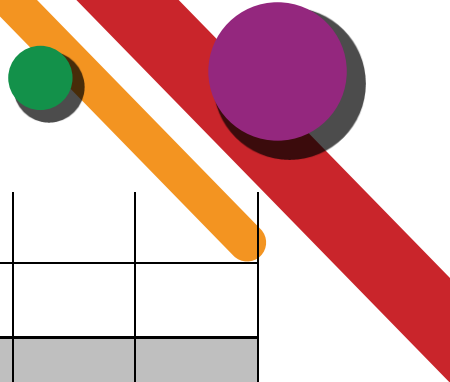




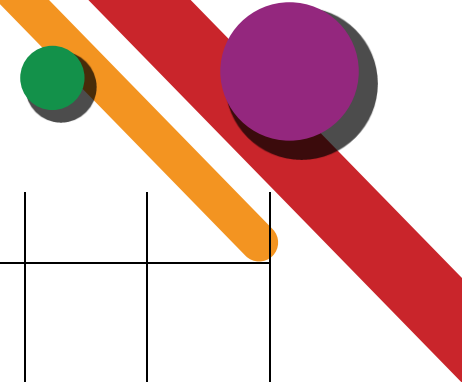
Minutes

Senedd
4/11/2019

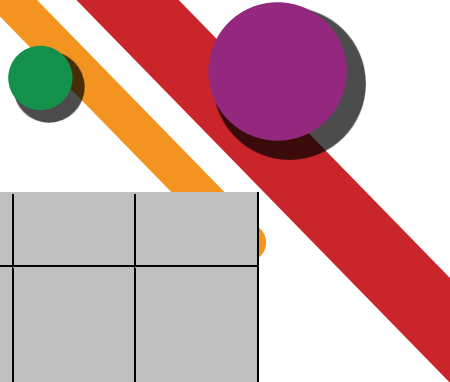
Agenda	Item	Notes	Voting Breakdown		
			Yes	No	Abstain
Welcome and Opening Remarks	The Union Chairperson welcomed everyone present at the meeting and provided an update on how the meeting was going to work.	16 Senedd Members were in attendance and the meeting was deemed quorate.			
	Apologies for Absence	Apologies received from Sophie Grave (Women's Officer) and Laurine Wang (International Students' Officer).			
	Approval of minutes from the previous Meeting	Minutes from 25/03/19 were reviewed.			
	Matters arising from the minutes	None			
Deputy Chair Election Pt 1	Candidates interested in standing to be the Deputy Chair were invited to come forward.	1 Candidate came forward, Richard Hodgetts (Mature Students' Officer).			
Officers' Report	Dhan Ramnatsing (President) provided a summary of the Officers' Report, which is available in the papers for the meeting.	Questions were received around the progression of Consent Training and the energy efficiency of the Pantycelyn refurbishment.			



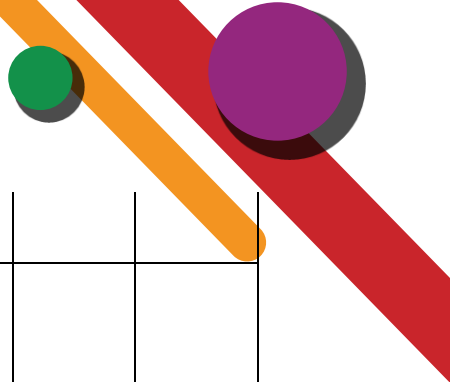
Deputy Chair Election Pt 2	Speeches	Richard gave a short speech to ask Senedd to elect him.			
	Vote	Richard is elected as the new Deputy Chair for Senedd.	100%		
Approval of External Trustee	Dhan provided a biography of the newly appointed external trustee, Debra Croft, and asked the meeting to ratify her appointment.	Debra is now a ratified External Trustee	100%		
Notification of Policies Lapsing	The document available outlined policies lapsing this year. Attendees were informed students must resubmit a lapsing policy to a Senedd or AGM for us to continue working on it.				
Senedd - Your Ideas	We discussed and voted upon the ideas that had been submitted to Senedd.				
1	Investment transparency and voting capacity for students (Ruth Hogg)				
	Proposer speech	Ruth Hogg presented the idea to Senedd			
	Amendment (Sivert Havso)	Ruth accepted the amendment proposed and Senedd proceeded to vote on the parts as outlined.			
	Vote to accept part 1	Accepted	81%	13%	6%
	Vote to accept part 2	Rejected	29%	64%	7%
	Back to Original Idea	The order of debate continued with the Idea now amended.			
	Questions (to proposer)	Questions included how much detail the listings should go into e.g. parent companies and whether this could effect the University's relationship with franchises such as Starbucks. It was agreed that should the idea pass, resources and			



