



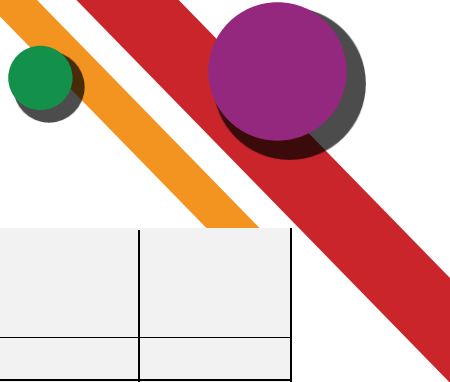
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Agenda	Item	Notes	Voting Breakdown		
			Yes	No	Abstain
Welcome and Opening Remarks	The Union Chairperson welcomed everyone present at the meeting	Union Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.			
	Chair to talk through how the meeting will work.	Chair updated how voting will work and how it may be different to other meetings. This year we will be doing paper voting sheets for the ideas section of the meeting. The chair talked through the order of the agenda.			
Receive report from Trustees and Receiving the annual accounts.	Millie (Union President) and Trish (Union CEO) talked on the report from the trustees	You can find this report on the AGM website under papers.			
	Student questions/comments on the report.	No Questions or comments			
	The Vote	Passed			
Appointment of Auditors	Millie (Union President) and Trish (CEO) to talk through auditors.	Appointment of Auditors: To ratify the Trustee Board decision to appoint LHP as Auditors (based in Aberystwyth) Millie explained what auditors do.			



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	Student questions/comments on the report.	No questions or comments.			
	Vote	Passed			
Approving the list of affiliations	Millie (Union President) and Trish (CEO) to talk through affiliations.	○ NUS UK £18,817, NUS Charity = £4,277- total = £23,094 ○ British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) = £6400 (est) plus BUCS transport costs) ○ Advice UK Membership = £280.00 ○ Real Living Wage: £150 Free affiliations or schemes joined: ○ Welsh Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA)= don't pay currently ○ HALO ○ Mindful employer ○ Tourette's Friendly Employer and Organisation (Tourette's Action)			
The Student's Union Trustee Board should appoint a third student Trustee that would represent a group demographically underrepresented	Student questions/comments on the report.	Sam (Member): Do we vote on this as a collective or individual Millie (FTO): As a collective			
	Vote	Passed			
	Proposer: Millie	Millie (FTO) explained how the Full Time Officers are reducing from five to four after the AGM the previous year. The Trustees agreed that they wanted to keep the same amount of student Trustees on the board. By allowing to appoint instead of elect means the board can pick what is needed and allow better student diversity.			
	Opposition speech	No opposition			
	Student Questions / Clarifications	How are the underrepresented demographic chosen? Melia, (He/They) MEMBER - How is the demographic chosen?			



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by the Board at the time.

Millie: FTO - We would review the Trustee Board and see which areas are currently underrepresented. There is an audit we already use that would be able to identify this.
Melia - With lots of different minorities, where would the line be? Would it be based on the percentage of students in that minority group at the University?
Millie - Yes, it would be mapped against the current population of students. The demographics underrepresented would be up to the board's discretion.

Jack (She/They) MEMBER – when the Board decides which demographic is underrepresented and begins recruiting, will this be transparent to members?

Millie – Yes, we would advertise that we are looking for a Trustee who identifies with this characteristic.

Harley (any) VO – what is the application and interview process?

Millie – It would be the same process of appointing trustees, application and interview.

Will it be intersectional?

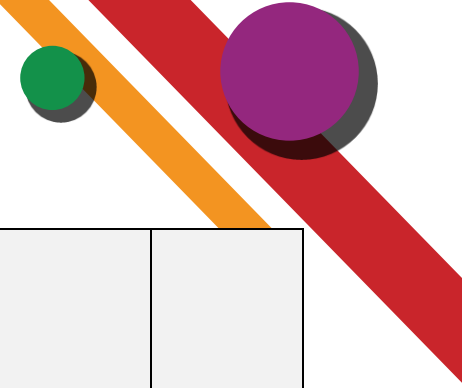
Kate, (She/They) MEMBER - Would this be intersectional? Would someone have to meet both demographics if more than one is required or could they identify with just the one?
Millie - We would advertise for the misrepresented roles and see who applies.

