



University of St Andrews Students' Association Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes

Meeting on the 31st of October 2025

Starring of Agenda Items (*): At the beginning of the meeting attendees will be asked to indicate any agenda item which they would wish to be starred for discussion. However, if any attendee wishes a substantive discussion on a particular recommendation or item of business, they should so intimate to @unionexec as soon as possible.

Present: President of Union Affairs (Alice Hodges, PresAffs, Chair), President of Education (Emily Bannister, PresEd), President of Student Opportunities (RoMo, PresOpps), President of Wellbeing & Community (Alex Chun, PresWell), PGT President (Pierluigi, PGT Pres), Campaigns & Communications Intern (C&C, Fernanda Silveira Maia, Secretary)

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Chair's welcome
 - b. Apologies for absence : AU President (Amy Gordon), PGR President (Amy Hopkins)
2. Updates and Items for Discussion
 - a. **Chair's Introduction**
3. Introduction
 - 3a. The President of Union Affairs introduces the Campaign and Communications intern; Fernanda.
 - 3b. PresAffs explains the importance of everyone being on time to this meeting and the timely submission of agenda items to the C&C Intern when asked for them.
4. Projects and wins this week



- 4a. PresWell: Movember, reclaim the night, meeting with ACS and general policy meetings with the University
- 4b. PresEd attended the National Education Officers Network, planning the Undergraduate Academic Forum, Academic Representation Conference, and a Women Who Graduate event.
- 4c. PGT: PG forum, beacon Bar as postgrad space working with
- 4d. PresOpps: PG pier walk on St Leanord's Day to be filmed and photographed, direct affiliation process for all societies, to optimise communications, construction nearly completed for new St Andrews Radio (StAR) room
- 4e. PresAffs: SOSE campaign work, meetings with Herriot Watt, Edinburgh, Abertay and NUS about quotes from Unite Scotland, UCU and Unison. Planning for a Press Release and meetings with trade unions, Sustainability Leadership Meeting preparation.

5. Exec Committee membership under the new laws

- 5a. PresOpps differentiate the Exec team and the Exec Comm - when the exec has all three chairs elected will they be invited to join the Exec Committee which is what this meeting will be.
- 5b. PresEd informs that the only time we can democratically elect a chair from the education forum is February 2026 so that PostGrads have the opportunity to stand for the position.
- 5c By the end of the semester we will aim to have the structure of Executive Committee in place.
- 5d. PresAffs explains that it would be best that we include the chair position in the elections in February 2026, PresEd agrees.
- 5e. PresWell warns to not overwhelm the chairs as that has happened in the past to which PresAffs and PresEd agree and explain the new permanent staff structures will prevent this.
- 5g. Exec Comm expressed concern that they are the first team to live the Change Programme and that we need to refine their roles and remits before the next election in line with the new laws.
- 5h. ACTION POINT: The Exec Officers (PresAffs) will submit these items to Senior Leadership Team and have these thoughts in writing.

6. Any other relevant business

- 6a. PresWell invites the exec officers to Reclaim the night in November 24th;
- 6b. PresEd points out that the Exec community should support of the trans community and should also increase the visibility of the support. Both PresWell and PresEd agree that an example of action should be a draft of a formal email after consultation of relevant individuals and committees.



6c PresWell reminds the exec committee that they are waiting for legal and supreme court guidance on how to position themselves on non-negative cases;

6d. The Exec agrees that PresWell and Rachel can work together that the Committee supports all

6e. PresWell would like to change name of role from Wellbeing and Community to Wellbeing and Equality.

6f. PresAffs agrees and expresses that they should get to be “a line manager”, for their remit specifics such that Community relations and accommodation.

6g. PGT President also expresses the desire to have our remits better defined especially between PresEd and PG presidents so that there is a better line of understanding.

6j. PresAff explains in other business: Fright Night ticket claims, any student queries sent to Exec Officers should be forwarded to UnionComms@ - they have full control over how tickets are released and claimed.

6k. PresWell suggests that the officers take part in trend about positivity of one thing that makes you smile.

6l. PresOpps explains difference between Opportunities Exec (representation and policy) and Activities Team (practical actions group) and necessity to distinguish between the two. Activities Team has been completing both functions but PresOpps says this is unsustainable.

6m. Exec agree that both groups are necessary and that PresOpps should begin the distinction from Monday.

