



Minutes

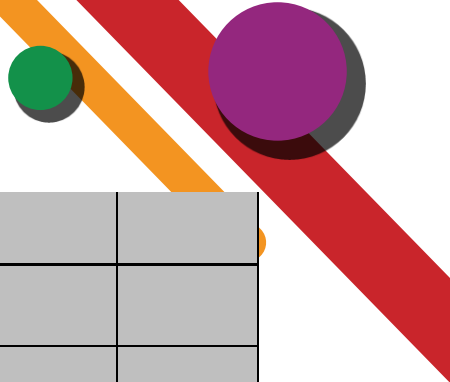
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19/04/2021

Agenda	Item	Notes	Voting Breakdown		
			Yes	No	Abstain
Welcome and Opening Remarks	The Union Chairperson welcomed everyone present at the meeting and provided an update on how the meeting was going to work.	20 Senedd Members were in attendance and the meeting was deemed quorate.			
	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Chloe Wilkinson-Silk, Ed Gronbech and Kirsty Bell.			
	Approval of minutes from the previous Meeting	All meeting notes approved			
	Matters arising from the minutes	No matters arising			
Officers' Report	Nate Pidcock (President) provided a summary of the Officers' Report, which is available in the papers for the meeting.	Nate did not read the report, as it was circulated to all members in advance and is available to read on the website.			



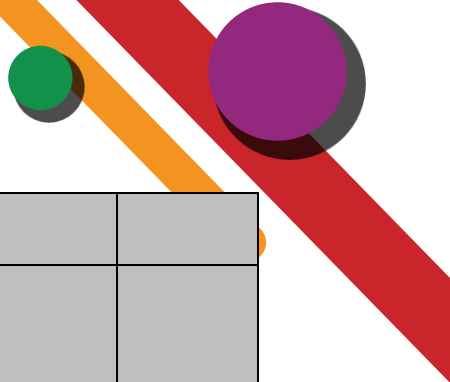
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Senedd - Your Ideas	We discussed and voted upon the ideas that had been submitted to Senedd.				
1	Be Part of Anti-Racist Wales				
	Proposer speech	Darya Koseroglu presented the idea to Senedd			
	Questions	There were no questions			
	Invitation for additional speakers (for or against)	As there were no questions Chair made the decision to move straight to a vote.			
	Vote	Passed	100%	0%	0%
2	Assignment Grace Period				
	Proposer speech	Beth Wright presented the idea to Senedd			
	Questions	Questions included whether this was only for written assessments, how long the extension be for? The practicalities of applying the system to a STEM degree when results are often published the next day			
	Invitation for additional speakers (for or against)	Points against: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The importance of having the pressure of a deadline for students with neurodiversity such as ADHD Points in favour: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would provide a good 'buffer zone' for students struggling to get evidence for an extension 			
Vote	Passed	90%	10%	0%	
3	Electoral Qualification Amendment				



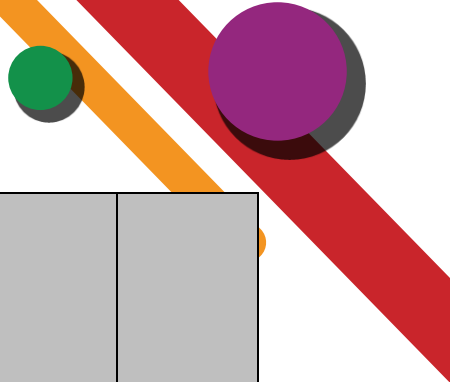
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	Proposer Speech	Aaron Mark Daniels presented the idea to Senedd			
	Point of order	Nate Pidcock clarified some factual inaccuracies with the current wording of the proposed idea. Stating the wider range of reasons as to why a candidate might be removed from the Elections.			
	Questions:	<p>Questions included; whether removal from the election would be due to behaviour against the Student Charter that happened at any point in a person's life or just whilst they were a student at Aber, who would be responsible for performing background checks on candidates and finally how the Deputy Returning Officer would be able to exercise power to remove someone from the election as this currently sits with NUS' Returning Officer.</p> <p>During this discussion, contact details of our Student Advisor and relevant external support organisations were shared verbally.</p> <p>Aaron, the proposer of the idea, clarified that they had attempted to submit an amendment to the idea but this had not come through the online system. SU staff member responsible for Campaigns and Democracy offered to copy the amended wording into the charter. It was decided in the room, with Aaron's agreement, that the following wording would become the Idea:</p>			



