**Minutes**

**Senedd**

**21/02/2022**

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| **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. | 17 Senedd Members were in attendance and the meeting was deemed quorate.  |  |  |  |
| Apologies for Absence | Apologies for Absence were received from Becca Gibson. |  |  |  |
| **Officers' Report** | Sabina O’Donoghue (President) provided a summary of the Officers’ Report, which is available in the papers for the meeting. | She highlighted the success of refreshers week, having destress donkeys on campus, ‘cwtch up’ and that standing for SU elections closes tomorrow.  |  |  |  |
| **Senedd - Your Ideas** | We discussed and voted upon the ideas that had been submitted to Senedd. |  |  |  |  |
| **1** | **Aberystwyth University to Divest in Fossil Fuels** |  |  |  |  |
| Proposer speech  | Aisleen Sturrock presented the idea to Senedd |  |  |  |
| Questions | The only question raised was whether or not this was different to previous policy on divestment.  |  |  |  |
| Invitation for additional speakers (for or against) | Points against:* Going to take a long time to enable to fully divest.
* Lots of our carbon comes from external companies which makes it hard to control and measure.

 Points in favour: * The university should be held to account for their actions
* Its an important issue that impacts all students
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| Vote | **Passed** | 93% | 0% | 7% |
| **2** | **Boat shed to Boat house**  |  |  |  |  |
| Proposer speech  | Christopher Thomas presented the idea to Senedd |  |  |  |
| Questions | Questions included how this would be funded and whether this policy differed from the existing to improve our sports facilities.  |  |  |  |
| Invitation for additional speakers (for or against) | Points against:* Will be expensive to renovate to a high standard

Points in favour: * Clubs and society participation is growing and we should help them by providing the adequate resources.
* Important to have facilities that are safe for students to use.
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| Vote | Passed | 93% | 0% | 7% |
| **3** | **Rethink Christmas Holiday Period** |  |  |  |  |
| Proposer speech  | Raechel Hughes presented the idea to Senedd, debate was passed onto Josh Carson deputy chair.  |  |  |  |
| Questions | Questions included how this would interact with existing policy on non-executive exams and whether if passed would make more sense to sit under Academic Affairs officer as is a timetabling matter. |  |  |  |
| Invitation for additional speakers (for or against) | Points against:* Difficulties with accommodation contracts
* Timetabling for the needs of individual departments would be difficult

Points in favour:* Exam period is stressful and draining
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| Vote | **Not passed** | 35% | 47% | 18% |
| **4** | **Online collaborative calendar/timetable and booking system for SU and Uni space** |  |  |  |  |
|  | Proposer speech  | Sarah Davies presented the idea to Senedd |  |  |  |
|  | Questions | Questions included whether individual students would be able to see the bookings and whether rooms should be released in advance at a given date each term. |  |  |  |
|  | Invitation for additional speakers (for or against) | Points against:* Some clubs and socs have different needs and it could be difficult to understand these through a basic booking system
* Need to ensure we follow relevant data protection laws

Points in favour: * Would hold the SU to account
* Would benefit lots of clubs and societies
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|  | Vote | Passed | 82% | 12% | 6% |
| **Any Other Business** | * Reminder that next meeting on 28th March 2022
* Standing closes in SU elections on 22nd February 2022
* Nominations are open for Celebrates
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