

STUDENT EXECUTIVE MINUTES

DECEMBER 2025

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT (9)

In-person: Isabella Cook, Cameron Field (chair) (President), Holly McAdams (VP Academic), Vincent Pemberton (Sports Union President), Lilja Piuli Alam (VP Communities), Reuben Simon.

Online: Emily Paton, Simone Spence, Meng Wu.

APOLOGIES (2)

Vignesh Kumar, Mayowa Okanlawon.

IN ATTENDANCE

Eliot Wooding-Sherwin (clerk).

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Minutes were Approved.

Accessible here: [Minutes - November 2025 final.docx](#)

RETURNED POLICIES AND UPDATES

SHORT AMENDMENT POLICIES

- [Nestle Boycott](#)
- [Sensed Based Approach to Drug Use](#)

Policies Approved (Consensus).

POLICIES TO BE REVIEWED

The following policies were sent for amending and were not brought forward for discussion at this time:

- Boycott Divestment and Sanctions
- Anti-Prevent

Due to capacity constraints and the want for further consultations these policies were not brought to Exec. It was discussed that the intention is to bring these to an exec in semester 2.

UPDATED POLICY

- [Support the UCU](#)

CF introduces the policy. This policy was brought to last meeting, in which it was concluded it needed updating, so it has been brought it back this meeting. The policy would mean that each individual industrial action announced by the UCU would go out as an all-student-vote to determine the Student Union support for it.

HM thanks CF for the work done on the policy. Proposes changing the vote options to 'yes or no' rather than 'support or neutral' as the neutral option might not represent all student views.

CF agrees with the amendment. It is important for us to get a feel of student's views. The Student Union would still take a neutral approach if 'no' was voted.

Approved with HM's amendment (Unanimous).

SAUDI ARABIA DISCUSSION

CF introduces the discussion. The discussion is focused on what the Student Union's position is. The conclusion will inform how CF and HM will vote at University Court.

Some exec members have consulted with fellow students, and the consensus has been a strong no to the Saudi Arabia campus. Although there were some students highlighting the benefit that it could open a way for vulnerable people in Saudi Arabia to enter the UK and feel safer. Despite this, most students were still strongly against the campus.

Student exec highlighted the number of students we had sharing their views as abnormally high; as typically the Union sees much lower engagement. Indicating how strongly felt the topic is by our student body.

The written comments by students have a more diverse and clearer statement from students against the new campus. A lot of the comments supportive of the campus only support the campus if there is clear structure from the University on how students will be protected.

VP thanks the Student Union for the balanced approach taken in the data. It is self-evident that students are largely and strongly against the idea of opening a campus in Saudi Arabia.

Exec members note concerns with the University argument that academic freedom would be protected with no evidence to back this up.

One exec member expressed that they feel a lot of opinions are based on misinformation. There have been many legal changes in Saudi in recent years. The UK has also had many discriminatory laws. Another exec member believes the discussion should remain focussed on concerns raised with human rights abuses in Saudi Arabia.

LPA proposes this should go to an all-student-vote.

Other exec members express concerns with the timeline of an all-student-vote and the University Court meeting.

Exec members agree that the role of Student Executive is to act on data from students. In this case there is enough data from students to take a position on this matter in time for Court without having to put this out as an all-student-vote.

Several exec members believe the University should consider opening a new campus elsewhere.

CF clarifies that if the Student Union is against the new campus, but the University goes ahead, the Union would still work collaboratively with the University to ensure students and staff are protected.

Action: CF and HM to report back after the discussion at University Court.

After a lengthy discussion, CF summarised the discussion and moved to start a vote.

Vote: The Student Union is against the new Saudi Arabia campus (unanimous).

UNION-RECOGNISED CAMPAIGNS

HM thanks Eliot for the guidance document and requests it is on the website so students know what they will be measured against.

Action: Eliot to get the Union-recognised Campaigns Approval Guidance on the website.

ETHICAL SUPPLY CHAINS

CF opens the discussion.

Some exec members are unhappy with the mention of BDS. However, are supportive to the overall goal and title. Seek reassurance for Jewish students access to Kosha food.

Send back to students and request they remove mention of BDS. (consensus).

FOSSIL FREE CAREERS AT HWU

Exec members agree that there is concern around taking job opportunities away from students. Exec members are interested in data around how many of students go to work for these companies.

Exec notes that many fossil fuel companies are starting to work on renewable energy.

Exec agree it would be viewed differently if the campaign was looking actively to gain contracts with more environmentally friendly careers.

Send back to students and request data and more information to back them up.

Action: Eliot to invite the students to the next meeting to present.

DONM

Will be determined in the Teams channel once student exec member receive their timetables for semester 2.

