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1. Welcome and overview

Welcome and overview of the agenda by Andy Peel, Vice President (Societies and Activities)

2. Democracy Review

A workshop was led by NUS Scotland on EUSA’s review of its democratic structures. Information taken from the previous Student Council session and the student survey was presented, and suggestions for change were discussed.

3. Accountability

Reports from the Sabbatical Officers were given and questioned from the floor.

a) Report from Jonny Ross-Tatam, EUSA President

Report Passes: For 32, Against 0, Abstain 6.

b) Report by Urte Macikene, Vice President (Services)

Report Passes: For 54, Against 1, Abstain 5

c) Report from Andy Peel, Vice President (Societies & Activities)

Report Passes: For 56, Against 1, Abstain 3.
d) Report from Imogen Wilson, Vice President Academic Affairs

Report Passes: For 53, Against 1, Abstain 4

4. Affiliations

EUSA’s affiliations were proposed and questioned.

a) **Right to Education Campaign**

   **Affiliation confirmed:** For 53, Against 12, Abstain 11

b) **Friends of Birzeit University**

   **Affiliation confirmed:** For 54, Against 17, Abstain 6

5. Motions

a) **For EUSA to support the Junior Doctor Strike**

   Motion proposed by Ronan Murphy, Medical School Convener

   Details of motion:

   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

   No opposing speaker.

   **Motion Passed:** For 72, Against 4, Abstain 4.

b) **Affiliate NUS UK to Students for Co-operation (NUS UK)**

   Motion proposed by Hannah Roques

   Details of Motion:

   1. To affiliate to Students for Cooperation.
   2. To take up the use of Students for Cooperation affiliate logo on NUS materials such as letters and emails.
   3. Support student led co-operative initiatives and work with existing student coops such as the Birmingham Student Housing Coop and the SHRUB (Swap
and Reuse Hub) in Edinburgh.

No opposing speaker.

Motion passed: For 59, Against 4, Abstain 14.

c) **Affiliate NUS Scotland to Students For Cooperation (NUS Scotland)**

Motion proposed by Hannah Roques

Details of motion:

1. To affiliate to Students for Cooperation.
2. To take up the use of Students for Cooperation affiliate logo on NUS Scotland materials such as letters and emails.
3. To support student led co-operative initiatives and work with existing student coops such as the Edinburgh Student Housing Cooperative where possible.

No opposing speaker,

**Motion passed:** For 61, Against 4, Abstain 12.

d) **Democratising our institutions (NUS Scotland)**

Motion proposed by Harriet Protheroe-Davis

Details of motion:

1. That NUS Scotland adopt the democratisation of our colleges and universities as a long-term strategic aim.
2. NUS Scotland should build alliances with other organisations (staff trade unions, think tanks, research centres, education journalists and political parties) with the intention of popularising the idea of democratically run colleges and universities.
3. To produce a strategic roadmap towards democratic institutions, outlining a case for democratic institutions and policy changes that would have to take place to achieve it. It should identify opportunities and smaller campaign aims for members to work on.
   To make Democratic Institutions a theme of NUS Scotland work on governance, including officer training and sessions at future events, to make sure that short term campaigns contribute to this long-term strategic goal

No opposing speaker.

**Motion passed:** For 58, Against 6, Abstain 13.

4. **Societies for Approval**
Motion proposed to vote on societies separately

**Motion passed**: For 37, Against 30, Abstain 0.

a) **Cognitive Science Society**
   
   Approved: For 80, Against 0, Abstain 0.

b) **Design Society**
   
   Approved: For 81, Against 0, Abstain 0.

c) **Society for Quantitative Research**
   
   Approved: For 80, Against 0, Abstain 0.

d) **Hip Hop Society**
   
   Approved: For 78, Against 0, Abstain 1

e) **Marketing Society**
   
   Approved: For 73, Against 1, Abstain 0

f) **Tolkien Society**
   
   Approved: For 71, Against 0, Abstain 0

g) **Society for Immunology and Infectious Diseases**
   
   Approved: For 76, Against 0, Abstain 0

h) **Israel Engagement Society**
   
   Approved: For 51, Against 27, Abstain 5