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Motions	Progress
Say no to Arms 1 October 2015	
Support Feminist Society Campaign 1 October 2015	 No further action.
Preventing Prevent 1 October 2015	 Monitor. No immediate action required.
Supporting Disabled Students in Politics <i>5 November 2015</i>	
For EUSA to support People and Planet's 'Divest the Rest' campaign <i>5 November 2015</i>	 No further action.
Oppose the Cutting of Maintenance Grants; Expand Bursary Provision <i>5 November 2015</i>	 Ongoing. No immediate action required.
Backing both the Make Renting Right and the Living Rent Campaigns <i>5 November 2015</i>	
You can't be what you can't see: implementing diversity in student spaces <i>5 November 2015</i>	 Unable to progress due to planning permission. New sabb portraits to be displayed in central staircase.
Winning for students in the Scottish Elections 3 December 2015	
Support the equal access campaign 3 December 2015	

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Conflict Minerals 3 rd December 2015	 Ongoing. No immediate action required.
EUSA: Stop Taking the Piss 3 rd December 2015	 Continue to work to improving facilities.
For EUSA to support the Junior Doctor Strike 21 Jan 2016	
Motion to oppose the Ban on Boycotts 25 th Feb 2016	 No further action.
Improve University support for Student Parents 25 th Feb 2016	
Learning Profiles aren't decorative 31 st March 2016	 Ongoing. No immediate action required.
Student Carers 31 st March 2016	 Ongoing. No immediate action required.
EUSA to endorse a Remain Vote in the EU Referendum 31 st March 2016	
Improve awareness of and access to Edinburgh Rape Crisis Centre 31 st March 2016	
Boycott Divest and Sanction 31 st March 2016	 No further action.
Fund the Student Counselling Service 31 st March 2016	
A 24/7 Main Library 31 st March 2016	

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Divest, Please... 31 st March 2016		Ongoing.
Accessibility at Student Council 31 st March 2016		

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Key:  Completed  In progress  Facing difficulties

Motion	Summary	Progress	Issues	Status
<u>Say no to Arms</u> 1 October 2015	What will we do? 1. To mandate EUSA to lobby the University to stop providing a platform to arms companies on campus. This includes representation at careers fairs and other associated University events. 2. To not allow arms companies in EUSA venues including representation at careers fairs and other associated EUSA events. 3. To publish a statement outlining EUSA's position on all arms companies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jonny has sent a formal email to the Director of the Careers Service outlining EUSAs position of this. ● EUSA published a statement on our website outlining that we believe advertising arms companies is contrary to values of social responsibility and will not be providing a platform to arms companies in our venues ● Relevant staff are aware that they should flag up any arms companies which approach us with a desire to represent in our venues 		
<u>Support Feminist Society Campaign</u> 1 October 2015	1. Encourage students to get involved in (and generally support and promote) the feminist society's 'I'm a feminist because...' campaign 2. Display the pictures around the union buildings for at least two weeks in the middle of semester.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Met with the motion proposer to discuss campaign. ● Was agreed proposer would contact those in photographs to obtain consent for the pictures and select those they wished to display and get back in touch. ● Was followed up again to remind proposer. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Proposers did not follow up with us so this did not happen. ● No further action. 	
<u>Preventing Prevent</u> 1 October 2015	1. To mandate EUSA to do everything legally possible to minimise the impact of the Prevent strategy upon students and to register students' objections to the strategy in the strongest possible terms. 2. To work with campus trade unions and the BME liberation group to combat the Prevent strategy. 3. To educate students on the dangers of the Counter Terrorism Security Act and the Prevent Strategy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We have decided not to engage with staff training provided by the University other than to attend the first part of the training which details operational information required for our Advice Place advisors. They will be leaving the training immediately after the operational information. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student officers are continuing to liaise with relevant student groups in support of the policy. In relation to room bookings we are 	

