Union President Report to Parliament / 15th October 2026

A high-level report on the activity undertaken on committees chaired by the Union President; Weekly Executive Meeting + Strath Union Board of Trustees.

This paper will be taken as read, and any questions please direct them to the Union President at Student Parliament, or in their absence email them at strathunion.unionpresident@strath.ac.uk.

Weekly Executive Meeting

w/b 15th June – w/b 12th October

Academic Representation Policy

- Written and presented throughout the committee structures of the University.
- Inputting student data into a policy, alongwith pre-existing staff data

Action Group Activity

- General auditing; setting up STAR and Climate Emergency Action Group
- Climate Emergency Action Group creation co-ordination between officers and students
- Engagement between Action Groups and University facilitated by Strath Union

Anti-Immigration Protests in Glasgow

- Correspondence with University communications teams on how to communication with students which support services they have access to as a member of Strathclyde's community.
- General Executive statement on support services for students in difficult times and environment

Ball Planning Resources

- Early consultation of society committee members to create a resource for societies to use to plan balls

Block Grant Research

- Sector research and analysis to see trends of block grant movement
- Conversations and meeting with other similar sized SU's to discuss block grants
- How Strath Union can use engagement figures towards pitching for a larger grant

EHRC Activity

- Meetings and consultations with University on how it plans to implement EHRC guidance

- Discussions with the University on showing support to trans students who may be concerned during this period of EHRC consultation

Ethical Investment Policy

- Keeping the University accountable for the policy included in past two SAF agreements
- Facilitating workshops on divestment including a variety of student groups

Fight for the Night

- Inclusion President as Lead Organiser, as well as other union/association outreach towards engagement and attendance
- "Not In Our Name: Not On Our Campus" as a theme

Freshers Activity

- Executive appearances at Freshers and who's where when
- Band Soc performance at Freshers
- Disability + Wellbeing transition presentations

James Blyth Redevelopment

- Now moved into the procurement stage of the build; still expectation that students will be consulted in design stage

LGBTQ+ Activities

- No official Glasgow Pride activity at Strath Union
- *No Pride in Genocide* engagement by Inclusion President which received a rude and standoff-ish response; instead encouraged students to attend the bloc out with of official channels.
- The Big Gay Quiz as a commercial event to make a larger queer night at Strath Union alongside Drag Bingo

Remit + Responsibility of Weekly Executive Meeting

- Mandatory meeting, no last-minute cancellations or hybrid, individual Executive updates, committee allocations and step-ins, as well as Strategic Alliance Framework.

Sports Conferences

- Sports President elected Chair of the SSS sabbatical forum
- Discussions in BUCS on: Anti-Racist Toolkit, hazing culture, repeat offenders

Society Engagement

- Society spotlight set up + posting
- Promoting the Societies Executive more widely within the societies sphere

Sports Union Committee Training Day

- Planning and guest speakers

Strategic Alliance Framework 26/27

- Drafting of the SAF visions and deliverables, as well as consultation with relevant University staff and departments.
- Implementing feedback given from SAF 25/26, particularly on early University stakeholder engagement
- Increasing Executive knowledge of University staff/systems in advance of SAF consultations
- Presentation to the University Executive Team for feedback

Strath Star of the Month

- The development of showcasing individuals who have taken part in non-performance-based actions
- Successful first month, and applications in early for the next

Student Partnership Agreement

- Drafting of this crucial agreement for student voice; drafting its framework
- University committees will be asked to report on how student voice was consulted

SUMSA Movement

- Tracking the move from St Paul's to Graham Hills; engagement with SUMSA and University

Trade Union Engagement

- Meeting with UCU, Unison, and Unite representatives; discussion of voluntary severance activity and consequences within the University.

TurnItIn

- Ensuring the University will be allowing student writing to be used for AI training without their direct permission – the University's version of TurnItIn does not allow this

Wednesday Afternoon Policy

- Continuing striving for fair implementation; having it referenced in SAF 26/27
- Discussion of failings already within this academic year

Visa-Related Support

- Support on late arrivals, information for international students, welcoming spaces, and statement drafting -> turning into a SAF vision

The Board of Trustees

The Union President has chaired the first Board of Trustees meeting of this academic year.

- *The Board of Trustees is at full complement; no vacancies of any student or external trustees*
- *The most recent meeting of the Board of Trustees was on the 5th October 2026.*

- *No RESERVED business can be shared out with of the formal Board of Trustee meetings*

Board Charter

- The Board approved a Board Charter designed to lay out how meetings will be conducted and individuals respect each other's contributions
- This was created as a result of the Board of Trustee strategy day

Democracy Review

- The Board of Trustees received an update on the Democracy Review's current stage on the topics of officer accountability and policy within Student Parliament
- The Board of Trustees approved the changes to the Schedules and Articles following an addition which will be voted on in Student Parliament

EHRC

- The Board of Trustees received an update from the CEO on how the Union is reacting and complying with EHRC guidance
- There have been no significant actions needed taken, but the Union continues to campaign on equality and inclusion of trans students

Executive Updates + Strategic Alliance Framework

- The Board of Trustees received a report from each member of the Student Executive on their manifestos and activity
- Executive Officers reported on their activity tying into the Strategic Alliance Framework and Strath Union's Strategy

Freshers Update

- The Board of Trustees received an update from the Union's Head of Marketing on Freshers
- This presentation detailed engagement with the Union during Freshers' Week, events undertaken, and opportunities emerging as a result of commercial and marketing activity

Martyn's Law

- The Board of Trustees received an update from the CEO regarding potential implications of Martyn's Law which sees future legal implementation

Onboarding of New Trustees

- New trustees underwent training on legal responsibilities surrounding their roles
- Three new student executive trustees; one new external trustee; one new student trustee

Risk Register

- The Board of Trustees received a copy of a new risk register from the CEO and approved it along with an updated register at the next meeting of the Board.