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1. Welcome and overview

Welcome and overview of the agenda by Jonny Ross-Tatam, EUSA President.

2. Accountability

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

a) Report from Jonny Ross-Tatam, EUSA President


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

Report Passes: For 13, Against 0, Abstain 7

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

Report Passes: For 20, Against 6, Abstain 0.

d) Report from Imogen Wilson, Vice President Academic Affairs

Report Passes: For 21, Against 1, Abstain 0
3. Motions

a) **Motion to oppose the Ban on Boycotts**

Speech in favour: Megan Atkins

Details of motion:

1. 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.

2. 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.

No opposing speaker.

**Motion Passed:** For 28, Against 0, Abstain 2.

b) **Improve University support for Student Parents**

Speech in favour: Andy Peel, Vice-President Societies and Activities

Details of Motion:

1. Mandate EUSA, through Sabbatical Officers, to lobby the University to:
   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.

No opposing speaker.

Motion passed: For 28, Against 0, Abstain 0.

c) NUS UK: Scrap Trident- spend the money on jobs, education and public services

Speech in favour: Vijay Jackson

Details of motion:

1. To campaign against replacing Trident and for nuclear disarmament on the basis set out above.
2. To facilitate CMs to campaign for money to be spent on free education, jobs and services instead of nuclear weapons.

No opposing speaker,

Motion passed: For 25, Against 3, Abstain 0.

d) NUS UK: Education not for sale- stop the HE reforms

Speech in favour: Hannah Roques

Details of motion:

1. To reaffirm our commitment to campaign for free and democratic education at all levels, funded by taxing the rich and their businesses, not by cutting other services or further squeezing those who can’t afford it.
2. Actively campaign, in collaboration with education trade unions, to stop the proposed Higher Education reforms.
3. To link fighting the HE reforms to stopping the major cuts threatening further education and to reversing the abolition of grants and bursaries.
4. To organise a national demonstration in the first half of November 2016, focussed on 3 clear demands directed at the government, against major current attacks on education: #StopTheHEReforms, #StopCollegeCuts, and #GrantsNotDebt.
5. To invite education trade unions to join us in supporting this demonstration.
6. To place this action within a wider strategy of protest, direct action and lobbying, with action at both local and national levels.

No opposing speaker.

**Motion passed**: For 26, Against 2, Abstain 0

e) **NUS UK: Workers and trade union rights**

Speech in favour: Vijay Jackson

Details of motion:

1. To work with unions and campaigns including the Campaign for Trade Union Freedom and Right to Strike to oppose the TU Bill.
2. To demand the repeal of all anti-trade union laws and a positive charter of rights: to join a union, organise, strike and do things which make strikes effective – picket, take solidarity action, etc.
3. To create a section of the NUS website to promote union membership and highlight the fight for as well as attacks on workers’ rights.

No opposing speaker

**Motion passed**: For 27, Against 1, Abstain 0.

f) **NUS UK: Fight to save the National Health Service - back the junior doctors and NHS bursary struggles**

Speech in favour: Maddie Payne

Details of motion:

1. To support the junior doctors’ strikes and the NHS bursary struggle.
2. To devote financial and other resources to helping students nurses and health professionals in this fight.
3. To support and campaign for an end to cuts, marketisation and privatisation in the NHS, and for a comprehensive, well funded, publicly owned, run and provided health service meeting clinical need. We support the NHS Bill and will lobby MPs to back it.

No opposing speaker

**Motion passed**: For 27, Against 0, Abstain 1

3. **Societies for Approval**

Motion to confirm societies approved by the Societies Council:
• Effective Altruism Society
• Medical Aid International Society
• Turf club

Motion Passed: For 22, Against 0, Abstain 0