

minutes

meeting of: National Executive Council (third meeting)

place: Camden Town Hall, Council Chambers

date and time: 30th November 2009 11am – 5pm

Present:

Members: Name

President & Chair Wes Streeting

Zones Shane Chowen & Toni Pearce (Further Education);
Aaron Porter & Charlie Leyland (Higher Education);
Susan Nash & Samantha Kennedy (Society & Citizenship);
Richard Budden & Beth Woodthorpe-Evans (Union Development);

Ben Whittaker & Carly Aslett (Welfare)

Liberation Bellavia Ribeiro-Addy (Black Students)

Daf Adley & Lucy Brookes (LGBT);

Olivia Bailey & Estelle Hart (Women's);

Karena Younson (Disabled Students)

Student Sections Trevor Dallimore-Wright (Mature Students);

Madalena Ngongola (International Students);

Nations Katie Dalton & Llew Williams (NUS Wales)

Liam Burns (NUS Scotland);

Block John Peart, Fraser Nesbitt, Usman Ali, James Haywood, Yemi Makinde, Ed Marsh, Tobin Webb, Liz Williams; Christina Yan Zang

In attendance:

Staff Matt Hyde (CEO); Jim Dickinson (Director Campaigns & Strategy); Graeme Wise, Emma Cox, Nick Smith, Vic Langer, Mark Leach (ACTs)

Apologies:

Liberation Naa-Anyima Quaye, Adam Hyland

Student Sections Joy Elliot, Tom Spencer, Chris Jenkinson, Saima Yousaf, Ciarnan Helferty
& Nations and Shane Brogan

Block Eleanor Brown, Phemie Matheson, Alice Bouquet, Jak Codd, John Cox,
Natalie Tremlett,



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1. Introduction & Administration:

1.1 - 1.3 Wes Streeting opened the meeting and welcomed the National Executive Council (NEC) to the third meeting. Apologies for absence were noted. Wes announced the resignation of Phemie Matheson and congratulated NUS Scotland and NUS Wales for their recent campaign successes on securing hardship monies and a national bursary scheme respectively. The new NEC members who were elected by Zone Conference were welcomed to their first meeting.

1.4 The following declarations of interest were raised; that Richard Budden is a member of Democratic Procedures Committee (DPC) and that Yemi Makinde and Liz Williams are members of students' union staff.

1.5 and 1.6 The minutes from the last meeting (30th June 2009) were agreed as true and accurate record. The following matters arising were noted.

- A process of co-option and removal of NEC members will be circulated for the next meeting along with a reminder of bye-laws and rules for submission of motions.
- The Audit, Risk and Remuneration Committee (ARR) will meet on 1st December with an Agenda item on volunteer allowance.
- The cost of stalls at National Conference are between £350 and over £1,000
- The Convenor's budget submission to be circulated by next meeting
- The Trustee Board was asked to look at developing business opportunities and income streams. The convenors had met to discuss this and Board is meeting on 10th December with a view at long term strategy and growth in income.

1.7 The application from the University of Buckingham was approved and will go forward to National Conference.

1.8 Wes announced the Presidential appointment of Lewis Coakley to the advisory panel to the HE Funding Review.

2. Reports and Accountability

2.1 Wes Streeting referred the Council to his report. Following questions he confirmed the approach of NUS targeting MPs and PPCs about the fees review and the importance of the student vote in the next election. It was noted that NUS needs to work in partnership with local students' unions on these issues. Wes noted the importance of this work and NEC approved the report.



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2.2 Zone Convenors' Reports

Each Zone convenor gave an overview of their written reports and invited questions. The following actions were raised:

- To report back to the next NEC about FE attendance at Zone Conferences
Action: Nick Smith
- To report back on involvement with Mature and Part time student campaigns
Action: Ben Whittaker
- To co-opt an FE member to Welfare Zone Committee
Action: Ben Whittaker

No report motions were raised. Convenors reports were approved by the Council.

2.3 Trustee Board Minutes

Wes Streeting presented the Trustee Board minutes to NEC for the meetings on the 10th of September and the 16th of November. It was noted that the reserved business referred to issues of staffing or financial risk and so could not be made available in the public domain. Wes clarified that the minutes were a reflection of the discussion rather than a verbatim recording. It was clarified that the Board had collective and corporate responsibility and so did not have recorded votes, though Trustees could record their dissent on especially contentious discussions, which had not occurred yet. The council accepted the reports.

2.4 Minutes from Scrutiny Chairs

Usman Ali reported on the work of the Communications Strategy Group (CSG). It was noted that the group's aims included wider strategy as well as the terms of reference. Usman Ali noted the importance of holding officers accountable for their interactions and that they would look at internal communications. It was noted that the database of key contacts in students' unions should be prioritised.

