**Agenda** 

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| **Meeting** | **Union Council** |
| **Date** | 6th of March 2025; 1700 |
| **Location** | Lecture Theatre 3 |
| **Status** | Open |

**Useful Information:**

***Code of Conduct***

All students are members of the union, and so should behave appropriately in line with our Code of Conduct.

<https://www.ueasu.org/union/memberscodeofconduct/>

***Expenses***

Remember – the Union (of UEA Students) may be able to reimburse you for travel or career expenses that you incur attending this meeting. Please contact [su.voice@uea.ac.uk](mailto:su.voice@uea.ac.uk) for more details.

<https://www.ueasu.org/democracy/unioncouncil/councilinfo/>

***Articles of Association and Bye-Laws***

The Union’s governing document, the Articles of Association, and it rule book, the Bye-Laws, can be found online.

<https://www.ueasu.org/union/governance/constitution/>

***Support for writing policy***

Information on how to write policy and the policy template is available online.

<https://www.ueasu.org/democracy/unioncouncil/writingpolicy/>

***How to access the online writing policy***

If you cannot attend in person on Thursday and would like to use the online facility, please join via the Teams link in your Outlook calendar. If you have any issues accessing this, please email [su.voice@uea.ac.uk.](mailto:su.voice@uea.ac.uk)

***Attendance***

The full list of union councillors can be found online.

<https://www.ueasu.org/democracy/unioncouncil/listofunioncouncillors/>

***Quorum***

“1.15 Business shall not be conducted by the Union Council: 1.15.1 unless over 40 representatives are present at a meeting;”