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	<p>4. To lobby the University to be open and transparent about how they are engaging with Prevent and other similar initiatives, including: publishing how the policy is operating with the University and Students' Union, public access to materials used to train staff and students, and holding consultations with the student body about how this affects students.</p> <p>5. Lobby the University to publicly oppose the Prevent agenda</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Urte has attended the Joint Union liaison Committee and expressed hers, and our position regarding Prevent ● Urte has also attended an NUS workshop in Glasgow titled 'Preventing Prevent' ● Urte has taken part in a panel debate where she clearly and unequivocally voiced her opposition to the Act. ● We have ensured that information on the implementation of Prevent by the University is fully available online and also positioned with information on combating Islamaphobia and information on the possible implications of Prevent on Muslim communities. http://www.ed.ac.uk/university-secretary-group/prevent-duty ● Ensured that the University consulted the Islamic Society and Chaplaincy on proposed implementation of the policy ● Published this statement clarifying our position on 02 Feb https://www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/news/article/TestRef/Prevent-legislation-in-EUSA-venues/ ● We pursued further, specific legal advice regarding the room bookings policy, our space agreements with the university and their ownership of our buildings, in order to determine to the furthest possible extent whether the risk assessment of room bookings in our buildings is absolutely necessary. ● Published this statement with a further update on our actions on 16 Feb: https://www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/news/article/EUSA/An-Update-on-Prevent/ 	<p>obliged to fulfill University conditions.</p>	
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Urte helped organize Students not Suspects overnight sit-in of the main library to raise awareness of the Prevent policy and collect 400 petition signatures urging the university to publicly oppose the policy ● As a result, a meeting with senior management and representatives of Students Not Suspects has been arranged ● Continuing to work with BME group and Students Not Suspects to pressure the University to put out a public statement opposing it – hopefully this work will be continued by next officers. ● 		
<p><u>Supporting Disabled Students in Politics</u></p> <p><i>5 November 2015</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Join the One in Five Scotland Campaign and sign up to their charter 2. Encourage and support disabled students to get involved in student politics 3. Ensure that meetings are held in accessible locations and documents are available in accessible formats 4. Ask students about their individual needs and act on such information to ensure inclusion 5. Make sure organisational tasks for office bearers and representatives are well defined while remaining flexible enough for individual members to use their skills effectively 6. Increase awareness and understanding of issues affecting disabled people and strive to include and empower all members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Andy has supported the Disability and Mental Wellbeing Group in the 'Accessible Edinburgh' Campaign which ran successfully in the autumn ● Participated in a photo-op and official signing of the One in Five Scotland Charter 		
<p><u>For EUSA to support People and Planet's 'Divest the Rest' campaign</u></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support People and Planet's Divest the Rest campaign 2. Give space for us to display some posters with information about the campaign around campus 3. Hang up a banner outside the Potterow office 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Urte has been periodically attending People and Planet meetings to keep them updated of EUSA actions on ethical investment and support P&P actions ● Urte has followed up with P&P about display of posters and banner and provided them with all 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Materials were never received. Receipts were never submitted for expenses. ● No further action. 	

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<p>5 November 2015</p>		<p>information required for poster display and use of digital screens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We will display them as soon as materials are received. 		
<p><u>Oppose the Cutting of Maintenance Grants; Expand Bursary Provision</u></p> <p>5 November 2015</p>	<p>1.Mandate EUSA to lobby and campaign for the University to maintain and further expand bursary provision to students especially for those who currently cannot access such support, for example, EU, international, mature and part-time students as well as those who do not receive enough funding from the UK government. 2. Oppose and campaign against the UK government's cutting of maintenance grants for RUK students</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Joined the National Union of Students (NUS) campaign 'save grants for our poorest students'. Lobbied local MP's of both Labour and SNP. Helped force a debate in Parliament when the Conservative Government tried to pass this through a 'back-door committee'. The Parliamentary vote only passed by 7 votes. ● Lobbied members of the House of Lords to 'regret' the bill moving forward. Terrible result in the end, but an effective campaign and will keep working on this. ● Made our position to the University very clear on RUK and Scottish UoE Bursaries. At a time of public funding cuts we made it clear that the UoE bursaries had to be protected. This was achieved. ● Once the argument to protect them was won we made the case to expand bursary provision for students from lower/middle income backgrounds (from £25k - £40k), as their provision dramatically drops off though they are unlikely to receive much funding support from their family. ● This will be Jonny's no.1 priority for the remaining few months of my term and it should be a priority for anyone who is coming next ● Jonny will also keep strengthening the case by getting more data on the ability for widening access students to participate in extra-curricular activities (such an important part of student 		

