



Senedd Minutes
Monday, 22nd October, 6-8pm.
Aberystwyth Students' Union, Main Room

Agenda	Item	Notes / Outcome
1. Welcome and Opening Remarks	Welcome	The Union Chairperson welcomed everyone present at the meeting and introduced herself, and the changes introduced this year.
	Apologies for Absence	Sophie Thompson – Womens' Officer James Weatherly – Sports Representative
	Approval of minutes from the previous Meeting	The previous meeting was not quorate and therefore there are no minutes to approve. Ideas from the last meeting have been carried forward.
	Matters arising from the minutes	None.
2. Deputy chair election	Speech – Daniel Hardman	Speech Given
	Speech – Chloe Wilkinson-Silk	Speech Given
3. Officers' Report	The Officers will report on their activities and this is a chance for you to find out what they have done for you.	Individual Full-time Officer reports for Academic Affairs, Student Opportunities, Wellbeing and Welsh Culture are now presented at the relevant Zone. The Union President gave a report on behalf of all the FTO's which can be found under the Senedd section of the Union website.
Return to 2. Deputy chair election (results)	Total votes received:	21
	Abstentions:	0
	quota to win:	10.5
	Daniel Hardman	5
	Chloe Wilkinson-Silk	16
	Re-Open Nominations	0
	Result:	Chloe Wilkinson-Silk Elected
4. Council - Your Ideas	This section of the meeting discusses and votes upon the Ideas that have been submitted to Council.	
1	Boycott Prevent (Ammaara Nalban)	
	Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short & Long Term Implications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Short – saves money and time, gives minority students free speech. • Legal Implications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stay within the Law, many unions already boycott Prevent.
	Invitation for additional speakers (For and Against)	Points raised for and against the idea: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Minority Students who have to deal with Prevent would see this as a symbolic gesture and great step from the Union.
	Vote	IDEA PASSED (
2	Eating Disorder Awareness Week (Molly-Jean Longden)	
	Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What would the week involve? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ As a policy it will be worked on, students will be able to submit ideas.
	Vote	IDEA PASSED



3	Independent Students Officer (Sam Wilding)	
	Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What training would they have? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 'Stand Alone' a national charity for estrange students offer training. • What role would the officer take? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To be clarified, this would create a new volunteer positions similar to the role of other Volunteer Officers but to represent Independent Students.
	Invitation for additional speakers (For and Against)	<p>Points raised for and against the Idea:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young Estranged students should be represented; help is limited as you are considered an adult, and support from the university is hard to find.
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4	HIV- Testing, Testing, Testing (Steve Mason)	
	Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does the pilot scheme involve? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 6 clinics are taking part, where if you're in a certain area and within an 'at-risk' group they test you every 2 months. Not available in areas where the scheme isn't offered or to people who don't fall into an 'at-risk' group. • How will we as a union lobby NUS Wales? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Union would make a statement of support, and could raise or submit policy at NUS Conferences.
	Invitation for additional speakers (For and Against)	<p>Points raised for and against the Idea:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ People with HIV might not be aware they have it; it's the same as any other STD, people should be easily tested.
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5	Sex work is just that, work. (Steve Mason)	
	Vote	IDEA PASSED
6	Come on Aberystwyth, Get with the Pro-Choice Program (Molly-Jean Longden)	
	Questions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What will the Union actually do? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lobby as policy throughout Wales for NHS services to be linked up so students do not have to pay over £500 to terminate a pregnancy. • Would we be officially labelled as 'Pro-Choice' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes.
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7	Emergency Idea: Eligibility of Candidates Standing for Welsh Culture Officer and UMCA President (Anna Wyn Jones)	
	Questions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarify: Welsh Culture and UMCA President will no longer need an A-Level in Welsh? Open it up to all fluent welsh speakers? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Everyone in Wales does a Welsh GCSE- opens it to all, but as a qualification
	Invitation for additional speakers (For and Against)	<p>Points made in favour of the Idea:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It makes sense for a leader to be aware of UMCA, the students they represent and what the job entails.



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8	Emergency Idea: Protecting Speech and Assembly on Campus (Ammaara Nalban)	
	Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How would you define a notable speaker? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ High profile speakers • Clarify: Conditions of secrecy - would this prevent the sharing of student details with security? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Would be a follow up idea.
	Invitation for additional speakers (For and Against)	<p>Points made for and against the Idea:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the best interest of students, as it allows them to engage, students' welfare may be effected by intimidating events. • All students are notified as dissertations etc. could benefit from knowing who the speakers are. • Clarification was sought of a staff member in the room regarding earlier conversations about the implementation. The proposer clarified that it was the principal of the policy is that the university and union will make details of events with notifiable speakers public and make students aware of who is visiting. Further that the time frame may not be that which is set out in the Idea, but that the Union would work in the spirit of the motion of giving as much advanced notice as possible. • It could result in a full scale riot as protestors would know to come on campus - which would then impact Aberystwyth students reputation. • Complete transparency reflects the majority view, and minorities could be discouraged from holding events. • Speakers may be put off coming or cancel events at short notice. • Publicising the speaker may compromise the safety of the speaker, people attending and people generally on campus, as we wouldn't have appropriate security for potentially thousands of protestors.
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5. Any Other Business	The chance for anyone present to raise an issue not already covered or simply update people on anything related to the meeting happening that week was offered.	
6. Save the Date!	Next Senedd Meeting: Big Meeting (Annual Members Meeting) 3rd December 2018; Idea deadline 19th November 2018.	