Disability Representation

Nick: MEMBER- Should there be a necessity for disabled students to be on the board?



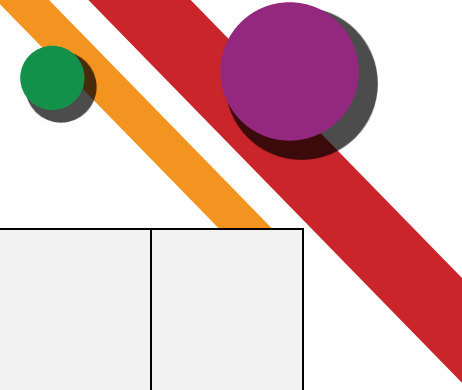
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	Millie - If the board identified a need for disability representation, then we would look for students who align as disabled, but it wouldn't break down on each type of disability. Nick: MEMBER -There is a minority of disabled students, and this will be affected by decisions so it should be a necessity that their voices are included. Millie - It is up to the board to decide what is needed. Why not use Elected Students? Joe, (He/Him) MEMBER - Should it not be chosen by those we elect in the Elections? Millie - Full Time Officers are part of the Trustee board, but Volunteer Officers are not elected as Student Trustees, so they are not on the Trustee Board. Joe - Why not? Millie - The Trustee Board means you are legally responsible for the Chairty, including all the Volunteer Officers would be too many and is not best practice. These students do not run to be Trustees, but some will run to be a specific Trustee. Electing V Appointing Josh, (He/Him) MEMBER - Would a possible solution to have them elected to make it democratic? Millie - It is not best practice for the Trustee Board to be fully democratic. Their purpose is to overview our democracy and make sure we stay in line with Chairty Law. It is purposefully open and flexible. Josh - What happens if a particular Trustee is doing a good job, but newly elected officers mean they are not representing an underrepresented demographic?			
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	Millie - They would serve to the end of the normal two years. At the end it can be renewed. Rowan (He/They) MEMBER – If students disapproved of the Boards choice of additional Trustee, how would students have a say in this? How would the Board find out what students feel is currently underrepresented? Millie – The Board will decide itself and students don't vote on it. Trustees can however be removed by a Vote of No Confidence, but we would not as permission to appoint someone. Matthew (He/Him) MEMBER – How does the Union choosing to contribute to the democratic process? Millie – 50% of the Board is still elected. However, we don't have a choice of who stands in the elections. By appointing it allows us to choose someone with skills and knowledge and who would be effective on the Board. Matthew – Could the Board not load it with likeminded people? Millie – You can Vote of No Confidence and remove them if you believe that this is happening. The majority of Students Unions do appoint their Student Trustees except the Officers as it removes some of the risk and makes sure, we have a good broad range of views. Inherit Bias James, (He/Him) MEMBER - How can we as students trust that the board does not use their own inherit bias to choose who to represent?			
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		Millie - There is a majority of students who sit on the board. There is a full process to prevent this from happening and there is a lot of student influence on the decision. Self – Identification Melia: MEMBER – Would this include self-identification or will a student need to prove they fall into a certain demographic? Millie: FTO – Yes, students will be able to self-identify.			
	Vote	With 116 votes cast and 75% majority needed to amend the constitution, this idea has been rejected .	80 (60%)	36 (31%)	10
Should Undeb Aber and the University implement a BDS-Compliant Policy?	Proposer: Ella Ward	Ella spoke on the idea specifically naming Dominos and Coke and listing the different products that Coke own. Ella suggested that all new stock and partnerships to be cross checked by the boycott list. For the last few years there has been a war, and it can feel powerless for students. However, boycotting is voting with money. Boycotting has worked in history, and it is working now. It applies direct pressure on the Israeli government. The SU passing this policy is not moralising or making changes themselves, but it is about our Union representing the values students have – we don't want our money going to this. Coke is directly profiting over the war, and dominos are delivering orders to Israil.			