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		life). The data we received so far was included as strong evidence in favour of not cutting the bursaries.		
<u>Backing both the Make Renting Right and the Living Rent Campaigns</u> <i>5 November 2015</i>	1. EUSA will back both the Make Renting Right and the Living Rents campaigns. 2. Work to promote both these campaigns.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● EUSA signed the Make Renting Right charter in August 2015 and participated in a public photo-op for the campaign ● Urte has participated in Living Rent actions and is keeping them up to date of EUSA housing actions. 		
<u>You can't be what you can't see: implementing diversity in student spaces</u> <i>5 November 2015</i>	1. Relocate the portraits outside of the debating hall. There are 87 in total, 86 white men and one black man. 2. Replace with more recent images of EUSA sabbatical officers, guest speakers, or diverse role models.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Marketing currently photographing and cataloguing all old photos. ● Ede and Ravenscroft sending through all photos from 2000. ● Marketing aware of requirements for photographs going forward. ● Estates management will install the photos as soon as they are collated. 		
<u>Winning for students in the Scottish Elections</u>	1. Mandate the sabbatical officers to lead a EUSA campaign to get all the parties to have universal living grants, rent controls and that only one doctor will be required to give consent for a woman to have an abortion in Scotland in their manifestos for the 2016 Scottish elections. 2. This campaign will start immediately. 3. This campaign will utilise a range of tactics to achieve its aim- operating both within MSP surgeries and on the streets outside. Where politicians and political parties are not complying with our aims we will escalate our actions from letter writing, asking nicely and publicly shaming to stunts, demos and other such direct action.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Andy has met with motion proposer to discuss plans already in place as a part our team objective on student elections. ● We are supporting the Abortion point by working with NUS on a campaign they are running. ● We have agreed with the proposer that the point on living grants will be integrated to our campaign ask of grants not loans. ● 'Rent controls' has been added as the fourth key issue EUSA will lobby on ahead of the election and this is on all of our publicity. ● EUSA organized 2 debates where questions on the issues in the motion were asked. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We were unable to engage with the NUS campaign on abortion as much as we would have liked as it did not really materialise and was more like an informal working group within NUS. ● No further action – elections passed. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Raised rent controls and increased grants in all meetings with candidates 		
<p><u>Support the equal access campaign</u></p>	<p>The Student Council mandates EUSA to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Endorse the aims and principles of the Equal Access Campaign in calling on Edinburgh University to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) waive or cover tuition fees for asylum seekers; ii) establish bursaries to cover the basic living costs of asylum seeker iii) take adequate steps to make prospective asylum seekers aware of this 2. Lobby the University to meet the aims of the Equal Access Campaign. 3. Pressure the University to present a transparent and accessible policy on this issue. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Urte has promoted the campaign, advised them on actions, helped gather signatures on their petition, and met with senior university officials on the issue ● Worked with the campaign on a hand-in of a public letter signed by 14 student unions on the related issue of asylum seeker SAAS funding ● Resulted in university commitment to new asylum seeker scholarships and official confirmation of exempting asylum seekers from international fees: http://www.scotsman.com/news/education/university-of-edinburgh-to-provide-scholarships-for-asylum-seekers-1-4017162 		
<p><u>Conflict Minerals</u></p> <p>3rd December 2015</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fully support the University's efforts to encourage procurement consortia who manage purchasing frameworks agreements to continue to improve their practices to eradicate conflict minerals, including recommending questions to be asked of suppliers in tenders 2. Raise awareness among students and staff regarding small-scale and personal purchases of goods that may contain conflict minerals 3. Encourage engagement on conflict minerals through teaching, projects, and events 4. In the instance of EUSA purchasing electronics from outside of a university purchasing agreement, to seek external verification of the company's efforts to combat conflict minerals (i.e. from company reports, external reports such as The Enough Project company rankings , and questions to company representatives where possible) 5. If making a purchase of electronics outside of the university's purchasing agreements, EUSA will preference - when possible within budget - companies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Urte has organised several events on this issue and has blogged about it: https://eusavps2015.wordpress.com/2015/10/28/how-universities-should-be-leading-on-conflict-minerals-and-what-im-doing-about-it/ ● SRS committee passed a conflict minerals policy in February and it is now in place ● Review of EUSA's IT purchases and implementing processes on this motion to result in an annual statement of how EUSA is engaging with the policy and reflecting on conflict minerals in our IT purchases. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● IT procurement issue to be revisited. 	