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| **Section A - Housekeeping** | |
| **UC 059** | **Statements from the Deputy Chair**  To receive statements from the Deputy Chair. |
| **UC 060** | **Election of Chair**  To elect a Chair of Union Council. |
| **UC 061** | **Approval of minutes of the previous meeting**  Approve or make amendments to the Minutes.  The previous meeting was held on the [6th of February 2025](https://ueanorwich-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/afg21ubu_uea_ac_uk/EWg_zaRp0ZBBjg8fdVaPX3gB5uLgpuS0UzS1_Mx7TwkzcA?e=HA5qKc). |
| **UC 062** | **Matters arising**  To consider any matters arising. |
| **UC 063** | **Approval of Society and Peer Groups**  To approve new Student Groups.   * [African Caribbean Queer Society](https://ueanorwich.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/uueas_studentopportunities/EQBEPPjTIcRNtBllvyjelQoB6d8KTPufVGFUoUTG6nXQYQ?e=HuI1Jg)   Our mission is to create an inclusive, safe, and affirming environment that champions Black/ Afro-Caribbean LGBTQIA+ identities fostering community, support, and education to initiate a calm approach to unique challenges faced by queer people in our communities. We recognise that being black and queer can feel lonely, so this society aims to bridge that gap by embracing every voice, journey, and experience.   * [UEA Anaesthetics and Critical Care Society](https://ueanorwich.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/uueas_studentopportunities/EeoA1UZ1KtlEsag98_3e-ZEBL8vJD5BBVbM8SNUGiddV3g?e=GhChOb)   This society aims to raise awareness and encourage interest in these specialties, as described above. We will then bring together students with a shared interest in anaesthetics and/or intensive care medicine. We will provide information and talks about this career pathway and specialty, and practical skills sessions to practice important clinical skills.   * [Women in STEM UEA (WIS UEA)](https://ueanorwich.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/uueas_studentopportunities/ESI_EJzcQSFKsQYFxYW5yoAB6C1ZEdJIEpRYoZUfyiEWHw?e=E2ZpzG)   Our Society is dedicated to creating a strong, supportive and inclusive community for women in STEM. Our mission is to create a space where members can connect, share their individual experiences, and navigate challenges in their fields. Through career talks by industry professionals, skill workshops, and providing opportunities to connect and collaborate on external projects, we aim to empower women in their STEM journeys. Our goal is to increase awareness by advocating for gender diversity and equip members with the confidence and knowledge to achieve a successful career in their respective fields.   * [IIH Society](https://ueanorwich.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/uueas_studentopportunities/Efe4uY3VhS9Oq1AOHuuCN9kB7OKCZDYOUkXuYj6zY8UyOQ)   We want to provide a space for IIH students to socialise, as well as to make friends across the cohorts. Repeatedly Liberal Arts and Foundation Year students feel a lack of a sense of belonging, due to us dipping in and out of different schools. Furthermore, we want to offer peer support and foster long term university success. |
| **Section B - Reports** | |
| **UC 064** | **Student Officer Committee Report**  The elected Student Officers meet as the Student Officer Committee (SOC) where they decide on how to run campaigns and on how to implement the policies passed by Union Council. This section is your chance to scrutinise the work of SOC and to hold the Student Officers to account for the work they have been doing on your behalf.  [Click here to view the SOC report](https://ueanorwich-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/afg21ubu_uea_ac_uk/Efw70axut29FkSgwgVRoQG0B6Cs9dSBOZHDAV4BiI9JIjg?e=ydDXe3)  A verbal question time by the Chair of SOC.  Approved minutes of all meetings of SOC can be viewed online  [Student Officers (ueasu.org)](https://www.ueasu.org/officers/) |
| **UC 065** | **Trustee Board Report**  The Trustee Board is the governing body of the Union and is responsible for setting the strategy of the Union, ensuring its good governance, overseeing its financial performance and its legal compliance. The Board is made up of Full Time Officer Trustees, Student Trustees elected by Union Council and four external expert Trustees. As the Chair is external, the Deputy Chair who is a Full Time Officer Trustee reports to Council and you can scrutinise the work of the Trustees and hold them to account.  The written report will be sent to all Councillors ahead of the Union Council meeting.  Approved minutes of all meetings of the Board can be viewed online.  [Trustee Board Documents (ueasu.org)](https://www.ueasu.org/union/governance/trusteeboarddocuments/) |
