speaking to Tony in quality to get clarification on policy

YL will it be 24/7?

MG planned to have same opening times as current library.

YL public access issues around thefts?

RA something that the Uni is trying to work on but not easily resolved.

RMc would PTO's benefit from the North West conference plans?

MG yes, looking at incorporating this in the future but needs to establish itself first.

YL would be good for engagement across Uni's/Unions in the North West

MG Congrats to Luke getting motion passed at NUS conference (first ever submitted by EHSU)

RA open invite to all exec committee to help with YouTube videos in any capacity. MG to organise times surrounding this.

9. SU VP Welfare

Worked on Women's week, puppy room and Pride Week. Paper submitted.

BRJ speed dating was massive success, students who participated are still speaking.

International office liked the levels of integration as well.

YB issues with accommodation for international students, all put in same kitchens so no integration.

MH and RMc feel that the LGBT+ speed dating events should not take place in the quad in future as it felt like the participants were being 'outed' due to the size of the room. It should be held in the bar in future.

LM Planning of campaigns will be getting more emphasis in future to ensure that promotion of campaigns is correct.

LM £136 raised for guide dogs during the puppy room which took place at the beginning of the month.

MH can the puppy room happen more frequently to ensure that PG students have the opportunity to attend?

BRJ Big Student Clear Out needs communicated with FM better, last year peoples things got collected for it when it shouldn't have.

YL are people living in town able to donate?

LM Yes they are able to bring item into EHSU.

10. SU VP Activities

Verbal Report.

Accreditation scheme – aim is to get dormant solidities and sports teams engaged and to act more professional.

Kit – again highlighting the professionalism of the sports teams would be improved. LA holds hands up to the delay in this due to processes in place that he was advised to go down.

Sport – Looking to target certain sports in future to get higher up BUCS leagues (Women's futsal, Women's football and table tennis highlighted as initial focuses).

AMM – discounted gym membership, secured 4 week free membership trial for those living on campus next academic year. Then £80 for all year for those students on campus as a pilot scheme to potentially be rolled out for all students.

YB should this be promoted to captain of teams to ensure maximum uptake to help increase chances of being rolled out to all students?

LA will be done via welcome packs but yes can be done in addition.

Swimming pool – frosted glass is being incorporated into summer development plans for sports centre.

GIAG – Review complete, will be sent to DB. All 4 new officers will be taking this forward so would be useful to meet to discuss in future.

LA thanks this year's team for allowing him to help them and for them helping him.

MH wants meeting to take place to ensure that pride in sport takes place next year.

11.SU VP Academic Rep

Food for Thought and SLSA's main campaigns. Paper submitted.

LM highlights that in most recent food for thought, the feedback received suggests that the question asked was in fact 2 questions which led to confusion

RA this was intended as needed to know answer for both and they are linked.

SEDA conference – went well and contacts wanting to engage with us regarding this will be passed to LM

Fast-track – Programme needing filled to ensure that students do not get bored. Will need to be a joint project with the new team as it covers both old and new teams.

Section F – AOB

12. MS raised if exec committee should have a section for PT officers to present reports won what they have done.

LM suggested that it would be best to include this information for 1-2-1/handovers with the new team and that next year's exec made a decision on whether to present reports from PT officers.

RMC committee structures passed at AMM will ensure that this occurs.

YB monthly committee meetings for liberation committees?

MG Executive committee monthly?

LM Consent paper has been finalised and will be launched next Wednesday (24th) at 2 pm.

LA good luck to next year's team!

13. Date of Next Meeting: **TBC**