

Extraordinary Student Parliament

Date: 22nd September 2026 Time: 17:00-18:30 Location: Level 8, Strath Union

Attendees			
Present			
Lateefah Isegen	Student Democracy Facilitator (chair)	Omowonuola Esther Diya	Women's Equality Officer
Callum Denton	Activities President	Joseph Kean	LGBTQ+ Equality Officer
Jo Fitzpatrick	Inclusion President	Ali Imran	Race Equality Officer
Lucia Gil Dorta	Education President	Jay McKee	Disability Equality Officer
Tilly Galvin	Sports President	Mohammed Musthaleeb	Science PGT Faculty Rep
Fraser Brown	Union President	Mattheos Perakis	Business UG Faculty Rep
Brodie Thomson	HaSS UG Faculty Rep	Abhishek Guda	Business PGT Faculty Rep
Saadia Bashir	HaSS PGT Faculty Rep	Mateusz Spitziar	Engineering UG Faculty Rep
Phyllis Trelli	HaSS PGR Faculty Rep	Aakanksha Dubey	Engineering PGT Faculty Rep
Alexandru Florea	Science UG Faculty Rep	Arslan Anwar	Engineering PGR Faculty Rep
Apologies			
Cameron Ward	Science PGR Faculty Rep	Qawiyah Tejumola	Business PGR Faculty Rep
Absent			
Sofi Zhaxylykova	International Students Officer		
Staff Support			
Alison McNaughton	Voice Manager	Leo Siebert	Voice Coordinator
Morna Simpkins	CEO		

Welcome & Introductions
Welcome to Student Parliament The chair introduced the agenda, welcomed attendees, and asked attendees to introduce themselves.
Members present and Apologies The meeting is quorate with 19 voting members present and two apologies noted.
Declarations of interest HaSS PGR Faculty Rep declared her involvement in the preparation of the Democracy Review in her staff role as Democracy Assistant.

General Updates and Follow-Ups
Outstanding <u>minutes</u> and actions from the previous meeting - Education President informed Parliament that the Climate Action Group is in the process of restarting. There is a proposed collaboration between the group and societies including the Sustainability, Social Awareness and Responsibility society. Meeting scheduled for 23rd September with university representatives from Sustainable Strathclyde and interested students, including officers and members of the Climate Action Group. - No update was available on resubmittal of the HEAR We Go policy, so this action is outstanding for the next meeting.

Approval of minutes

Student Parliament voted in favour of approving minutes from the previous meeting of Student Parliament.

Officer Updates and Questions

Update from Activities President

The last Societies Executive meeting affiliated six new societies and approved numerous welcome grants. Next Socs Exec meeting is on 23rd September, discussing more new society affiliations. Operation seasonal sparkle part two is coming soon and cultural societies interested should reach out. Talks with the Careers services on student employment opportunities are underway and going well.

Update from Education President

The Academic Representation Policy has been approved after being reviewed by staff, faculty reps and Student Experience Committee. The Climate Action Group is getting back up and running, and an Ethical Divestment Policy Workshop is taking place on 30th September 4-6pm. Personal Circumstances has been reformed as Tell Strathclyde, with a centralised process around reporting personal circumstances, clearer communication around circumstances and how to alert the university. All officers were encouraged to signpost students to the new site.

Update from Inclusion President

Jo supported inclusion-related sessions for Sports and Societies committees. Freshers' activities went well, including supporting Equality Officer drop-ins and International Student Induction. A second International Student Induction will take place in a few weeks' time. The first Equality and Inclusion Committee meeting on 21st September went well. Accessibility guidance for societies has been published and feedback is welcome. Also working on a bank of resources for getting involved in campaign activity and planning bystander training. If anyone has any questions about the Strategic Alliance Framework point around visible trans inclusion, support for international students and campus implementations please contact Jo.

Update from Sports President

The Sports Fair, Come and Try, and committee training day all went very well, and the impact of committee training is visible through the implementation of early intervention measures like disciplinaries in sports clubs. Attended as many Come and Try sessions as possible – made it to 12 and these will appear on Sports Union Instagram. Continuing to build on the Sports Union Get Active Fund that previous Sports President implemented. Student voice survey on Stepps playing field is in progress. Aiming to attend a training session from every club this year, gathering and sharing best practices across clubs. Star of the Month will feature on Instagram, highlighting activity like fundraising and coaching. Men's rugby raised over 15000 in sponsorship and will share best practice at the next week's general meeting.

Update from Union President

Continuing to embed visibility for himself and the Union through drop-ins, events at Freshers', inauguration speeches, and more.
Drafting the Strategic Alliance Framework (yearly agreement with university) including the

agreement itself and the project to redevelop the chaplaincy with student input into honorary chaplains.

Promoting students' use of the Union in various ways with the goal to get more students into the Union – including making it a welcoming place for LGBT+ community through events such as the Big Gay Quiz and Drag Bingo.

Also continuing to research and campaign for an increase to the block grant received by the University which has not been increased in several years.

Proposal to amend the Schedules

Item

Presentation of [Proposal](#)

Voice staff presented the proposed changes to the Meetings & Standing Orders Schedule.

Questions and discussion

Questions were asked around the transparency or anonymity of co-signatories, who makes the decision on which President is assigned to which policy, and how already standing policies are assigned to Presidents.

Staff clarified that these details are not covered in the Schedules so can be decided jointly and flexibly, planning to remove barriers to students signing motion proposals wherever possible and considering Presidents' remits for aligning motions.

Vote on Proposal

The proposal passed with 15 votes in favour, 1 vote against, and 3 abstentions. The proposal will now be presented to the Trustee Board and if passed there, implemented going forward.

Any Other Business and Conclusion

Upcoming events of interest

October is Black History Month with various events taking place at the Union.

The Divestment Workshop is taking place on Wednesday, 30th September, 4pm on Level 8 of the Union.

Any Other Competent Business

The Chair informed attendees that going forward, updates from Parliament will be shared in a new "Parliament Post" format. Attendees were keen to share these online and in their academic spaces.

Date of next Student Parliament: Thursday, 15th October 2026