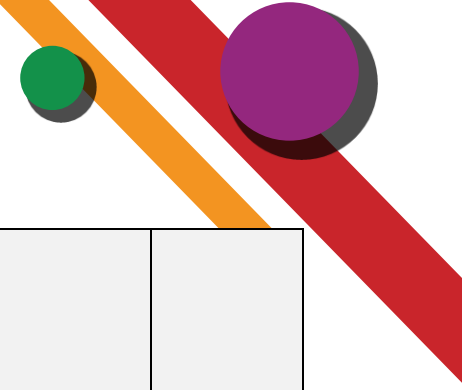


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		Ella addressed some concerns about this proposal stating that students will still be able to buy Pepsi and the Union could work with local pizza. The proposal is not asking individuals to make change but for institutions to do it.			
	Opposition Speech	No opposition			
	Student Questions / Clarifications	Advertisement Rowan (He/They) MEMBER – does this include advertising as well as selling? Ella – Yes, this would be considered a partnership. Time Period Expectations Joshua: MEMBER – What is the time expected for this to happen and what are the alternatives? Ella – I cannot comment as it would be for the Union to work on, but we wouldn't be able to say how long it would take as it would be a transition. For alternatives, there is Pepsi, Rubicon and many more. Why Boycott Some and Not All? Maz (He/Him) MEMBER – It says to boycott Microsoft but how would the University or Union do this? Ella – We have only specially named Coke and Dominos as we can work on these things. We would not be able to stop Microsoft from being used. Taylor (He/Her) MEMBER – Why is the line being drawn at Coke but not Microsoft?			



