

No	Item	Action	Paper	Author / Lead	Time
<b>1 Introductory &amp; Administration</b>					
1.1	President's Opening Remarks			LB	10 mins
1.2	Apologies for absence and welcome of new members	Note		LB	
1.3	Disclosure of potential conflicts of interest arising from the agenda (verbal)				
1.4	Minutes of last meeting on 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2012	Approve	NEC/22A/13	LB	
1.5	Matters arising from previous meeting on 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2012			LB	
<b>2 Reports and Accountability</b>					
2.1	Report and Notices from the National President* Questions to the National President Presidential and Other Appointments	Scrutinise	NEC/22B/13	LB	10 mins
2.2	Report/ Priorities and Notices from the Zone Convenors* Questions to the Zone Convenors	Scrutinise	NEC/22C-G/13	VB, PM, TP, RW, DG	15 mins
2.3	Report/ Priorities and Notices from the Liberation Campaigns* Questions to the Liberation Campaigns	Note	NEC/22H-L/13	AK, HP, SY/FM, KT	15 mins
2.4	Report/ Priorities and Notices from the Student Sections* Questions to the Student Sections	Note	NEC/22M-O/13	DS, SR, LJ	15 mins
2.5	Report and Notices from the Nation Convenors* Questions to the Nation Convenors	Note	NEC/22P-R/13	RP, AP, SL	10 mins
2.6	Report and Notices from the Scrutiny & Special Groups*	Scrutinise			5 mins
2.7	Important information from CMs from the Block	Report	Verbal	Block	15 mins
<b>3 Motions and Proposals</b>					
3.1	Summary KPIs for Nations 2012-2013	Debate	NEC/22S/13	RP, AP, SL	20 mins
3.2	Approval of Estimates	Approve	NEC/22T/13	LB	15 mins
3.3	Motions to NEC	Debate	NEC/22U/13	LB	30 mins

Next Meeting: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2013

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## 1. Introductory & Administration

- 1.1 Liam Burns (LB) opened the meeting and welcomed new members of the NEC
- 1.2 Apologies were noted for Joe Vinson, Sam Reid, Mark Swards and Jamil Keating. It was noted that Robin Burrett and Rachel Thornton would be late.
- 1.3 Mike Williamsons declared a conflict of interest; he is employed by the board of Trustees.
- 1.4 The minutes of the NEC meeting 26<sup>th</sup> September 2012 were approved following the following corrections:

Stacey Devine made the point that her name should be in Scotland's second place not Graeme Kirkpatrick.

Dennis Esch and Jake Kitchener sent apologies for the last meeting.

- 1.5 There were no other matters arising.

## 2. Reports and accountability

- 2.1 LB presented his report to the NEC and invited questions.

LB's reflection on Demo2012 was that it was a success overall after working hard throughout the summer and autumn to build SU support. LB argued that route balanced moving past places of power and ensuring the safety of those marching. LB also outlined that there is post demo work being planned by the political strategy unit which ties in with the full time officer campaigns.

LB emphasised that post demo work included the Pound in your Pocket launch was planned for 5<sup>th</sup> December and that Dannie is currently working on a bill in parliament for internships.

LB was questioned about his use of language in his Mancunian interview. He apologised to NEC for the language but emphasised that the answer to the questions about whether he expected violence at Demo2012 was that he did not.

*LB then moved to answer questions specifically on Demo2012. These covered the following points:*

Several members of the NEC agreed that the actions of a few activists at the rally should be condemned, especially those that put disabled students and a child at risk. NEC broadly agreed that throwing objects and booing speakers was action that was not representative of the majority students at the demonstration.

Vicki Baars (VB) condemned the action by some at the end of the march but emphasised that there was a diverse range of activists who were angry.

Michael Chessum (MC) argued that whilst he disagreed with how some activists ended the day by throwing objects at the speakers, he felt that NEC should talk about the reasons why that happened. MC suggested that some activists felt that they had not been consulted on over plans for the demonstration and that they felt shut out the process. LB argued that the route was appropriate as it went past key places of power and that NUS' membership had been the driving force behind the demonstration.

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Aaron Kiely (AK) argued that on balance it had been a positive demonstration and that the way some activists behaved at the end wasn't a good thing.

Steph Lloyd (SL) raised concerns over the posting of a recent mock Demo2012 video depicting LB as Hitler. MC argued that the video was not made by anyone he knows and that NCAFC worked hard at to make the demo a success.

LB responded by emphasising that it was the SUs that put in the hard work to make the demo a success and that because the feeder march organised by NCAFC didn't agree to stick on the route agreed by the police section 12 was sanctioned on both the feeder march and the Demo2012 march.

It was pointed out that it was unfortunate the message become that of division in NUS and the movement.

