

STUDENT EXECUTIVE NOVEMBER 2025 MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

IN ATTENDANCE (8)

In person: Isabella Cook, Cameron Fields (Chair) (Union President), Vincent Pemberton, Lilja Piuli Alam (VP Communities), Meng Wu.

Online: Holly McAdams (VP Academic), Mayowa Okanlawon, Reuben Simon.

APOLOGIES (0)

NOT IN ATTENDANCE (2)

Jewel-Annmarie Amarillo, Vignesh Kumar.

PRESENTATION + TERMS OF REFERENCE

PRESENTATION ON HOW EXEC WILL WORK (CF)

CF ran through the Exec roles and responsibilities presentation

[SE - How Exec operates and its responsibilities .pdf](#)

Exec discussed at what point an idea becomes a political idea. Everything submitted through the idea's platform will come to exec as a note for oversight even if it is not deemed political.

VOTE ON THE TERMS OF REFERENCE

[Terms of Reference.pdf](#)

Approved. (Consensus)

LAPSED POLICIES

SUMMARY

Anti-Prevent Policy – Sent back to be amended.

Nestle Boycott Policy – Approved with amendment from VP.

Sense Based Approach to Student Drug use Policy – Approved with amendment from HM.

Supporting UCU Policy – Being Reviewed.

Support BDS Policy – Being Reviewed.

ANTI-PREVENT POLICY

[Anti-Prevent-Policy.pdf](#)

CF introduces the policy. Student Exec raised concerns there is a lack of data in the policy and request further data to inform their decision. It was also discussed if more actions could be added to the 'what should HWUSU do' section.

Some members of exec feel underinformed without the appropriate quantitate data on how this issue has affected or could affect students at Heriot-Watt University.

Send back to be amended by FTOs. (Consensus)

NESTLE BOYCOTT POLICY

[Nestle-Boycott-Policy.pdf](#)

CF introduces the policy. Exec discuss making it clearer that the boycott applies to subsidiaries and shareholders of Nestle too. VP proposes the policy should be amended to cover subsidiaries. 'All Nestle and subsidiary products.'

Approved with VP's amendment. (consensus)

SENSE-BASED APPROACH TO STUDENT DRUG USE

[Sense-Based-Approach-to-Student-Drug-Use-Policy.pdf](#)

CF introduces the policy. HM proposes adding lobbying the University to update its disciplinary process. Exec members agree we should not be harshly punishing drug use as it doesn't stop students using drugs.

Approved with HM's amendment. (consensus)

SUPPORTING UCU POLICY

[Supporting-UCU-Policy.pdf](#)

CF proposes the policy is sent back to be amended by the Full Time Officers (FTOs). The UCU policy should say that support for each individual strike should be voted on by students.

Send back to be Reviewed by FTOs. (Consensus)

SUPPORT BDS POLICY

[Support-BDS-Policy.pdf](#)

CF proposes this policy is amended as it is not a well written policy and lacks clarity in what it is doing and asking. Exec members raise concerns with the divisive/political nature of the policy.

Send back to be Reviewed. (Consensus)

PRIORITY CAMPAIGNS

Following the Have Your Say data and reflection time, the FTOs proposed two priority campaigns; Ending GBV and Anti-racist University.

ENDING GBV (CF)

Focus on improving how many students engage with the Consent Matters module. Believes this is a top issue since the number of sexual misconduct cases at HW has seen a rise.

ANTI-RACISM CAMPAIGN (LPA)

Has spoken to many students about getting involved. Many students want to fight racism but do not know how.

The vision is to turn the campus into a safe space for racialised students. The campaign would aim to create better systems to report racism on campus and ensure serious repercussions following racist acts.

Approved Ending GBV and Anti-racism priority campaigns. (Unanimous)

DONM AND AOCB

AOCB

Student exec would like to have a discussion on the Saudi Arabia campus the University is planning to open. This will be added to the agenda at the next meeting, and the Student Union will endeavour to bring informed student input and data on the matter.

DONM

5th December 1:30-3pm.