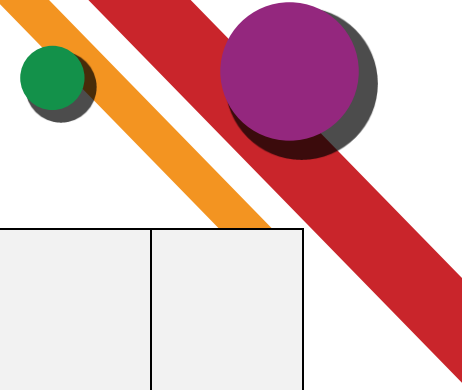
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	Ella – It is about practicality. We can stop selling Coke, but Microsoft is a key part of how staff and students work. We could work on a longer-term plan, but the whole system is set up on it. I am not saying Microsoft is okay but being practical and realistic in what the student population can do. Costa Liam (He/Him) MEMBER – With boycotting Costa, what about the risk of students losing their jobs? Ella – There has already been an all-student vote on Costa which has passed. Costa does not own the student bar, and students are employed by the University. It is only the beans that are sold there. There is a possibility of it impacting jobs if it doesn't make good profit, but other coffee outlets seem to be doing well. We would hope there is no impact on student jobs. Replacements Kate (She/Her) MEMBER – What are the replacement going to be? People use these products for a specific reason, and I feel it could affect the popularity of the Student Union and the shop. Ella – Costa is not part of this motion as it has already gone to an All-Student Vote. There are other drinks on offer, and it is about student money going towards genocide. Harvey (He/Him) MEMBER – You have options to replace things in the Student Union shop but if you cannot find a replacement it will drive the prices up. If a student wants a coke and the shop does not sell it, they will not go in which			
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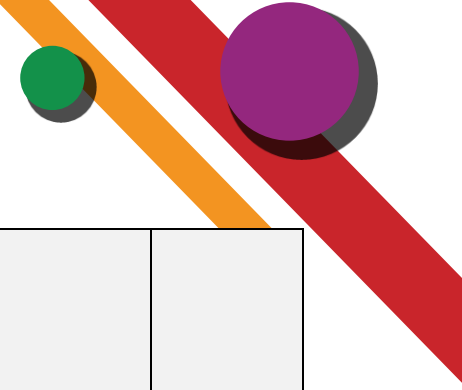
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	will reduce the income coming in and so they will not be able to pay staff. Ella – It will be easy to stock these products as they are already there. It will not happen over night but will be a process. I would be surprised if changing from Coke to Pepsi would result in job losses. Sam: MEMBER – if Coke was not sold at the SU shop would you stop shopping there? Is Coke that much of a draw to people shopping? Chriss (She/her) MEMBER – Monster is under Coke and you would sell Red bull to replace it, but Red bull is also on the boycott list. What other alternatives would the shop provide? Ella – I am not convinced Red bull is on the list. I may be wrong, but I am sure we could find other alternatives. Chriss – It is not under Coke, but it is part of the BDS compliance list. If we are going to ban one brand, why not the other? Ella – This policy idea only mentions Coke and Dominos to avoid situations like this. The motion does not cover Red bull. Future Students Noah (He/Him) MEMBER – If students in the future don't share these views what happens then. Is boycotting not an individual decision not an organisational one? Ella – In the future if they want to change it back, they can. Boycotting is an individual decision however people don't know that coke owns many of these products and what their involvement in the war has been. It takes that ownership off			
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	the individual to make these decisions and means the University and Union upholds student values. Dominos at Freshers Fair Millie: FTO – Dominos involvement with the Union is mainly through Freshers Fair giving away free pizza. They make a loss of money at this event as they use it to advertise themselves. It would mean Dominos would not be at Freshers Fair and the Union would lose their money. If you wanted them to lose money, you could take their flyers and bin them. I am concerned though, getting rid of Dominos would mean students don't come to Freshers. Ella – We have seen today the appeal of free pizza, hopefully we can find another brand. Voting Question Kate (She/Her) MEMBER – This idea closely aligns with the Costa vote that had a much larger turnout compared to the number of students in this room. Francesco (CHAIR) – This motion was put forward before the Costa vote as it was submitted for discussion to the AGM. Trish (CEO) – For procedural information, you need 250 signatures to call an All-Student Vote. The students brought the signatures to do this as they wanted it to be an All-Student Vote. Any student can put a motion forward to the AGM. Oliver (He/Him) MEMBER – I think it would be a better idea to get a bigger consensus and have more students vote on it. It may cause resentment if people did not know this was happening or were not able to come to this meeting. You			
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		could demonstrate that this is causing a problem in Gaza and slowly educate students to help with the vote. Ella – I am happy to open the door for other possibilities, but I wanted to submit the idea to make change. I am standing here because people are being killed in Palestine. I hear your concerns and I understand people have the right to buy what they want, but I would like the Union to support in the change making.			
	Vote	With 130 votes counted and 54% voting NO, this idea has been rejected .	60 (46%)	70 (54%)	6
Should Undeb Aber be a pro peace Organisation	Proposer: Samuel Thomas Andreetti	Sam read the motion out in full – you can find the full proposal on the agenda. Sam explained that the part about research on the agenda would be hard to achieve but we would lobby the university over a period. Sam finished by saying the University was the first to not have fossil fuel companies at Freshers, we should do the same for the army.			
	Opposition to idea	Three people wanted to speak in opposition, so they decided who the designated speaker is. Speaker: William (He/Him) MEMBER. William spoke about his military background of generations and is part of the UOTC. He has never felt more welcome. While this motion is not about the UOTC, the group would not be able to exist without the military units who volunteer their time to support them. We should support what the			