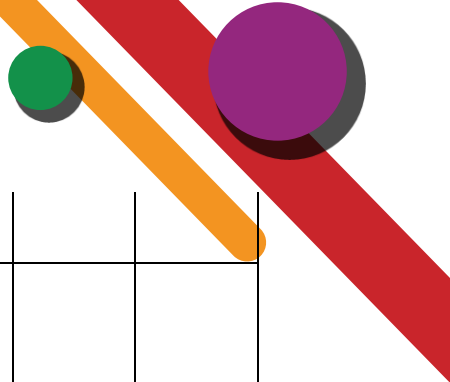
		practicality would have to be taken into account.			
	Invitation for additional speakers (for or against)	<p>Points against:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unlikely to achieve anything; students don't really care and have higher priorities <p>Points in favour:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive thing for students to be able to see Could inform an ethical investments policy and provide volunteering opportunities This could support and form part of our work on divestment from fossil fuels This would help students feel more in touch with the University This issue is a priority bigger than just the University. 			
	Vote	Passed	87%	13%	
2	Hold an Aberystwyth University Arts Festival! (Iris Kalian)				
	Proposer speech	Iris Kalian presented the idea to Senedd			
	Questions	<p>Questions included whether all societies would be able to take part, and how long the event should last.</p> <p>Answers made clear all students should be allowed to take part and we would work with groups to see who wants to be involved. The length of the event will</p>			



		depend on engagement but a one-day event to start would be good.			
	Invitation for additional speakers (for or against)	<p>Points against:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This doesn't seem to include non-arts-based societies e.g. Debating <p>Points in favour:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If student committees are involved and we can plan the logistics properly – why wouldn't we? It looks good for Aber University to celebrate the arts, as it doesn't get much love at the moment Working on similar things has shown a lot of support from University Staff, and they would likely be able to offer help and resources 			
	Vote	Passed	100%		
3	Healthcare for our Trans students (Lyra J Hawkins)				
	Proposer speech	Lyra J Hawkins presented the idea to Senedd			
	Questions	<p>Questions included identifying the 'wins' and what the SU could do to achieve this policy, as well as whether the responsibilities should be with health services or members of parliament (MPs).</p> <p>Answers explained that it would be an ongoing process with lots of little wins. Student Support Services has direct ties and meets regularly with Aberystwyth GP</p>			



		Practice heads. No response has been received yet from the local MP on this issue.			
	Invitation for additional speakers (for or against)	Points in favour: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There could be much better resources available such as training or links with other organisations • Things aren't great at the moment, and could definitely be better. • The three main areas of work would be physical health, mental health and working closely with the University. 			
	Vote	Passed	100%		
4	Sweatshop Free Campaign (Dhan Ramnatsing)				
	Proposer speech	Dhan Ramnatsing presented the idea to Senedd			
	Invitation for additional speakers (for or against)	Points in favour: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Really important to back this • Sweatshop workers face terrible conditions and are denied rights to unionise; Electronics Watch help these people help themselves. 			
	Vote		100%		
5	NUS Liberation Conference Policy (Mark Marshall)				
	Proposer speech	Mark Marshall presented the idea to Senedd			
	Questions	A question was received about the new laws coming in effecting Wales as a devolved nation. The answer clarified the laws should effect the UK as a whole, but we would			



		work with NUS and NUSW on devolved matters.			
	Invitation for additional speakers (for or against)	<p>Points against:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree with this, but against it being a 3-year policy – it doesn't ask the SU to do anything <p>Points in favour:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Really important step forward, we've all been let down by the system and this will ensure future students are taught about the existence of LGBTQ+ people • This idea would give a mandate from the SU to take the issue to national conferences and work with NUS 			
	Vote	Passed	69%	19%	13%
Any Other Business	Register to Vote in the General Election				