MC emphasised that NCFAC does work hard with NUS. They have been supportive of the demo and have done all they can to make it a success.

LB responded that by NCAFC members putting out a tweet to for a vigil to declare the death of NUS is divisive and not supportive of NUS.

MC emphasised is does not personally support the vigil.

Hannah Patterson (HP) raised concerns over student wellbeing on the demo and thanked fellow NEC members for support in specific cases.

The report was *approved*

## 2.2 Report and Notices from the Zone Conveners

### **Union Development** – Vicki Baars (VB)

VB added that she received a gift of a T-shirt from Royal Holloway and tickets to Children in Need reception.

### **Welfare** – Pete Mercer (PM)

PM outlined that 'Pound in your Pocket' will be launched on the 5<sup>th</sup> December and that this will give a platform for policy recommendations in the January.

### **Further Education** – Toni Pearce (TP)

TP emphasised that the Learning Skills Agreement Service is going to be shut down and so works need to be done to ensure quality for students going forward. It will be replaced by another organisation and NUS needs to work along side them.

### **Higher Education** – Rachel Wenstone (RW)

RW added that the HE team had published a Manifesto for Partnership at Zone Conference. There have been Over 1000 responses to the PG survey and that the PGT funding model had been published.

### **Society and Citizenship** – Danielle Grufferty (DG)

DG added that City College Norwich have negotiated a living wage.

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- 2.3 The Liberation Officers presented their reports to note. NEC also noted Kelley Temples report titled: European Students Convention ESC24
- 2.4 The Sections presented their reports to note.
- 2.5 The Nations presented their reports to note.
- 2.6 There were no reports from Scrutiny & Special groups
- 2.7 Important information from CMs from the Block

## 3. Motions and Proposals

### 3.1 Update on Estimates 13/14

RW presented the paper and outlined that there will be the same amount of money this year and outlined that there is an assumption that if we do have money over we will use it to lower the cost of affiliation

Matt Hyde (MH) outlined the plan to reduce affiliation by 150,000 a year. NEC agreed that reducing affiliation makes it much fairer than it is for the squeezed middle.

Daniel Stevens (DS) asked why there was not any more money of the International Students Campaign given recent challenges. NEC agreed that DS should develop a plan outlining in which areas the campaign required extra funds. [ACTION DS]

KT argued that there should be a rethink on Liberation conference budgets and how they're allocated. NEC agreed that LED should take this forward and feedback to NEC. [ACTION LED]

LB explained that the ARAF committee does not have a formal budget as its work is paid from is drawn from cross-departmental budgets.

Assumptions NEC wished to explore:

- Liberation Conference allocations
- International students and immigration
- ARAF budget
- NUS activity of Learner Voice in FE if LSIS is to shut down

### 3.2 NEC agreed to move the paper Rules Review until after lunch.

### 3.3 Ethical and Environmental Strategy ES4

DG presented the paper there being no questions it was *approved*.

### 3.4 Charity Plan

VB presented this paper as chair of the charity board.

Mike Williamson (MW) asked is the if the NUS Scotland Charity would have an NUS UK Charity member on their board VB agreed to discuss this with RP [ACTION]

VB invited the NEC to email her any thoughts on the paper before November 29<sup>th</sup>.

NEC *noted* the paper

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## 3.5 Nations KPIs

NEC *noted* this paper

## 3.6 Plan for ODP

VB presented this paper. Finn McGoldrick (FMcG) brought up the point that liberation should be more at the heart of Lead and Change. NEC raised concern that there was no Sections training. [ACTION BN]

NEC *approved* the paper

## 3.7 Regulating motion submission and democratic debate

Liam presented the paper. LB emphasised the two key area of the paper, firstly social media secondly motions to NEC.

LB stated that NEC should always have a disclosure on your social networking accounts that your views are your own and not NEC. LB added that NEC what they say and do can put the organisation at risk of legal action.

LB added that when names and organisations are mentioned in motions then it is important that these are sent to the Director of Policy and Delivery and the Democratic Services Coordinator so that it can be checked that NUS cannot be held liable for their content.

LB emphasised that NEC would will be held to the same code of conduct rules whether comments are made in life or via media.

NEC agreed the paper

## 3.6 Motions to NEC

### **Emergency Motions**

Emergency Motion 1: Israel's assault on Gaza must end!