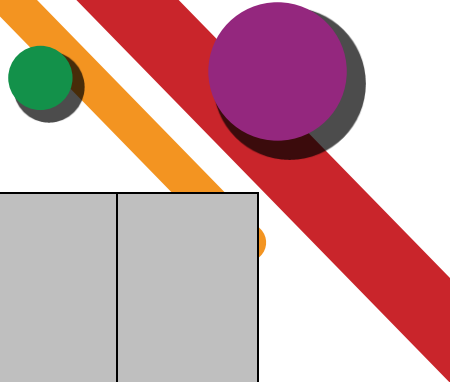
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		<i>"The Students' Union should include a qualifying criteria to prevent a student from standing for a Full-time and Volunteer Officer role if they have previously been proven to be in breach of SU and/or University policies relating to equality and diversity via SU/University processes."</i>			
	Invitation for additional speakers (for or against)	<p>Points against:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion was had as to whether it would be possible to implement the idea within the confines of current Educational and Charitable Law <p>Points in favour:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The reasoning behind the idea was supported by numerous members of Senedd • Students need to feel that SU staff members are fully supporting all students 			
	Vote	Passed	67%	10%	24%
4	Got proof?				
	Proposer speech	Chloe Wilkinson-Silk previously agreed with Chair to record a video explaining her idea, since she was not able to attend the meeting. Nate Pidcock was given a transcript of the idea in case of technical difficulties and was ready to answer any questions.			
	Questions	There were no questions			



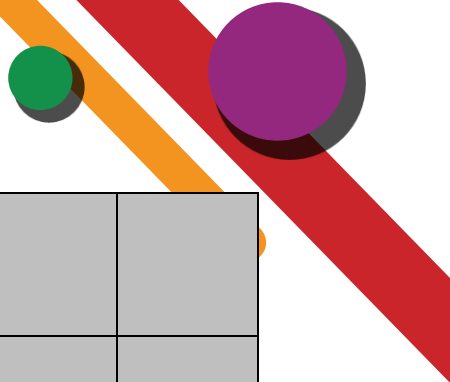
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	Invitation for additional speakers (for or against)	Points against: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None raised Points in favour: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Something that all Academic Affairs candidates in the Spring Election wanted to continue to lobby for • If it is something other universities, including Bangor, have been able to introduce, then it's something we should have here too 			
	Vote	Passed	100%	0%	0%
5	Animal Sentience				
	Proposer Speech	Beth Wright proposed the idea to Senedd			
	Questions	Would only UK citizens be able to participate in the lobbying campaign?			
	Invitation for additional speakers (for or against)	Points against: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None raised Points in favour: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animals have feelings and should be supported 			
	Vote	Passed	95%	5%	
6	Extra Credit				



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	Proposer Speech	Ewa Idzikowska presented the idea to Senedd			
	Questions	What would be considered as a low mark? Would there be a cap to prevent students doing excessive extra credit modules? How would this work alongside special circumstances? Are there any other UK institutions that have similar systems?			
	Invitation for additional speakers (for or against)	<p>Points Against:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase workload for already overstretched lecturers • Currently have to pay to resit a module, therefore this might end up being a paid privilege not covered by student loans. • This idea might be superseded by the passing of self-certification 			
	Vote	Not passed	19%	57%	24%
Any Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring By-Elections - voting opens next week • Hustings events taking place on Facebook livestream for Senedd Members and PCC Elections • Last day to register to vote 				