

Minutes
Student Parliament 5
Tuesday 31 March 2026
Level 8 Open Space, Strathclyde Students' Union

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Democracy Convenor

- a. Members Present: President, VP Community, VP Education, VP Inclusion, Faculty Rep Business PGT, Faculty Rep Business PGR, Faculty Rep Engineering UG Elect, Faculty Rep Engineering PGR, Faculty Rep HaSS PGT, Faculty Rep HaSS PGR, Faculty Rep Science UG, Faculty Rep Science UG Elect, Faculty Rep HaSS UG Elect, Faculty Rep Science PGT, Faculty Rep Science PGR, Faculty Rep Business UG Elect, Democracy Convenor, Disabled Students' Rep, LGBT+ Rep, Halls Rep, Interfaith Rep, Part-time Students' Rep
- b. Staff: Alison McNaughton, Leo Siebert, Morna Simpkins
- c. Apologies: VP Sport, Faculty Rep Engineering UG, Faculty Rep HaSS UG, BAME Rep
- d. Absentees: Faculty Rep Business UG, Faculty Rep Engineering PGT, Women's Rep
- e. Minutes and Matters Arising
 - i. Minutes from Student Parliament 4 were approved.

2. Reports

Exec

- a. President
 - Scottish Election Civic Campaign: Making sure students know how to vote, that they know how to vote in an informed manner, and know how to register to vote. Setting up events including Student Hustings taking place on 23rd April with 6 political parties represented. Questions can be submitted soon. Candidate lunch sessions will be held 21st and 22nd April. Also booked tour of Glasgow City Council for students.
 - Strategic Alliance Framework: Campus Campaigns Forum to connect Uni departments and Union for events such as LGBT History Month, Black History Month
 - Rural Challenges Working Group unable to go ahead, but students from rural areas are covered under Widening Access funding
 - Gaelic Language Plan is being restarted and implementation group is being set up
 - NUS Scotland Elections: New NUS Scotland President, Justine Pedussel, has been elected
 - LGBTQ+ History month was successful, looking forwards Pride 2026
 - Court: 2 new committees for Union President to join have been created. Also involved in recruitment of Lay Member for Court
- b. Vice-President Community

- Seasonal Sparkle: Has been completed, Chinese New Year Celebrations were successful and lovely to see different cultures
- Wellbeing Fair took place with arts and crafts and wellbeing events in Strath Union, Sports Union, and Halls
- STAR Awards coming up 21st May with a tropical theme

c. Vice-President Education

- Representation Policy was submitted to Student Experience Committee, will now go to Quality and Assurance Committee to improve Student Representation across University and to accurately reflect current work, also improving PGR Representation and having named contacts for different aspects of student representation in departments and faculties
- Survey is going out for programme reps and department staff on their experience of student representation, aim of gaining qualitative data
- TQER was published so taking actions on this forward, particularly on PGRs
- Data gathering on working experience and industry connections in curricula across the University
- Teaching Excellence Awards: nominations closing midnight 31 March, signup for panels for reps are open
- Sustainability Week is ongoing
- Digital Badges discussion started
- Education Committee discussing PG Cert and Awards/Review letters

d. Vice-President Inclusion

- Trustee Board Away Day was very positive
- Race and Equality Charter submitted, with the hope of university accreditation to this body
- Met with NUS Scotland candidates and voted in NUS Scotland election
- Attendance of committees: Security of campus, accessibility for physical disabilities – university plans to add this to the app, VPI meeting with library to discuss what new books are purchased
- Involved in improving Strath App in terms of accessibility features, e.g. colourblindness
- Exploring visa issues with late arrivals and possibilities of exam board flexibility
- Successful Cultural Week, very well-attended

e. Vice-President Sport

No update received.

3. Policies due to lapse

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a. HEAR We Go

Working group interest expressed from Lucia, Saadia, and Brodie.

Concerns raised from President whether policy is still up to date around the HEAR structure. VP Education raised that there is a similar project ongoing around Digital Badges which is separate to HEAR.

Parliament voted to rework the policy before resubmitting it in the next Student Parliament.

- b. Make the consent module mandatory for all students

Motion was not retained as its actions are already fully implemented.

- c. Calling for the Support of the Strath Union for the Strathclyde Climate Assembly Agenda

Parliament noted that there was currently no active Climate Emergency Action Group and there was no Climate Assembly held in the last two years. Concerns were raised about the policy not being workable in its current shape.

Parliament therefore let the motion lapse.

Parliament voted for the Executive Team to liaise with green initiatives around campus with the aim to establish a new Climate Change Action Group.

4. AOCB

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Student Parliament reps were encouraged to join the Teaching Excellence Award panels.