Action: Usman Ali

The Council accepted the report.

2.5 Reports from Special Committees

Olivia Bailey and Bellavia Ribeiro-Addy submitted reports which were accepted without questions.



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2.6 Nations, Students Sections and Liberation Convenor Reports:

Each Liberation Campaign Convenor gave an overview of their report and invited questions.

There was the following action:

- To contact Adam Hyland to co-ordinate work on Mental Health

Action: Ben Whittaker

The Presidents of NUS Scotland and NUS Wales delivered their reports. There were no questions. Both reports were approved.

3. Motions and Proposals

3.1 and 3.2 Update on Management Accounts and update on Audited Accounts.

Matt Hyde announced that for the first time in 10 years NUS had made a surplus (of £25,000).

The Council welcomed this in the light of the successive years of deficits. The Council asked about what work was occurring in NUS Extra and fundraising. Wes commended the efficiency savings within the organisation especially among officers.

The reports were approved

3.3 The NEC approved the report on KPI progression.

3.4 Collaborations and Corporate Governance

This was an update on a previous paper that will be circulated to the NEC as a reminder of the previous discussion.

Action: Nick Smith

Matt reported that the second structure proposed in the paper was the one the group were heading towards. Matt Hyde discussed the importance of acknowledging staff development needs in relation to the collaborations work and that it was Unions, not individuals, who were members of NUS and AMSU. Therefore this was a matter for trustee boards not simply senior staff in students' unions. It was agreed that the Wave of Change report should be revisited each year. The NEC approved the paper.

3.5 Emma Cox presented the Developing a Vision for Membership Development Directorate paper. The NEC noted the importance in promoting activism within students' unions and that the relationship between NUS and CMs should be clearly defined.



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3.6 Welfare Motions

NEC Passed Motion 707 before the Chair brought forward Motion 4.

(3.8) Motion 4: Defend the Diversity of National Conference

Lucy Brookes spoke for the motion

Susan Nash proposed two sets of parts

- 'NEC Further believes 1 and 2' and
- the first 2 bullet points on 'NEC Further Believes 4'.

Olivia Bailey spoke to keep FB 1 & 2

Aaron Porter spoke to remove the parts.

Bellavia Ribeiro-Addy spoke to keep the parts.

Daf Adley called for a recorded vote which was as follows:

To remove the parts:

Sam Kennedy, Susan Nash, Llew Williams, Carly Aslett, Beth Woodthorpe-Evans, Richard Budden, Ed Marsh, Charlie Leyland, Aaron Porter, Shane Chowen, Toni Pearce, Ben Whittaker, Katie Dalton, Liz Williams, John Peart (15)

To keep the parts:

Liam Burns, Christina Yan Zhang, Magdalena Ngongola, Trevor Dallimore-Wright, Fraser Nesbitt, Daf Adley, Bellavia Ribeiro-Addy, James Haywood, Yemi Makinde, Usman Ali, Lucy Brookes, Tobin Webb, Estelle Hart, Olivia Bailey, Karena Youngson (15)

This was a tied vote and the chair cast in favour to remove the parts.

Daf Adley spoke against removing the 2 bullet points in FB 4.

Ed Marsh spoke for removing the parts.

Estelle Hart spoke against removing the parts.

NEC voted to remove the parts.

Richard Budden spoke against the motion as amended

Yemi Makinde spoke for the motion



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Toni Pearce spoke against the motion
Estelle Hart summated and called for a recorded vote.

For the motion as amended:

Christina Yan Zhang, Magdalena Ngongola, Trevor Dallimore-Wright, Fraser Nesbitt, Daf Adley, Bellavia Ribeiro-Addy, James Haywood, Yemi Makinde, Usman Ali, Lucy Brookes, Tobin Webb, Estelle Hart, Olivia Bailey, Karena Youngson (14)

Against the motion as amended:

Sam Kennedy, Susan Nash, Liam Burns, Llew Williams, Carly Aslett, Beth Woodthorpe-Evans, Richard Budden, Ed Marsh, Charlie Leyland, Aaron Porter, Shane Chowen, Toni Pearce, Ben Whittaker, Katie Dalton, Liz Williams, John Peart (16)

The motion fell and Wes returned to the Welfare Motions.

3.6 Welfare Motions

NEC passed motions 709 through to 711

3.7 Equality and Diversity Committee Motions

NEC passed the revised terms of reference and the motion on Equality Impact Assessment.
NEC would endeavour to fill in the survey which would be circulated among the NEC list.

Action: Nick Smith

