

meeting of: National Executive Council (first meeting)

place: Marylebone Town Hall

date and time: 30th June 2009

Present:

Members:

Name

President & Chair

Wes Streeting

Zones

Richard Budden (Union Development);
Aaron Porter & Steve Topazio (Higher Education);
Shane Chowen & Toni Pearce (Further Education)
Susan Nash & Rowena Boddington (Society & Citizenship);
Ben Whittaker (Welfare)

Liberation

Naa-Anyima Quaye (Black Students);
Daf Adley & Lucy Brookes (LGBT);
Olivia Bailey & Estelle Hart (Women's);
Adam Hyland & Karena Younson (Disabled Students)

Sections

Trevor Dallimore-Wright (Mature Students);
Chris Jenkinson & Joy Elliot (Postgraduate Students)
Apologies: Michael Duckworth, Saima Yousaf

Nations

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

Block

John Peart, Natalie Tremlett, Fraser Nesbitt, Usman Ali, Alice Bouquet,
Jak Codd, John Cox, James Haywood, Yemi Makinde, Ed Marsh, Tobin
Webb, Liz Williams, Christina Yan Zhang

Student Sections

Madalena Ngongola (NEC appointment to be confirmed by International
Students' Committee)

Staff

Matt Hyde (CEO); Jim Dickinson (Director Campaigns & Strategy);
Elaine Bruce (DSC); Vic Langer (Head of Political Strategy)



Apologies:

Zones	Liz Owen (Union Development) Caroline Rose (Welfare)
Liberation	Bellavia Ribeiro-Addy (Black Students)
Sections	Michael Duckworth (Mature Students)
Block	Eleanor Brown, John Cox, Phemie Matheson

Introduction & Administration:

Wes Streeting opened the meeting and welcomed the inaugural National Executive Council (NEC). The membership of the Council was formally noted.

Apologies for absence were noted. There were no declarations of interest raised. Minutes from the last meeting (18th February 2009) were approved as a true and accurate record. There were no new applications for constituent membership.

Wes Streeting referred the Council to the paper on Presidential Appointments (1B). The Block of 15 regional responsibilities were clarified as an informal first point of contact for students' unions (SUs) on a regional basis. . It was confirmed that Natalie Tremlett will keep responsibility for the South West and John Cox will keep responsibility for London. NEC approved the proposed presidential appointments.

The Council were referred to paper 1C, detailing NEC standard agenda and cycle of business. It was agreed that papers will be circulated two weeks in advance of meetings. Time shall be allotted in each meeting to discuss strategic issues. This will be driven by the Chair and may take the form of an informal discussion before formal business takes place.

Action: Wes Streeting

Council were referred to paper 1D, detailing NEC bylaws. The Council agreed the proposals subject to the following changes:

- Amend point 17 so that an extra round of speeches may be allowed by majority vote
- Quorum is to be confirmed 5 clear working days before each meeting, to ensure a full meeting will go ahead.

Action: Elaine Bruce



The Council were referred to paper 1K, detailing the revised Zone meanings policy. It was agreed that guidance for motions and zones should highlight instances of cross over. Richard Budden to take this forward with Democratic Procedures Committee (DPC).

Action: Richard Budden

It was also agreed that ARAF committee shall guide DPC on where certain issues should fall amongst the zones.

Action: Jak Codd, Bellavia Ribeiro-Addy and Richard Budden

Minimum Wage will be moved to Welfare and Adult Education will be moved to Further Education (FE).

Action: Elaine Bruce

Reports & Accountability:

Wes Streeting highlighted various areas of work for the coming months.

Zone Vice Presidents highlighted their plans for the coming year and invited questions.

The Council were referred to paper 1M which proposes members of Zone and Sub Committees. Charlie Leyland was added to Higher Education committee. Madalena Ngongola was added to the Communications Committee. NEC approved the paper.

The Equality and Diversity committee were asked to look into the make up of zone committees and make recommendations at a future meeting on how to encourage more diversity amongst committee members and attendees at zone conferences.

