

The Students' Union Executive Committee

Agenda Tuesday 10 February 2026

THE STUDENTS'
UNION
AT UWE

Chair: Facilitated by SU staff

Secretary: Em Harvey (Representation Manager)

Minute Secretary: Han Morgan (Representation Coordinator)

Location: Meeting Room 1

Date: Tuesday 10 February 2026

Time: 17:30

1) Welcome, Apologies & Housekeeping

Present

Anya Brentnall- VP Sports and Health

Khadiza Hossain- VP Education

Umar Abbasi- VP Societies and Communications

Bonnie Evergreen- LGBT+ Officer

Mo Ebengho- BME Officer

Saliha Sadaf- Postgraduate Officer

Logan Smith- International Students' Officer

Celina Tomas- Disabled Students' Officer

Zarabel Turgut-Cox- Women's Welfare Officer

Swizel Afonso- Glenside Campus Officer

Apologies

Asad Zarif Awan- SU President

Absent

Harper Leigh- Trans Welfare Officer

Jack Priestley- Sustainability Officer

2) Elections

NUS Elections every 2 years for new officers, election Spring 2026. If not happy to be registered please let Han know in advance of deadline.

We already have 4x NUS Reps- Asad, Khadiza, Bonnie and Mo. In addition, each SU has a set number of Liberation Reps who vote for VP Liberation and Equality. Mo and Bonnie double registered, can vote in multiple categories.

- Disabled Students- Celina
- LGBT Students- Bonnie
- Trans Students- Harper
- Racialised Students- Mo
- Women Students- Zarabel

SU Elections

Em is the Deputy Returning Officer- manages Elections with Assistant Returning Officers (Representation Coordinators) and Returning Officer- Peter Robinson (Staff from NUS)

Anyone wanting to hold a role next year will need to rerun.

Do:

- Engage and advise students interested in your role
- Be honest, you don't need to sugarcoat. Honesty and clear expectations generate high quality candidates.
- Speak about elections generally, experience of being on the Executive Committee when

students are interested in other roles.

- Let the Elections team know about potential candidates; we can contact them.
- Advise that the role is more than just working on your own manifesto. Working with SU on campaigns and projects is an expectation.

Don't:

- make promises on endorsements/support. Current officers have to be neutral.
- Write a candidate's manifesto for them. The elections team can support candidates with specifics.
- tell students who else is running. Assume conversations with candidates are confidential.
- disparage unoccupied roles: if someone is looking for the "easiest" role, they're likely to be a poor candidate.

Please be generally positive about elections, refer to elections team if in doubt.

3) Actions from Previous Meeting

Action: Mo to send Anya personal trainer contact. - completed

Action: Mo direct Khadiza's email to UWE ventures, call Natalie at BSW. Completed

Action: The Reps team to discuss election rules and approved campaigning locations with UWE Security- On the agenda for pre-election meeting. Raised at partnership board too.

Action: Han and Khadiza speak to Em and Rachel about Race Equity cases- Conversation complete for now, Bonnie present. Allowing process to be completed, student voice and advocacy is in those spaces via Mo, Advice colleagues and Race Equity teams.

Action: Han and Zarabel meet to select- Other SU staff have offered support, thank you to Jane, Fin and Holly.

Action: Anya and Zarabel talk about table tennis competition- Ongoing, Anya can make the timing work

Action: Zarabel and Umar talk about Women's History Month/Diversity week and Glenside. Ongoing.

Arising action: Zarabel send list of potential Women's History students to Representation Team, to avoid Elections clash

4) Presidents Updates

The Chair and Vice Presidents will give an update on their objectives and projects. 5 minutes for each President.

Khadiza Hossain - VP Education

- Statement on defence went to Student Rep Conference for consultation. Mixed opinions from students, Khadiza taking feedback to the Ethics Committee meeting 11/02 to discuss further.
- Careers fair 10/02, 350+ students and 30 stalls. Successful, but the talks were not popular. Thanks to all who helped.
- Going to a new meeting, Graduate Outcome Survey Monitoring Group, careers team involved, will be accountable to LTSEC (Learning Teaching and Student Experience Committee).
- Feedback meeting on 12/02, no specific updates on this right now.

- Working with Bangladesh High Commission with other Bangladeshi Sabbatical Officers, looking for affiliation/support that students can access beyond their university's capacity.

Anya Brentnall– VP Sports and Health

- Sports exec is engaged, nice to see them taking initiative. The participation officer is working with MOVE, promoting sessions that aren't popular.
- Communications officer led roundup on social media; 5 Clubs shared their updates and highlights, shared and well received.
- Community Officer did a world Cancer Day campaign, raising awareness, assigning clubs ribbons, wearing these on gamedays, socials campaign. 8 clubs posted. Anya had an email from a student interested in the sports exec for next year.
- Livestreaming had some teething issues, but men's 1st team Basketball match was on the SU's outside screen and in onezone, showcasing sport, conversations happening. Passive engagement in sport.
- Varsity, Logo competition t-shirts ordered now. SU Sports Coordinator has moved on to new opportunity, previously supporting the varsity project, so the team is a bit thin right now.
- Women's history month planning slow but steady, gathering thoughts and logistics. Booked sports bra company. "Girls' Night In" on the Tuesday being planned.
- Secured £2000 sponsorship for Sports Awards

Umar Abbasi– VP Socs and Comms

- Societies conference went well. External presenter working on how to run successfully, nice feedback from societies. Diversity week, 10-11 societies involved and global office team holding stalls in Union 1. 4-5 performances. Waiting for confirmation that PTOs and VPs will support, word of mouth, supporting on social media, attending on the day if they're available. Tuesday 17 February from 4-7pm.
- **Action: Han to put a hold for Diversity Week activity in Executive calendars**
- Holly, Community People Leader is working hard to support Umar. Made a video but need a second one, is anyone available 11/02? Logan and Saliha can attend at 2pm. Thanks expressed.

