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**National Executive Council
report
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Purpose of this document

Reports

This document presents reports from a variety of bodies within NUS to National Conference.

The National Executive Council (NEC) is the body with political responsibility for the organisation between meetings of Conference and is made up of representatives from the policy zones, liberation, student sections and nations and the block of fifteen. It is chaired by the National President and has sub committees for Communications, Equality and Diversity and Anti-racism, anti-fascism.

Checklist

- I have noted the process on page three of how to refer back sections of the reports
- I have read the NEC report and am prepared to hold the NEC accountable
- I have read the Trustee Board report including the affiliation fee recommendation
- I have read the Nominations Committee report
- I note the recommendations for lay trustee appointments
- I note that the DPC report will follow

Read through the document and need more help?

If you require additional information please contact one of the following people:

For issues relating to the administration of conference, including registration, access needs, room bookings and stalls contact the Events Team events@nus.org.uk

For issues about delegate entitlement, zone committees, reports and policy, amendments to zone policy proposals & Cross Campus Ballots contact executiveoffice@nus.org.uk

Referring back reports


During the "business and work carried out section" of any report constituent members will be empowered to submit the following report motions:

- b. The reference back of a specified part of the report
- c. A motion of censure on a member of the relevant body or body as a whole

If 100 delegates wish to discuss the motion it will be moved. A member of the body will reply and the National Conference will immediately vote on the motion.

Following discussion of all Report motions or at the end of the time allocated for Report motions a member of the relevant body will sum up and the National Conference will vote on the adoption of all sections not referred back.





Introduction for the clerks to the National Executive Council:

As clerks it is our role is to support the administration and functioning of the National Executive Council and to report on its work to National Conference in April.

This year, the National Executive Council has debated motions covering a broad range of topics and passed 28 motions, including support for University and College staff on strike, an alternative for education funding and motions standing against racism and fascism.

The NEC approved the cycle of business for the year ahead at its first meeting and held election for sub-committees. The following members of the National Executive Council were elected to sub-committees:

Ethics and Environment sub-committee – Edmund Schluessel and Hugh Murdoch
Communications and Membership Engagement – Charles Barry and Chris Clements
Nominations committee – Jawanza Ipyana and Jessica Goldstone
Clerks to the NEC – Ben Dilks and James McAsh

Jessica Goldstone and Aaron Kiely were appointed the co-convenors of the Anti-Racism Anti-Fascism committee.

At the start of the year the NEC set the policy that National Conference 2013 was not able to, giving officers a wider range of mandates and principles within which to work. It has also received and approved regular reports on the work of the different policy zones and welcomes the work of the Zone Committees and Vice-Presidents. Though not accountable to the NEC for their political work, we thank the Liberation, Section and Nations convenors for their work this year.

We commend the work of the National Executive to you and ask you to accept it.

James McAsh and Ben Dilks, Clerks to the National Executive Council



There have been five meetings of the National Executive Council held this year:

- 15th July 2013
- 17th September 2013
- 20th November 2013
- 23rd January 2014
- 20th February 2014

Please see below information about the number of meetings attended by each member of the National Executive Council, any apologies that were received and the number of reports submitted. The National President and five Vice-Presidents are required to send reports to NEC; Representatives from the Nations, Liberation and Sections campaigns are not required as they are held to account at their own conferences.

Name and Title	Meetings attended	Reports submitted
Toni Pearce – NUS National President	5 of a possible 5	5 of a possible 5
Joe Vinson – Vice-President Further Education	5 of a possible 5	5 of a possible 5
Amy Smith - FE Zone 2nd Place	3 of a possible 3	
Rachel Wenstone – Vice-President Higher Education	4 of a possible 5 (with apologies)	5 of a possible 5
Tom Flynn – HE Zone 2nd Place	3 of a possible 3	
Dom Anderson – Vice-President Society and Citizenship	5 of a possible 5	5 of a possible 5
Hugh Murdoch – Society and Citizenship Zones 2nd Place	2 of a possible 3 (with apologies)	
Raechel Matthey – Vice-President Union Development	5 of a possible 5	5 of a possible 5
Nosheen Dad – Union Development Zone 2nd Place	3 of a possible 3	
Colum McGuire – Vice-President Welfare	4 of a possible 5 (with apologies)	5 of a possible 5
Chantel LeCarpentier – Welfare Zone 2nd Place	1 of a possible 3 (with apologies)	