Action: Olivia Bailey

Council were referred to paper 1E, a report from the Senior Management Team (SMT) under the old structures. This is in lieu of the Trustee Board holding their first meeting later in the year. Campaign Convenors are due to meet regularly as a group to ensure fair collaboration and share resources and information. Wes Streeting to think about how the budget and estimates are presented at Annual Conference and how time will be allocated in the agenda. Affiliation fees and service provision are part of the finance strategy and these issues will be discussed at NEC and Board meetings.

Council were referred to papers 1F and 1G which proposes the form and membership of Scrutiny Committees. Madalena Ngongola was added to Communications Scrutiny Committee. NEC voted to include Kainde Manji and Katie Dalton to the Equality and Diversity Committee.



Motions and Proposals:

Council voted to pass NUS Wales's rules into the new constitution. Council proceeded to discuss the following motions in the Society and Citizenship and Welfare Zones, referred by Annual Conference.

Motion 803: Susan Nash spoke in favour of the motion

Amendment 803a: Jak Codd spoke in favour of the motion. James Haywood spoke against the motion.

Recorded Vote: Amendment 803a:

For	Ben, Liz, Ed, Trevor, Tom, Steve, Shane, Susan, Joy, Chris, Tobin, Olivia, Jak, Estelle, Aaron
Against	James, Daf, Naa Anyima, Richard, Liam, Fraser,
Abstain	Lucy, Alice, Katie, Usman, Yemi, Christina, Karena, Lleu, John, Natalie, Rowena

Motion 803 and Amendment 803a passed as policy of National Union.

Motion 804: Joy Elliot spoke in favour of the motion.

Amendment 804a: Christina Yan Zang spoke against the motion. Joy Elliot took parts to delete "whole" in conference resolves 2. Christina Yan Zang spoke against parts. Part remain.

Amendment 804a passes into the main motion. Motion 804 and Amendment 804b passed as policy of National Union.

Motion 805: Shane Chowen spoke in favour of the motion. Motion passed.

Motion 806: passed

Motion 807: Susan Nash spoke in favour of the motion.

Amendment 807a: Natalie Tremlett spoke in favour of the amendment. Amendment passed into the main motion.

Amendment 807b: Rowena Boddington spoke in favour of the amendment. Amendment passed into main motion.

Motion 807 passed.

Motion 808: Liz Williams spoke in favour of the motion.



Amendment 808a: James Haywood spoke in favour of the amendment. Richard Budden spoke against the amendment.

Recorded Vote Amendment 808a: not passed.

For	James, Daf, Naa Anyima,
Against	Lucy, Ben, Alice, Liz, Katie, Ed, Yemi, Richard, Trevor, Karena, Liam, Lleu, Tom, Steve, Aaron, John, Shane, Toni, Natalie, Rowena, Susan, Joy, Chris, Tobin. Olivia, Jak, Estelle
Abstain	Usman, Christina, Fraser

Amendment 808b: Naa Anyima spoke in favour of the motion. Richard Budden took parts to remove conference resolves 5. James Haywood spoke against parts taken. Parts removed.

Amendment 808b passed into main motion.

For	James, Daf, Naa Anyima, Lucy, Ben, Alice, Liz, Katie, Ed, Usman, Yemi, Richard, Tevor, Chrstitina, LiamLleu, Tom, Steve, Aaron, John, Shane, Toni, Natalie, Fraser, Rowena, Susan, Joy, Chris, Tobin, Olivia, Jak, Estelle
Against	
Abstain	Karena

Motion 809: Estelle Hart spoke in favour of the motion. Motion passed.

Motion 810: Susan Nash spoke in favour of the motion. Motion passed.

Council discussed the following Welfare motions, which were referred by Annual Conference.

Motion 706b: motion on its own. Naa Anyima spoke in favour of the motion. Parts were taken on conference resolves 3. Parts removed.

Liam Burns took parts to remove conference resolves 1. Parts remain.

Motion 706b passes.

Council agreed to refer the rest of Welfare motions to the next meeting.