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	with greater evidence of tracing, auditing, and certification of conflict minerals in their supply chain			
<p><u>EUSA: Stop Taking the Piss</u></p> <p>3rd December 2015</p>	<p>1. Immediately re-designate all single occupancy bathroom and changing facilities as gender neutral.</p> <p>2. Immediately re-designate two-thirds of EUSA venue toilets as gender neutral spaces without any additional modification. These toilets should be reasonably distributed throughout all EUSA buildings, and an equal or fewer number of women's toilets should be re-designated than men's. Single occupancy facilities are not counted towards the two-thirds.</p> <p>3. Gender neutral toilets shall be clearly labelled and signposted, and absolutely must not use binary signage that would indicate "both men and women" which is exclusionary and offensive to those who are neither. Toilets should instead be labelled by their contents, e.g. "Stalls and Urinals", "Stalls Only", "Stalls, Showers and Changing Facilities" - or iconography with equivalent indications.</p> <p>4. In venues where gendered or gender-neutral toilets are equipped with changing facilities, or condom or sanitary product dispensaries, such toilets should include both dispensaries. Re-equipping should be completed by the end of the academic year.</p> <p>5. The sabbatical team must participate in an educational "Trans 101" event to educate themselves in appropriate terminology.</p> <p>6. The sabbatical team, in consultation with the trans caucus, shall produce a campaign against gender policing and harassment in toilets. The sabbatical team shall engage in campaigning with the university to re-designate two-thirds of bathrooms as gender neutral throughout all of the university facilities, ensuring that every building has at least one.</p> <p>7. The sabbatical team shall engage with the CSE and encourage them to provide gender neutral toilets, baby changing facilities and changing rooms.</p> <p>8. Establish and publicise a strict zero tolerance policy on gendered harassment and "gender policing" in all bathrooms and changing facilities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Andy has been in touch with the motion proposer to discuss the legal position on this. ● Our disciplinary procedure, found on our website, covers harassment of any kind. This includes: 'Threats of, or actual, physical or verbal abuse of students, staff, elected officers or members of the public on EUSA premises or at events or activities organised by EUSA (including EUSA societies) elsewhere. ● The Marketing Team developed posters and these were posted widely from February. ● Met with new LGBT+ Convener to review posters and plan for future campaign. ● Gender neutral toilet provision is now a standard consideration for any new EUSA estates projects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Trans 101 training – VPSA is looking into this for new sabbatical team. ● Having received legal advice alterations to the toilets in our venues would trigger a review of our building license, likely reducing its maximum occupancy from 1200 to 800 people. ● VPSA brought update paper to the Board outlining the issues surrounding licensing and re-designation of toilets. 	

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	9. Accessible toilets are not an appropriate substitute for gender neutral facilities, but there must be gender neutral accessible facilities for disabled trans individuals.			
<u>For EUSA to support the Junior Doctor Strike</u> 21 Jan 2016	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Publicise junior doctor strike days (12th Jan, 26-28th Jan, 10th Feb) Support for Edinburgh students and junior doctors taking part in actions to support the strike Lobby the UK government and health secretary to agree to a fair and safe junior doctor contract, as advised by the BMA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sabbs supported strikes by attending stalls and actions on campus, posting on Facebook, and inviting people to the events. 		
<u>Motion to oppose the Ban on Boycotts</u> 25 th Feb 2016	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The government will soon be bringing in a law that will ban public bodies, such as local councils, universities, or student unions/associations from boycotting “unethical” companies. This will ensure that institutions in receipt of public funds will no longer be able to actively refuse to buy goods and services from companies involved in fossil fuels, the arms trade, tobacco products and Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank. This will be implemented to public bodies that receive from funding from UK government and have headquarters based in England. EUSA should actively oppose any legislation that limits these rights of public bodies to withdraw investments on ethical or human rights grounds, and continue in their pursuit of ethical investment and avoiding to buy goods from unethically invested companies where possible. EUSA should also actively support any campaigns that are to be started opposing these new legislations as well as strive to make students aware of the implications this law could have on public bodies, including EUSA. Many campaigns that would be opposed by this law have been very successful in the past, for example the Divestment Campaign, and so should be supported further by EUSA. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NUS Scotland advised that this legislation would not affect Scotland so no further action. 	

