

minutes

meeting of: National Executive Council (fifth meeting)

place: Holloway Resource Centre

date and time: 10th May 2010

Present:

Members: Name

President Wes Streeting

Zones Shane Chowen (Further Education);
Aaron Porter (Higher Education);
Susan Nash & Samantha Kennedy (Society & Citizenship);
Richard Budden (Union Development);

Ben Whittaker & Carly Aslett (Welfare)

Liberation Bellavia Ribeiro-Addy (Black Students)
Adam Hyland & Chris Jesson (Disabled Students)

Daf Adley & Lucy Brookes (LGBT);
Olivia Bailey & Estelle Hart (Women's);

Student Sections Trevor Dallimore-Wright (Mature Students);
Saima Yousaf and Madalena Ngongola (International Students);
Chris Jenkinson and Joy Elliot (Postgraduate Students)

Nations Liam Burns and Tom Spence (NUS Scotland)
Katie Dalton & Llew Williams (NUS Wales)
Ciarnan Helferty and Shane Brogan (NUS-USI)

Block Alice Bouquet, John Peart, Fraser Nesbitt, Usman Ali, James Haywood,
Yemi Makinde, Ed Marsh, Liz Williams, Natalie Tremlett,

In attendance:

Staff Matt Hyde (CEO); Jim Dickinson (Director Campaigns & Strategy); Graeme
Wise, Emma Cox, Nick Smith, Vic Langer, Simon Rayner, Dan Higgins

Apologies:

Zones Charlie Leyland, Beth Woodthorpe-Evans, Toni Pearce

Block Alice Bouquet, John Cox, Christina Yan Zhang, Tobin Webb



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1. Introduction & Administration:

Wes Streeting was delayed and so Susan Nash chaired this meeting

1.1 - 1.3 Susan opened the meeting and welcomed the National Executive Council (NEC) to the fifth meeting, especially Chris Jesson who was newly elected. Apologies for absence were noted. There were no conflicts of interest raised.

1.4 & 1.5 The Minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true and accurate record. The following matters arising were noted.

- Ben Whittaker asked for an update on the Membership Development Review and whether it would return to the NEC. Jim Dickinson reported that work was on-going but it would return to the NEC.

1.6 There had been no presidential appointments but it was noted that the Officer Trustee appointments and the appointments of the Clerks were due soon.

The Council agreed to approve all policy deferred to it by conference unless any objections were raised with the Clerks over lunch.

2. Reports and Accountability

2.2 The Zone Convenors presented their reports and invited questions.

- **Aaron Porter** discussed the work done on the Browne review and responses to the Russell Group proposals on higher education funding.
- **Susan Nash** gave an update on the work relating to vote for students and outlined how ongoing work would be decided following the general election.
- **Richard Budden** reported on recent referenda.
- **Ben Whittaker** offered a verbal report. He reported on work with sports tour and the banning of Carnage events as well as the accommodation costs launch.
- **Shane Chown** discussed continuing work on course closures and strikes in London.

The reports were all approved.

2.3 – 2.5 The Liberation, Nations and Sections gave their reports which the Council noted.

2.6 Wes Streeting presented the minutes of the Trustee Board on the 22nd of April.

The NEC registered their concern at the actions of one of the trustees, Dan Randall, who had attended and spoken at political events as an NUS Trustee. It was noted that Trustees should not get involved with the politics of NUS and the NEC asked for a paper to come back outlining what was said in the blog.

Action: Nick Smith

The NEC asked that the complaints about conduct were considered under the NUS Code of Conduct.

2.7 The Equality and Diversity report was accepted.



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The Communications Scrutiny Group offered a verbal update on their work which was included in the two motions to conference under 3.1

3. Motions and Proposals

3.1 John Peart proposed two papers on blogging and the use of social networks such as Twitter and Facebook. The National Executive Council thanked CSG for its work, but voted down the proposals. The group were asked to look at producing guidelines for how NEC should conduct themselves online.

3.2 Simon Rayner and Dan Higgins presented an update on NUS Connect, the new extranet. It was agreed that Liberation and Nations should have specific filtering options for users.

3.3 The No Platform list was noted.

3.4 Matt Hyde presented an update on the management accounts and budgets.

3.5 Motions to the NEC

Motion 1 – London Student Representative Commission

The NEC noted that the political situation in London, especially the localised control of the skills agenda, meant that there was a need for London students to have specific representation.

