



# Minutes

**Senedd**

**27/04/2026**

## **Members in attendance:**

Francesco Lanzi (Chair)

Millicent Hackett (FTO)

Nanw Hampson (FTO)

Ffion Johns (FTO)

Esperanza Bizama (FTO)

Tanaka Chikomo (FTO)

Kathleen Hinton Pritchard (VO)

Livvy Hagget (SOC)

Mesh Tamilchelven (VO)

Mason Gee (VO)

Laura Young (VO)

Melissa Eyre (VP)

Florence Rawlinson (AR)

James Shepherd (SPORT)

Mathias Pavlides (SPORT)

Janos Vranek (SPORT)

Max Rycroft (SPORT)

Saul Ashton (SPORT)

James Ashfort (SOC)



Pippa Baird

Tia Narayana

Nick Green

Alice Leroy

Rowan Peill

Tomos Akash Padel

Bryn Talbot

Ebenezer Smith Baidoo

## **Absent:**

Billy Smith (VO) Apologies Not Sent

Harley Harrison (VO) Apologies Sent

Natasha Goodwin (VO) Apologies Sent

Varsha Raj (FO) Apologies Not Sent

Blue Bell (VO) Apologies Not Sent

Elliw Mair (VO) Apologies Sent

Duraab Arshad (VO) Apologies Not Sent

## **Also in attendance: (Student Observers)**

Fresno Rhys Thomas (VO) Apologies Not Sent

Spencer Tinklin (FO) Apologies Not Sent

Priyanka Singh (VO) Apologies Not Sent

Gwenno Roberts (UMCA) Apologies Sent

Tomos Parry (UMCA) Apologies Not Sent

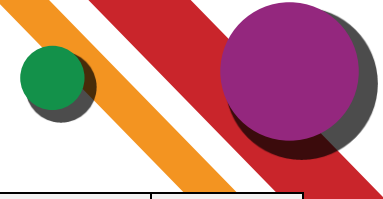
Ula Archer (AR) Apologies Not Sent

Kate Crowther (SOC) Apologies Not Sent

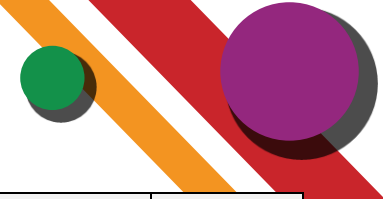
Alex Marsh (SOC) Apologies Sent



Agenda	Item	Notes	Voting Breakdown		
			Yes	No	Abstain
<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b>	The Union Chairperson welcomed everyone present at the meeting	Union Chairperson welcomes everyone to the meeting. Meeting started:			
	Apologies for Absence	Harley, Natasha, Gwenno and Alex			
	Last Minutes Meeting and matters arising				
<b>Lapsing Policy</b>	Updates	SHAG Week Banking with sustainable banks on fossil fuels			
<b>Officers' Report</b>	Officers to say what they have been working on and their priorities for the year.	Officers gave an update on what they have been working on.  Questions: No Questions for the Officers			
<b>Idea 1:</b> Senedd Approval of the Full-Time Officer to Serve on University Council alongside Llywydd UMCA	Proposer Speech	Spoken on by Millie (FTO)  Millie spoke on the idea about a student governor on council. She explained what council is and how Senedd voting will work going forward.  Against the idea: No One			
	Questions   Comments	None			
	Feedback from Group Discussions	Senedd Voted to go straight to vote.			



	Other Comments				
	Vote	<b>This idea was PASSED</b>	100%	0%	0%
	Part Two of Idea	<p>After the idea was passed, newly elected full-time officers had the chance to say why they wanted to go to university council in the next academic year.</p> <p>These students stood:            Alice -Llywydd Wellbeing &amp; Liberation. Alice explained that they are organised but can stay neutral to support students needs. She also explained how she hopes to do a PhD and being in these meetings could allow her great opportunities to network and support her future career.</p> <p><b>Alice: Llywydd Wellbeing &amp; Liberation was elected to Council</b></p>			
	<p>1. <b>Idea 2:</b>            Should Undeb Aberystwyth discontinue the use of the term BAME (Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic) to use GEM (Global</p>	Proposer Speech	<p>Spoken on by Tanaka (FTO).</p> <p>Tanaka explained she wanted to discontinue the term BAME in the Undeb and begin to use the term GEM meaning Global Ethnic Majority. She spoke through the idea on the agenda and explained the process of how this name was decided after focus groups with students. She explained that BAME favours some minorities over others and GEM is more inclusive of what the term and Volunteer Officer role actually is.</p> <p>Speak in opposition: No</p>		
	Questions   Comment	<p>James Ashford (SOC) – Would Gem replace BAME and be called the GEM Officer? Why majority and not minority?            Tanaka (FTO): Yes, would become the GEM Officer</p>			



Ethnic Majority)?		Millie (FTO): The global ethnic majority is not white which is what the name means. Tanaka (FTO): It is an umbrella term.			
	Feedback from group discussions	Millie (FTO): BAME is problematic. GEM is not perfect but it is better. We need to market it so students understand what GEM means.  Esperanza (FTO): If people don't like GEM in the future it can be changed again.  James Ashford (SOC): If it is what students who identify with it want then good. Just need to promote what it is so it isn't confusing. It may be confusing at first.			
	Other Comments	None			
	Vote	<b>This idea was PASSED</b>	100%	0%	0%
<b>Any other business</b>	Chair	The chair thanked the Senedd for being great this year and discussing policy ideas effectively. 7 <sup>th</sup> of May Senedd Elections Voting in Wales (will be a free bus travelling around) 7 <sup>th</sup> of May is Celebrates Remember to Log volunteer hours Make a post on LinkedIn about your time on the Senedd and speak with Aisleen if you need some support.			
<b>Date of next Meeting</b>		Next Year			



**FTO=Full Time Officer**

**VO=Volunteer Officer**

**FO = Faculty Officer**

**Sport=Sports Rep**

**Soc=Societies Rep**

**UMCA = UMCA Rep**

**VP = Volunteer Project Rep**

**AR = Academic Rep**

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