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<p><u>Improve University support for Student Parents</u></p> <p>25th Feb 2016</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mandate EUSA, through Sabbatical Officers, to lobby the University to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Adopt a uniform, consistent and supportive approach to the provision of child friendly facilities across all 22 schools. This includes, baby changing facilities, a room that can be designated for breast feeding, breast milk storage and heating facilities and alternative child-friendly study space to the library. b. Provide an effective point of contact for student parents, either within schools or centrally within the University to address problems and provide more effective support. c. Provide genuinely affordable childcare and part-time/flexible hours at Arcadia Nursery, with priority for Edinburgh University Students and Staff. d. Allow student parents to use the library as normal students, without restricting their entry to 30 minutes. e. Allow Edinburgh University students AND their partner to access to the King's Shuttle to take the child to Arcadia Nursery. 2. Register, in the strongest terms possible, student parent's dissatisfaction with the lack of help and support given to them by the University. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Concerns have been formally raised with the University Secretary and Deputy Secretary. ● Meeting will take place between Andy and Deputy Secretary at the end of May to discuss how these issues can be addressed both in the short term and long term. ● The new sabs and newly elected Disability and Mental Wellbeing Convenor will feed this into the University's Disability Review. 		
<p><u>Learning Profiles aren't decorative</u></p> <p>31st March 2016</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Liaise with the university to implement a system that ensures Personal Tutors and Course Organisers check off and sign that they have read each individual adjustment in their student's learning profile, similar to how students have to check off a list of no plagiarism policies before accessing their courses on Learn. 2. Liaise with the university to ensure each school has a support officer dedicated to ensuring that learning arrangements are being implemented in the school and in individual courses that students with amended learning profiles are enrolled in. 3. This will be put in place by September 2016 with required follow up by the VPAA and information on 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The new sabs and newly elected Disability and Mental Wellbeing Convenor will feed this into the University's Disability Review. 		

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	<p>it must be included in their first report to Student Council.</p> <p>4. That EUSA hold a policy of no confidence in the university until all student learning adjustments are met.</p>			
<p><u>Student Carers</u></p> <p>31st March 2016</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approach the university about implementing a tick box on EUCLID for those who “are currently or have ever taken care of a friend or family member, on an unpaid basis, who has a mental or physical illness, disability or addiction”. 2. To approach the university Widening Access/Participation team and ask them to consider student carers outside of Edinburgh in addition to those within Edinburgh currently recognised through the LEAPS programme. 3. For the Students’ Union Welfare Officer to work in collaboration with NUS Scotland, local carer’s charities and the carers trust ‘going higher’ campaign as well as Carers Trust Scotland and add their support to their campaign. 4. To work alongside the Widening Access/Participation team to evaluate relevant policies and modify them as required to better support student carers. 5. To formally include carers’ needs in the training of student support coordinators and eventually also personal tutors. 6. To establish a carers’ fund through development and alumni. 7. To encourage the university to access currently available government funds to support carers in higher education. 8. Encourage awareness in student and staff bodies through poster campaigns and events during welcome week. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Concerns have been formally raised with the University Secretary and Deputy Secretary. ● Sabbs are feeding into University plans for monitoring of equality and diversity characteristics on the Euclid profile. ● The new head of Widening Participation at the University of Edinburgh will enter the role imminently and a meeting shall be organized between them and the VPSA. ● We shall liaise with the Parents and Carers Convenor prior to Welcome Week to discuss any events/information given out to students. 		