The NEC decided to take Motion 3 followed by Motion 2 for discussion.

Motion 3 – Defend Liberation! Support our Campaigns! Build the NUS!

The NEC noted the importance of supporting all officers including Liberation officers and that the NUS had not rescinded from its dedication to no platform.

Liam Burns called for parts to be taken on the motion in 2 sets.

Recorded Vote to remove Further Believes 3-5

For the Removal	Shane Chowen, Richard Budden, Yemi Makinde, Natalie Tremlett, John Peart, Sam Kennedy, Ed Marsh, Chris Jenkinson, Joy Elliott, Liam Burns, Ciarnan Helferty, Shane Brogan
Against the Removal	Saima Yousaf, Bell Ribeiro-Addy, Daf Adley, Lucy Brookes, Adam Hyland, Chris Jesson, Fraser Nesbitt, Usman Ali, Alice Bouquet, Ben Whittaker, Olivia Bailey, Estelle Hart, James Haywood, Trevor Dallimore-Wright, Liz Williams, Wes Streeting.
Abstain	Aaron Porter, Katie Dalton, Carly Aslett

The parts remain

Recorded Vote to remove Further Believe 1

For the Removal	Richard Budden, Chris Jenkinson, Joy Elliott, Liam Burns, Ciarnan Helferty, Shane Brogan
Against the Removal	Saima Yousaf, Bell Ribeiro-Addy, Daf Adley, Lucy Brookes, Adam Hyland, Chris Jesson, Fraser Nesbitt, Usman Ali, Alice Bouquet, Ben



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	Whittaker, Olivia Bailey, Estelle Hart, James Haywood, Trevor Dallimore-Wright, Liz Williams, Wes Streeting, Shane Chowen, Richard Budden, Natalie Tremlett, John Peart, Sam Kennedy,
Abstain	Yemi Makinde, John Peart, Carly Aslett, Ed Marsh

A recorded vote was called on the motion as a whole.

Recorded Vote on the motion

For the Motion	Shane Chowen, Richard Budden, Yemi Makinde, Natalie Tremlett, John Peart, Sam Kennedy, Ed Marsh, Chris Jenkinson, Saima Yousaf, Bell Ribeiro-Addy, Daf Adley, Lucy Brookes, Adam Hyland, Chris Jesson, Fraser Nesbitt, Usman Ali, Alice Bouquet, Ben Whittaker, Olivia Bailey, Estelle Hart, James Haywood, Trevor Dallimore-Wright, Liz Williams, Wes Streeting, Aaron Porter, Katie Dalton, Carly Aslett
Against the Motion	Ciarnan Helferty
Abstain	Yemi Makinde, Joy Elliott, Liam Burns, Shane Brogan

The motion passed.

Motion 2 – Motion of Censure against NUS Black Students Officer, NUS Annual Conference 2010

It was noted that no member of the NEC believed that NUS did not have a complete commitment to No Platform. There was a resolution to ask DPC for greater clarity in the future about when censures and accountability took place.

There was a recorded vote on the motion as a whole

Recorded Vote on the motion

For the Motion	Saima Yousaf, Bell Ribeiro-Addy, Daf Adley, Lucy Brookes, Adam Hyland, Usman Ali, James Haywood, Trevor Dallimore-Wright, Fraser Nesbitt
Against the Motion	Aaron Porter, Shane Chowen, Richard Budden, Yemi Makinde, Katie Dalton, Natalie Tremlett, John Peart, Sam Kennedy, Ed Marsh, Chris Jenkinson, Joy Elliott, Liam Burns, Ciarnan Helferty, Shane Brogan, Wes Streeting
Abstain	Chris Jesson, Liz Williams, Carly Aslett, Ben Whittaker, Alice Bouquet, Olivia Bailey, Estelle Hart

The motion fell.

3.6 Motions deferred to National Executive Council

Motions 312 – 320 in the Higher Education Zone were all passed.

Motion 413 in the Society and Citizenship Zone passed

Motions 507, 510, 511, 512, 514 and 516 in the Union Development Zone passed

Wes Streeting thanked all NEC for whom this was their last meeting and issued honorary life membership on them, all the staff who had left NUS during the academic year and for the campaigners at Dundee and Durham.



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The meeting closed at 5pm.