| **UC 066** | **Full-Time Officer Reports**  An opportunity for Students to ask Officers on their written report.  **Activities and Opportunities Officer – Olivia Hunt**  [Click here to view the Officer Update](https://ueanorwich-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/afg21ubu_uea_ac_uk/EffHJ-SUuo9KlLO8qAnnEBgBx2EdZzmuY4FCtbBB5vmEnw?e=OjEMga)  **Campaigns and Democracy Officer – Chris Kershaw**  [Click here to view the Officer Update](https://ueanorwich-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/afg21ubu_uea_ac_uk/EZavSIKhKQlHqNx2voEcQI0BHS4BxwTkXIs5gbpjYDtGlw?e=hFhyfk)  **Postgraduate Officer – Bhaskar Bukkanahalli Shivanna**  [Click here to view the Officer Update](https://ueanorwich-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/afg21ubu_uea_ac_uk/EafyzEvL73pEkPO62BAk1u4BZquAcjH1JejcaleYnNFuiQ?e=zzfHxV)  **Undergraduate Education Officer – Rebekah Temple-Fielder**  [Click here to view the Officer Update](https://ueanorwich-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/afg21ubu_uea_ac_uk/EVfMzv-gMjlPm8PQSoof-mYBLZ1O0N1c3ffe1QSSzGwj5A?e=DByE9a)  **Welfare, Community & Diversity Officer – Nathan Wyatt**  [Click here to view the Officer Update](https://ueanorwich-my.sharepoint.com/:i:/g/personal/afg21ubu_uea_ac_uk/Ec1tcnSdFSxLhcQCUqUZa_0BI-aQr4-WNELL_WHpnOZ6IQ?e=VNrfFu)  **Non-Portfolio Officer – Sam Pyle**  No report submitted.  **Non-Portfolio Officer – Hannah Foley**  No report submitted.  **Non-Portfolio Officer – Ahsan Ahmad**  No report submitted.  **Ethical Issues Officer – Bianca Chiciudean**  No report submitted.  **International (EU) Officer – Nayana Chandra**  No report submitted.  **International (Non-EU) Officer – Ali Sabba**  No report submitted.  **Environment Officer – Oscar Welchman**  No report submitted.  **Women’s Officer – Alicia Khuttan**  No report submitted.  **Invisible Disabilities Officer – Chelsea Hishon**  No report submitted.  **Physical Disabilities Officer – Hermione Guymer**  No report submitted.  **People of Colour Officer – Nadia Eweiss**  No report submitted.  **Black Students Officer – Lydiah Malova**  No report submitted.  **Mature Students Officer – Chelsea Hishon**  No report submitted.  **LGBTQ+ (Open Place) Officer – Matthew Shields**  No report submitted.  **LGBTQ+ (Trans + Non-Binary Place) Officer – Thea Glover**  No report submitted.  Any Officer updates can be found online.  [Officer Updates (ueasu.org)](https://www.ueasu.org/officers/officer-updates/) |
| **UC 067** | **Selection of Union Council representative**  To select a Union Councillor to go to NUS England Conference on April 3rd as a representative with Nathan.  For more information, please get in contact with Nathan. |
| **Section C – Open Discussion** | |
| **UC 068** | **Open Discussion Topics: Potential upcoming Strikes**  Time set for group discussion and direct student consultation that can ultimately influence policy and Union strategy. Union Council representatives may request items for open discussion with the Chair before the agenda deadline.  For this meeting we will be looking at: Upcoming Strikes lead by UCU representatives. |
| **Section D – Policy Making** | |
| If you would look to propose an amendment to any of the resolutions, please send it to proper and the Chair at the earliest opportunity before the meeting to see if the proposer is willing to incorporate it into their resolution. Please email your amendment to [su.voice@uea.ac.uk](mailto:su.voice@uea.ac.uk) and inform us whether it was accepted or rejected by the proposer. The deadline for amendments is 48 ours before the start of the meeting.  All current Union Policy is available online [Union Policy (ueasu.org)](https://www.ueasu.org/democracy/unionpolicy/) | |
| **UC 069** | **Confer lifetime membership to former Activities and Opportunities Officer Luke Johnson**  All officers and trustees, upon completion of their term of office, are given Honorary Lifetime Membership to the SU for periods over one year. Luke was A&O for ten months and narrowly missed the threshold! However, given his achievements in the role this should be conferred on to him regardless.  [Click here to view the Motion](https://ueanorwich-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/afg21ubu_uea_ac_uk/EQuYszjA-BlIlsQJ1JlaIyYBV5RXTQjZhsHrb0ETMskFJw?e=DmcizV) |
| **UC 070** | **Amendment to General Group Meeting Byelaws 9.28 - 9.31**  This motion seeks to amend Byelaw 9.28-9.31 to bring the language and structure in line with current practices, improve clarity and inclusivity, and reflect practical implementation for Student Opportunity Groups.  [Click here to view the Motion](https://ueanorwich-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/afg21ubu_uea_ac_uk/EexHng5TOD5AnYZ9Btr13kwBtbKTL-weS3UzNkFf4MzKtA?e=59yEOl) |
| **Section E – Any Other Business** | |
| **UC 071** | **Any Other Business**  Any other business items are matters which representatives could not have become aware of before the agenda deadline. These items can be requested from the Chair up to 24 hours before the start of the meeting. |
| **UC 072** | **Next Meeting**  The next meeting is held on the 3rd of April 2025.  The deadline for agenda items to this meeting is 5pm on the 21st of March 2025.  Any agenda items must be sent to [union.council@uea.ac.uk](mailto:union.council@uea.ac.uk). |