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<p><u>EUSA to endorse a Remain Vote in the EU Referendum</u></p> <p>31st March 2016</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Officially advocating for a Remain vote in the upcoming referendum, whilst maintaining respect for the minority of students who are opposed to EU Membership. 2. To partner with, endorse and support Edinburgh's Students for Europe campaign for the UK to stay in the EU for the run-up to the national referendum on Britain's EU membership on 23 June 2016. 3. To mandate the sabbs to publicly issue a statement, on behalf of Edinburgh University Students' Association, supporting the United Kingdom's continued membership in the European Union. 4. To organise voter registration events and outreach encouraging students to register to vote and vote in the EU referendum. 5. To participate in any NUS actions or campaigns to stay in the EU. 6. Try to maintain a positive campaign that focuses not only on the drawbacks of leaving, but the benefits of remaining inside the European Union. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● President and Principal co-signed open letter to The Student. ● EUSA communications strategy developed, sabbs doing social media promotion ● Press release to The Tab. ● President has liaised with the Student for Europe Group Edinburgh. ● Door knocking organised for week beginning 9th May. ● President has been to the launch of Stronger In campaign. 		
<p><u>Improve awareness of and access to Edinburgh Rape Crisis Centre</u></p> <p>31st March 2016</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mandate EUSA to ensure correct and clearly signposted information about the Edinburgh Rape Crisis Centre (ERCC) in Freshers pack, by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Ensuring that the ERCC is on any list of service providers and a flyer for ERCC is in the information pack all Freshers receive b) Ensuring that the correct information is given in the Freshers Survival Guide and other lists about the services that the ERCC provides and ensuring that it is made clear that the ERCC provides support for women and members of the trans community who have experienced sexual violence, sexual harassment and rape 2. Mandate EUSA to ensure that physical copies of the ERCC's survivor's booklet are easily accessible to students on all campuses (notably the Advice Place and Counselling Service) by: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Advice Place already includes info on the ERCC in their Freshers' packs ● We have booklets in the main Advice Place and will ensure they all available in other locations for next year ● The Dignity and Respect policy has been reviewed by the University and should now include specific references to sexual harassment – albeit it, the new policy hasn't been formally ratified. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Ordering copies of this booklet from the ERCC to be received before the start of Freshers Week 2016 b) Ensuring that these booklets are available on all campuses at all times c) Fully promoting the availability of this resource to all students and staff, e.g. via online communication <p>3. Mandate the Sabbatical Officers to lobby the University to update the Dignity and Respect Policy to make explicit reference to 'Sexual harassment' in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Paragraph 1.2: in the following section: "... inappropriate behaviour, including any form of discrimination, harassment and bullying is handled appropriately." b) Paragraph 2: in the following section: "... elimination of discrimination; harassment and victimisation..." c) Paragraph 5: in the following section: "Potential breaches of this policy can include, but are not limited to: • Harassment • Bullying • Discrimination • Inappropriate remarks or behaviour" <p>4. Mandate the Sabbatical Officers to lobby the University to introduce a Zero Tolerance Policy on sexual harassment and sexual violence, along the lines of the current EUSA Zero Tolerance Policy.</p>			
<p><u>Boycott</u> <u>Divest and</u> <u>Sanction</u></p> <p>31st March 2016</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure EUSA follows and enacts the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) campaign. To boycott is to target products, companies and institutions that profit from or are implicated in, the violation of Palestinian rights. 2. To divest is to target corporations complicit in the violation of Palestinian human rights, as enshrined in the Geneva Convention, and ensure that investments or pension funds are not used to finance such companies. 3. To call for sanctions is to ask the global community to recognise Israel's violations of international law 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We have begun the process of investigating our options for implementing this policy, and what legal and financial impacts it may have. This will likely take several months to resolve ● An initial overview paper to be brought to the Trustee Board on 25th May 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Board considered legal advice and concluded the motion can be published but no further action taken. 	