Proposing speech: AK

Parts to remove CR 4

Speech for: RW

Speech against: AK

Vote: Parts removed

Speech against: Not taken

Vote: Passes parts removed

Emergency Motion 2: The Middle East and supporting students

Proposing speech: PM

Parts to remove B1

Speech for: PM

Speech against: Not taken

Vote: Parts removed

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Speech against: Not taken

Vote: Passes parts removed

Emergency Motion 2: Defend Daniel Cooper

Proposing speech: MW

Remove NEC resolves 1

Speech for: MW

Vote: Parts removed

Against; RW

Speech for: DE

Speech against: AP

Speech for: LJ

Speech against; FMcG

Speech for: RH

Vote: Motion falls

*LB hands NEC chair to TP*

Emergency Motion 4: Motion of No Confidence in Edd Bauer, Student Trustee

Speech for: LB

Speech against: DE

Speech for: SL

Speech against: MC

Speech for: Jake Kitchiner (JK)

Speech against: VB

Speech for: Jeni-Marie Pittuck (JMP)

Speech against: KT

Call for recorded vote:

For	JJ, RP, FMcG, AP, CF, DG, DA, MH, AM, JK, LB, FW, HP, PM, CM, HMP, FW, SL, RT
against	SD, DE, DS, LJ, MW, MC, RB, JW, VB, SY, MS, AK, RJ, KT
Abstain	No abstentions

*Vote 19 for, 14 against*

Vote: Motions falls (Motions to remove trustees require a two thirds majority to carry)

Call to suspend the standing orders in order to discuss how to decided how LB should respond to Edd Bauer, Student Trustee.

Proposing speech: LB

Speech against: VB

Vote: 24 for 6 against

Vote: Motion to suspend the standing orders passed (Motions to remove trustees require a two thirds majority to carry)

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*Standing order suspended*

LB argued that although NEC had not passed the last motion with the required two thirds majority, it seemed clear to him that there was a appetite to hold Ed Bauer to account for his open response to an initial letter from LC, but not for the original tweet. LB then read a proposed statement, which he argued should form part of a letter to Edd Bauer, Student Trustee.

TP asked for speeches for and against LB proposed approach, in order for NEC to offer a steer.

Speech for: LB  
Speech against: MC

Speech for DA  
Speech against: VB

Call for a recorded vote

Vote: 21 for 6 Against, 6 Abstentions

For	JJ, RP, SD, DE, DS, FMcG, AP, CF, DG, DA, AM, JK, LB, FW, HP, PM, HMP, FW, SL, RT, KT
against	MC, RB, JW, MS, AK, RJ,
Abstain	REL, LJ, MW, VB, SY, CM

Vote: Steer from NEC that Liam should write to Ed Bauer on behalf od NEC.

*Standing orders resume*

## **Motions**

Motion1: Don't block our blocks

Proposing speech: RP  
Speech Against: Not taken  
Vote: motions passes

Motion 2: Condemn Cameron's Welfare Cuts

Proposing speech: Jo Johnson (JJ)  
Speech Against: Not taken  
Vote: motions passes

Motion 3: Opposing deportations of students

Proposing speech: DS  
Speech Against: Not taken  
Vote: motions passes

*LB decides to take the agenda in a different order, to discuss 3.3 Rules Review*

## **3.3 Rules Review**

LB presented the paper and invited NEC's thoughts. In particular LB called on NEC to consider the emergent issues and voce their views at the meeting and consider any problems they feel

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exist with the NEC and how they might be solved.

## *Block of 15*

LB Started the discussion by inviting thoughts on the role of the Block of 15. RW argued the distinction between accountability and delivery is difficult because in reality is the the block are invited to get involved. REL agreed that there was confusion over role, and link between Block and NEC

VB emphasised the call for a gender balance of the Block, there was general consensus on the issue from NEC. AK argued that there was a real issue of diversity and in particular race on the block but suggested that in part the problem was that National Conference was not as socially diverse as it could be.

RW stated that she disagreed with allocating block of 15 to a specific zone for scrutiny as there is real benefit for block having a cross organisational view.

MC argued that the Block of 15 helps to keep NEC vibrant and close to membership. And as such the number should increase to around 20. MC also argued the Block should be paid in order to allow true scrutiny. DS added that whilst block adds political diversity, international students are rarely elected to the positions.

JK disagreed with principle and logistics of paying the Block. RW agreed and suggested that it was problematic to pay those who's job it was to scrutinise paid FTO's.

CM raised concerns about the link between students and the Block.

## *Zones*

NEC discussed the role of zone committees and zone second places. MC raised concerns that zone committees were not very representative but other NEC members disagreed. Roshni Joshi (RJ) argued that the fact you can be convinced to run a zone committee at zone conference attracts a different type of person.

## *Trustee board*

NEC broadly agreed that the relationship between NEC and the trustee board was working. VB argued that external trustees should be more accountable to National Conference suggesting they take accountability questions at that body.

LB thanked NEC and outlined that these discussions would help inform the DPC's thinking and recommendations around the review.

## **Motions**

Motion 4: Liberating student unions to tackle hate crime

Proposing speech: KT  
Speech Against: Not taken  
Vote: motions passes

Motion 5: Tell the truth about youth

Proposing speech: PM  
Speech Against: Not taken  
Vote: Motions passes

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