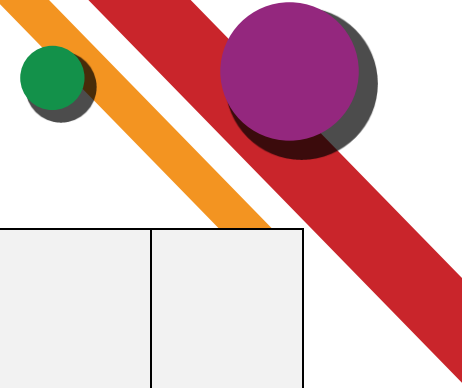


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		military do for the country. We have pride and many students have different experiences and many reserve soldiers live on campus who may now not feel welcome.			
	Student Questions / Clarifications	What is UOTC? What does UOTC stand for: University Officer Training Court Amber (She/her) MEMBER – What is the UOTC? William – It is a reserve remit of the armed forces. It is for university students to experience military training and get leadership skills. It also provides inclusive groups. We also do other activities like skiing and mountain biking. Militarism v the Military Nick: MEMBER – The question proposed is about militarism. The military isn't militarism but is about the prevention of conflict. How does the military relate to militarism. Sam: MEMBER – I understand the armed forces are there to protect our interests here and abroad but considering the last few years and history, they have not always done that. For example, in Iran. Do we want to be involved in this? This is not a question about the UOTC or if the military should exist. This is specifically about Freshers fair and Social Media contracts and promotions. Liam (He/Him) MEMBER – How will this promote peace as we need the military to protect our country. Sam – This is not about the military fully; they exist in the UOTC.			



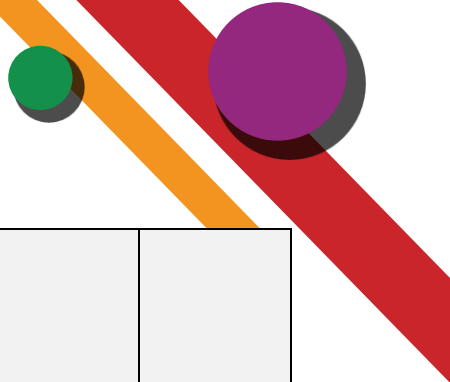
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	Careers Shawna (She/Her) MEMBER – The miliary is a massive career for those who come to university. Banning them at Freshers Fairs and events at the University would make people struggle to carry on these ambitions while at university. Sam – The military has a massive budget, and you can still see these roles announced without the University. Shasha (She/Her) MEMBER – Apart from Freshers Fair and some story advertisement, what military presence would you want boundaries to be set around? Sam – Mainly the Careers Fair. If something else was to come up, it would be SU policy to work on it and not allow it to happen. Matthew (He/Him) MEMBER – If Careers fest is not wanting military presence as it promotes a career in the army, does it not take away free will and take away options for students. Sam – Most people do not get a job at the company they speak to at the Careers Fair. Companies are not entitled to speak at this either. For example, we don't allow fossil fuel companies. I do not think it impacts people's freedom. The Proposal Matthew (He/Him) MEMBER – when reading the proposal on the agenda, half is about recruitment and advertising, and the other half is funding and investment. Should these not be sperate points. Would passing this motion not give more power over aspects on things that are not on the agenda? Sam – I can see your argument and the title does not include everything as it would be too long. It does have a wide range			
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		of things that the idea would do. I am proposing this idea as I feel we should do it in its entirety. Matthew – it feels like two separate argument and one vote should not cover both. Academic Modules and Funding Noah (He/Him) MEMBER – would this stop the University from being provided that has military content. Would it also stop military originations like the RAF doing degree apprenticeships here? Francesco (CHAIR) – I don't believe the University does this apprenticeship. Sam – In the last few years there has only been one PhD degree funded by this and modules would not be touched.			
	Vote	With 118 votes counted and 69% saying NO, this idea has been rejected .	37 (31%)	81 (69%)	11
Should Undeb Aber ratify Amnesty UK's defend dissent charter into its constitution.	Proposer: Samuel McCarthy Vicente	They explained the policy that you can find in the agenda.			
	Opposition to idea	No one opposition			
	Student Questions / Clarifications	No questions			



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	Vote	With 118 votes counted and 75% voting YES, this idea has passed	89 (75%)	29 (25%)	11
Any Other Business	Elections voting week / Stories for change, Citizens UK/ Logging your volunteer hours / nominations for celebrates Date of next meeting: 27/04/2026				

FTO=Full Time Officer

VO=Volunteer Officer

FO = Faculty Officer

Sport=Sports Rep

Soc=Societies Rep

UMCA = UMCA Rep

AR = Academic Rep on Senedd

Member = Member of SU but not a Senedd Member