



Strath Union AGM – Summary

Wednesday 20th January 2021, 14:00 – 15:30

Full minutes from this meeting will be published on the website shortly

1. Welcome from the Democracy Convenor and previous AGM Minutes (28th March 2019)

The Democracy Convenor welcomed attendees and confirmed quoracy (over 100 student members). The previous minutes were approved.

2. Strath Union Update from the President & Questions to Trustees

Kayla-Megan Burn, Strath Union President, presented highlights from the Union over the last year and set out next steps. Highlights included COVID-19 Scholarships, passing the Student Mental Health Agreement, and launching the StrathReps App.

3. Approval of Affiliations

Manish Joshi, Strath Union Chief Executive, presented the list of affiliations, which was approved.

4. Presentation of Strath Union Accounts

Emma Fair, Strath Union Deputy Chief Executive, presented a financial summary of Strath Union's Accounts up to 31.7.2020.

5. Policy Proposals

a. Strathclyde Wednesday Afternoon Policy Inclusionary Change for All Students

This policy, presented by Chris Chelich, advocates for the inclusion of Postgraduate Students in the University's Wednesday Afternoon Policies. Following discussion around exceptions to the current policy, this policy was **passed**

b. Demanding Justice for Students

This policy, presented by Benn Rapson, VP Welfare, mandates the Union to lobby the university on tuition fee discounts, no-detriment policy, and additional support for students during the COVID-19 pandemic. There was some discussion about what additional funding would be used for and whether more could be done. This policy was also **passed**.

c. End the use of NDAs in cases of sexual misconduct

Rachel Cairns, VP Inclusion, presented this policy to go to NUS National and Scotland Conference. The policy sets out plans for NUS to lobby parliament and other organisations to explicitly prohibit the use of non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) in cases where students raise concerns about sexual misconduct. This

policy was **passed** and will be submitted to NUS National and Scotland Conferences for consideration.

The Democracy Convenor announced the winners of the prize draw, which were Chris Chelich, Aspen Lynch, and Lucy Paton.

6. Discussion items

The attendees briefly discussed the following topics, though this discussion was limited as the meeting had overran.

- a. What should Strath Union look like?
- b. No Detriment Policy
- c. Rent Rebates for Halls Students
- d. COVID-19 Specific Student Welfare

The Democracy Convenor thanked everyone for attending, noting the large turnout.

If you have any questions about the AGM, please feel free to get in touch at strathunion.dem@strath.ac.uk