Name and Title	Meetings attended	Reports submitted (optional)
Gordon Maloney – NUS Scotland President	4 of a possible 5 with apologies	4
Robert Foster – NUS Scotland 2nd Place	4 of a possible 5 with apologies	
Stephanie Lloyd – NUS Wales President	5 of a possible 5	5
Rhiannon Hedge – NUS Wales 2nd Place	3 of a possible 5 with apologies	
Rebecca Hall – NUS-USI President	4 of a possible 5	4
Fergal McFerran – NUS-USI 2nd Place	2 of a possible 5 with apologies	
Daniel Stevens – International Students Officer	3 of a possible 5 with apologies	2
Arianna Tassinari – International Students 2nd Place	3 of a possible 5 with apologies	
Emma Barnes – Part-Time Students Representative	4 of a possible 5 with apologies	4
Josh Rowlands – Mature Students Representatives	5 of a possible 5	5
Anna Chowcat – Postgraduate Taught Representative	4 of a possible 5 with apologies	4
Amy Gilligan – Postgraduate Research Representative	5 of a possible 5	5
Aaron Kiely – Black Students Officer	4 of a possible 5 with apologies	4
Malia Bouattia – Black Students 2nd Place	4 of a possible 5 with apologies	
Finn McGoldrick – LGBT Officer (Women’s Place)	5 of a possible 5	5
Sky Yarlett – LGBT Officer (Open Place)	5 of a possible 5	5
Kelley Temple –Women’s Officer	5 of a possible 5	5
Tabz O’Brien Butcher – Women’s 2nd Place	3 of a possible 5 (with apologies)	
Hannah Paterson – Disabled Students Officer	5 of a possible 5	5
Jawanza Ipyana	5 of a possible 5	

Block of 15 members
(Meetings attended out of a possible 5 / absences with apologies)

The role of the Block is to communicate with member unions and hold the Zones and sub-committees accountable for the work that they do.

Paul Abernethy	2/3
Charles Barry	5/0
Chris Clements	3/1
Ben Dilks (Clerk to NEC)	2/3
Rhiannon Durrans	4/1
Harry Fox	3/1
Jessica Goldstone	4/1
Rosie Huzzard	3/2
James McAsh (Clerk to NEC)	4/1
Marc McCorkell	5/0
Jeni-Marie Pittuck	0/1
Kirat Raj Singh	4/1
Edmund Schluessel	4/1
Peter Smallwood	3/1
Matt Stanley	4/1

What does the NEC do?

Role and powers

1. The National Executive Council shall be the interim policy body and its officers shall provide the Political Leadership of the National Union. The National Executive Council shall be the most senior policy body outside of the National Conference. The National Executive Council shall:
 - 1.1 decide emergency policy of the National Union in between meetings of the National Conference;
 - 1.2 appoint members to various committees as further defined in the Rules;
 - 1.3 set up special committees of significance to the National Union whose work applies to more than one Nation, Student Section, Liberation Campaign or Zone;
 - 1.4 interpret and develop policy and plans arising from it;
 - 1.5 hold the Zones and their work to account;
 - 1.6 advise the Trustee Board on the meaning of policy, political priorities and allocation of resources of the National Union subject to the Trustee Board's power of overrule in Article 69;
 - 1.7 in conjunction with the Trustee Board propose the Budget for the National Union to National Conference by the President;
 - 1.8 form a special committee of the National Executive Council to be named the Anti Racism Anti Fascism committee (ARAF). The conveners of this committee shall be selected by the National Executive Council;
 - 1.9 call Ballots on matters of significance as detailed in Article 41;
 - 1.10 set up scrutiny committees on behalf of the National Union's membership;
 - 1.11 receive, approve or refer back reports of the work of the Trustee Board; and
 - 1.12 hold to account, with the power to censure, any person elected by the National Conference or of or from itself.



What policies have NEC passed this year?

Meeting held on 15th July 2013:

- Migration rules: the noose tightens
- Affiliation
- Anti-Racism and Anti-Fascism
- Defend the NHS
- CSR (Emergency motion)

Meeting held on 17th September 2013:

- GCSE and A-Level Reform
- Protecting welfare of International Students
- Keep FE teachers qualified
- Working with UCU
- Syria
- A fair year's work deserves a fair year's pay


Meeting held on 20th November 2013:

- 1984 Yes it's a Genocide campaign
- New Deal for the next generation
- Community organising
- A higher education sector that works for students
- Tackling the rising cost of energy bills in our communities
- Students and workers, unite and fight! (Emergency motion)

Meeting held on January 23rd 2014:

- A review that matters to everyone, not just Wales
- Challenging rhetoric and turning out voters
- 3 Cosas campaign
- Cops off campus
- Stand up to racism and fascism – Supporting UN Anti-Racism day 2014
- Stop the privatization of student debt
- Stop the lobbying bill
- Support the Strike

Meeting held on February 20th 2014:

- Solidarity with Egyptian activists and students
 - Protest in Birmingham
 - UCU marking boycott (emergency motion)
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