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	<p>and to act accordingly as they do to other member states of the United Nations.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Ensure that products sold by EUSA are not grown or produced within occupied Palestinian territories and that services are not provided by companies which are complicit in the occupation of Palestinian land, the blockade of Gaza, the apartheid system within the declared state of Israel and ongoing Israeli state violence, human rights abuses and violations of international law. 5. Support the call from Palestinian civil society of an academic boycott of Israeli academic institutions, which are implicated in the perpetuation of Israeli occupation 6. Resist any action that gives political or economic support to violations of international law by the State of Israel and complicit companies. 7. Endorse the global Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement against the State of Israel until such time as it ends the occupation, complies with international law, recognises the fundamental rights of Palestinian citizens of Israel to full equality and respects the Palestinian Right of Return as stipulated in the United Nations General Assembly Resolution #194. [http://bdsmovement.net/call] 8. Mandate the sabbatical officers to write a statement regarding our commitment to BDS to be publicised and permanently displayed on EUSA's website in an area accessible to students and the public. 9. Mandate sabbatical officers to work with the Black and Minority Ethnic liberation group, as well as Edinburgh University Students for Justice in Palestine to lobby and campaign for the university to also commit to BDS, to organise meetings with and to advocate for BDS within the Policy and Resources Committee and other relevant committees and members of university staff. 			
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<p><u>Fund the Student Counselling Service</u></p> <p>31st March 2016</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EUSA will lobby the University to increase funding to the Student Counselling Service, pushing for additional counsellors and space in order to improve the support offered to students. 2. EUSA will support the campaign and petition “Edinburgh University: Fund the Student Counselling Service”, and use its own resources and social media presence to promote this. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Following a student campaign promoted by EUSA, the university has committed to invest a further £140k into the counselling service over two years: http://www.studentnewspaper.org/university-of-edinburgh-to-invest-140k-in-counselling-services/ 		
<p><u>A 24/7 Main Library</u></p> <p>31st March 2016</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For the EUSA Sabbatical Officers to lobby the University to open part of the Main Library to be open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in time for the next academic year (September 2016). 2. For the EUSA President to write a letter on behalf of the Students' Association to the Head of Information Services and the Head of Estates, declaring support for this. 3. This includes ensuring the Main Library is properly resourced with extra staffing and support costs. 4. To push for a 24/7 Main Library to be included in the University's current 'Central Area Building Opening Hours' review, which is set to be concluded by June. 5. For the 24/7 access to be reviewed a year after implementation, to ensure that the study space that is open to students, through the night, is proportionate to the numbers of students that want to use it. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● President met with head of Estates and Information services at the University. ● Library open 24/7. 		
<p><u>Divest, Please...</u></p> <p>31st March 2016</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mandate EUSA to release a statement which publicly condemns the University of Edinburgh's continued failure to fully divest from fossil fuels and arms companies, here defined as all companies which derive at least 5% of their profits from fossil fuel extraction or armaments manufacture. 2. Mandate EUSA to call for the University of Edinburgh to make a public statement indicating from which investments they have divested as a result of their recent changes in investment policy 3. Mandate EUSA to send out a press release emphasising its opposition to the University of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● EUSA has filed multiple press releases indicating our support for the campaign during the student occupation and the following investigation of students involved ● Two statements of support have been posted on the EUSA website, explicitly stating EUSA supports full divestment ● Urte continues to liaise with People and Planet and two further meetings have been scheduled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Three fossil fuel companies remain in the university's investment portfolio (May). ● New VPS in discussion with University 	

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	<p>Edinburgh's continued investment in fossil fuels and arms companies.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Mandate the incoming sabbatical officers to lobby and campaign for the University of Edinburgh to divest from fossil fuels and arms companies. 5. Mandate the incoming sabbatical officers to lobby and campaign for the University of Edinburgh to establish a EUSA-elected position for a student representative to sit on the University of Edinburgh's investment committee. 6. Mandate EUSA to continue to support People & Planet's long-standing divestment campaign. 	<p>with Charlie Jeffrey and Sarah Smith and P&P reps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The university has now confirmed they have fully divested from arms companies and divested a further £5mill from fossil fuel companies over the course of this year and EUSA continues to lobby for this to be made clear publicly ● Urte has secured student representation on a trial basis to the Investment Committee meeting in the form of the VPS attending the first part of the meeting (24th May), and future representation to be confirmed following this meeting ● Incoming sabbaticals to pick this up and have regard to the point referring to new sabs 	<p>regarding reinvestment.</p>	
<p><u>Accessibility at Student Council</u> 31st March 2016</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To provide water at every Student Council without exception. 2. To aim for an access break target of at least 5 minutes per hour of student council, which may be condensed into a single break as required – so a 2 hour meeting would have at least a 10 minute intermission in the middle. 3. To provide whenever practically possible, sufficient facilities for making tea and coffee during meetings as well as other refreshments like food or snacks. 4. To be mandated to provide such refreshments for meetings predicted to last over an hour and a half in length. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Water to be provided from next year ● Staff looking into feasibility and costs of providing food next year ● We already have a 10 min break in a 2 hr meeting and we do not allow our meetings to go on for more than 2 hrs for accessibility reasons 		