Khadiza- 21 February is the UNICEF language campaign, please participate if possible.

Action: Khadiza send UNICEF information to Exec members.

5) PTO Updates

The Part Time Officers will give an update on their projects. (5 minutes for each Part Time Officer)

Logan Smith– International Officer

- Diversity week, emailed Marketing and hub radio, spoke with Global team and agreed that we advertise each other, we need to support their event too. **Confirmed**, Collab with global is on our marketing for the Wednesday event.
- UWE sporting teams travel overseas for events, e.g. rowing. Went to Poland last year. Summer is when they travel abroad, but the timing doesn't align with the International Officer's term, want to demonstrate that UWE is internationally competitive, interested in working with VP Sports.
- Lack of clarity about immigration, International Officer isn't an immigration officer, title of role can be confusing. **Question: Are there specific themes?** Unsure, refers everything to Global team or Advice Service, only signposting. Would like for admin teams to keep him **out** of the loop. Em keeping an eye, aware of themes and passing on to visa and immigration teams. If specific themes emerge, can let full time officers know.

- Meetings sometimes clash with lectures, but has attended library meetings, doesn't feel these are aligned with his position. The library would be good to work with SU for international students' experience, but their focus is largely on language barriers.
- Had a module in SEAC to promote STEM, education and engineering students have feelings of concern around graduation. Wanting something besides graduation as a goodbye- celebratory event as part of their student experience. Potentially contact the graduation team, they do project work; graduation might not be on their radar yet.

Saliha Sadaf – Postgraduate Officer

- Met up with PG students before Christmas, needed a bit more time to advertise next time. Feedback was positive but wanted more reminders. Made a WhatsApp community chat for PGRs; many joined but haven't really started discussions. DocSoc reached out about a collaborative event; Saliha responded with availability, working with Khadiza and Pujan (PGR Lead Rep) too.
- **Action: Saliha contact Zarabel and Mo about Women's History Month**

Mo Ebengho – BME Officer

- Race Equity cases- Student with security team case doesn't want to proceed. Meeting about student's belongings removed from their accommodation, pursuing appeal. Glenside Nursing student, meeting delayed but occurred, some conflict. Nursing and Midwifery Council contacted, student sent document about what rights they have on placement. Equity team involved.
- There's a new role in Centre for Sport for Students of Colour, applications close on 21/02, working with EDI team to get it out to Students of Colour.
- Race Equity Advocate, moving March event to the end of the year, multicultural ball event. Team missed date for student experience grant due to capacity, pursuing other funding options, offered money by CHSS, trying to reallocate that to the new date. African Caribbean Society (ACS) also offers support. Reaching out to other societies, too.
- Diversity week, callouts to Centre for Music, emails not being picked up due to sickness, anticipating will be resolved soon.

Bonnie Evergreen – LGBT+ Officer

- Meeting with Mo soon to talk about liberation mapping. Pride month social media campaign, LGBT figures from history, input wanted from Mo. Given to Marketing team for Instagram stories and swipe-through grid post. Also planning an informative post about going to a pride event for the first time.

Celina Tomas – Disabled Students' Officer

- Released disabled students survey with Student Consultation Panel, got some responses. Asked about creating a peer support group for disabled students, some interest. Going to host a movie night in MR1 on 6/3
- Careers fair- invited a disability consultant, access to work specialist. Poorly attended session, disappointed with turnout. Filmed a video about the session but felt it was posted too late.
- *Khadiza- marketing team has a specific timeline that they use, wouldn't have been intentional.*
- *Em- Reassurance that this wasn't access to work specific; there was poor attendance for all talks.*

- Celina- Evenbreak came and spoke to students, positive feedback. Asked what events students want, waiting for responses from SCP.
- Attended a Disabled Student support group as part of the Student Consultation panel about careers for disabled students, this will be fed back to the careers team.

Swizel Afonso– Glenside Officer

- Focus on Career opportunities on Glenside, met Laura Foster. She gave an overview of how career events happen, in ongoing communication with Swizel. More career sessions and talks are planned.
- Working to organise talk for students with the CEO of a medical company. Dates are unconfirmed.
- Interested in a small social event on Glenside, considering January intake students, opportunity for them to meet new people.

Action- send Umar email about social event on Glenside, cc Staff Buddy Rosa.

Zarabel Tugut-Cox – Women's Welfare Officer

- Unfiltered women's voices 12/02 on Bower Ashton campus, making friendship bracelets for "Galentines". Another session on Glenside 12/3, discussing sport and health in a busy schedule.
- Representing a woman each week of women's history month. Needs to figure out how she'll select, will use other member's input.

Action: Zarabel reach out to Holly for help selecting Women's History Month women.

Action: ALL members invited to suggest students for Zarabel

6) AOB

none

7) Date of the next meeting

The Chairs will confirm to members the dates of the next meetings:

- Executive Committee – date change: Wednesday 4 March
- Student Council – Thursday 19 February