



University of Suffolk Students' Union  
Student Council Meeting Agenda  
28<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
Held in Paddy & Scott's and Teams

**Attendees:** Amy Lallyette, Angelina Klein, Anuoluwapo Hannah Akintunde, Atharv Naphde, Baki Zeqaj, Blake Carpenter, Bryony Preston, Cindy Ajetomobi, Claudia Moate, Devanshi Kashyap, Emily Ball, Emma Green, Evelyn Dixon-Minter, Florence Durrant, Georgia Bareham, Grace Pearson, Joshua Grimwood, Kat Meshera, Katie Smith, Keira French, Kelvin Ng, Lee-Ann Durrant, Madeleine Young, Mars Hardy, Mia-Nicole Brown, Mihai Tasi, Naomi Deane, Nono Dhliwayo, Owen Wills, Patrick Cartwright, Pim Van Doorn, Rhianna Morris, Riley Jacobs, Rita Semedo Sambe, Rowan Pollard, Ruth Gardner, Sam Rumsey, Sean Lowe, Shannon Pilsworth, Thea Irvine, Veronica Tatarciuc, Yinka Ogundele

**Chair:** Shannon Pilsworth

**Minutes:** Kobbie Agyemang

### 1. Introduction to Council and Members

**Kobbie Agyemang (Student Voice Coordinator)** welcomed attendees and acknowledged the presence of **Dionne Walton (CEO)**.

**Dionne Walton** noted she would observe and keep participation minimal as the meeting was student focused.

### 2. Election of Chair

**Shannon Pilsworth** nominated herself.

No other nominations received.

**Kobbie Agyemang** confirmed that Shannon, Business, Arts, Technology and Social Sciences Officer, would chair the meeting.

**Vote approved unanimously.**

### 3. Approval of New Trustees

**Mia-Nicole Brown** introduced newly appointed trustees: Sophie, Stella, Ryan and Florence.

**Shannon Pilsworth** conducted an online and in person vote: approved, against, abstain.

**Veronica Tatarciuc** asked how to know who they are voting for if they have never met them.

**Lee-Ann Durrant** explained that papers had been circulated before the meeting to give details about the trustees and the motion.

**Vote result: unanimous approval from attendees both in-person and online.**

#### **4. Parking Motion**

Deferred to All Members Meeting (AMM) in December, as key proposers (Betty and Kiki) were absent.

#### **5. Presidents' Updates**

**Mia-Nicole Brown:** Completed summer training, took part in residential, Participated in NUS Lead and Change programme, completed Welcome Week events, launched Black History Month events, completed trustee training and attended board meetings

**Lee-Ann Durrant:** Completed trustee training and attended board meetings, Participated in NUS Lead and Change programme, Networking and strategic collaborations with councils and Suffolk Archives for student engagement and volunteering opportunities, Managed Welcome Week/Welcome Back Week events and digital engagement via social media, promoted new uniforms for student officers to enhance visibility.

**Both referred to paper they submitted in agenda.**

**Shannon Pilsworth** asked room if there were any questions after the updates.

**No questions asked**

#### **6. Part-time Officer Updates**

**Mars Hardy:** Focused on networking; planning to restart wellbeing walks for Social Sciences students, asked for anyone under the Bast school to please give concerns to them.

**Katie Smith:** Student with Caring Responsibilities Officer; Had progress with university on awareness and advocacy for students with care responsibilities during time in the role, emphasized need for more representation – felt positive about election of new postgraduate officer. Feels positive about structure of new SU team.

**Grace Pearson:** Newly elected Postgraduate Officer; elected last Friday, no updates yet.

**Baki Zeqaj:** Mature Students Officer; invited concerns/proposals from students([s256891@uos.ac.uk](mailto:s256891@uos.ac.uk)); will distribute posters for contact information, hopes to have more to report on next time.

**Emma Green:** Women's Officer; Working on reclaim the night which will take place in November – more information to come out on social media or on Brightspace, also planning a collaboration with Suffolk Sister Solace to support and empower women from underrepresented backgrounds, anyone has any questions or feedback and just want or just wants to chat, just drop her an e-mail – s234106@uos.ac.uk

**Shannon Pilsworth:** BAST Officer; No major updates, attended training – found it very thought out and presented very well so thanked Kobbie and Lindsay. Planning future events to meet more students.

Floor opened for questions

**Katie** asked **Shannon** about any events she had in the works

**Shannon** replied saying she had a Halloween event that had to be cancelled due to low number of sign-ups, however if she put more time into promotion she hoped more would participate in a future event.

## 7. Sport/Society President Updates

**Badminton Club:** Newly started; sessions Thursdays 5–6 PM; equipment provided; casual and open to all skill levels.

**Men's Football:** Secured sponsorship (AJ Men's Spa) for kit; two games played, catching up in league.

**Women's Football:** 10 sessions so far with Goals Ipswich; planning entry into 5-a-side league; designing new training kit, looking to join BUCS next year

**Women's Netball:** New sponsor (Caribbean Smokehouse) for kit; entered BUCS league; games mostly at home so far.

**Pole Fitness:** New instructor and studio; run four classes which have been successful "Give it a Go" sessions; next reset in January.

**LGBTQ+ Society:** Movie night held with high attendance numbers, growing membership, planning future events including participation in "Reclaim the Night."

**DND Society:** got good membership numbers after welcome, weekly sessions on Wednesdays; planning future events.

**Design & Illustration Society:** Launch events held with good turnout; planning collaborations with other societies.

**Christian Union:** Strong start with growing numbers; they provide weekly meals for students provided by fellow churches, advocating to keep chaplaincy open post-Christmas so looking for support, as well as campaigning for new chaplain as role will be vacant soon, planning Christmas event open to all, updates will be released on their Instagram page.

**African Caribbean Society (ACS):** Active in Black History Month with a range of different events, upcoming quiz in November, had very good membership numbers and turnout for events this year.

#### **8. By-election Results**

**Mia-Nicole Brown** announced that **Grace Pearson** had won the by-election that took place for Postgraduate Officer.

Congratulations extended; **Grace** to begin fulfilling officer duties immediately.

#### **9. Any Other Business**

**Dionne Walton:** Two upcoming student involvement opportunities:

1. Leadership workshop with local Year 12 students.
2. Feedback on the draft Student Union Strategy for next three years.

**Dionne** asked anyone looking to get involved to put a message on the teams chat or talk to her after the meeting in the room.

**Veronica** asked if university events for mature or commuting students were inclusive of their situations.

**Mia-Nicole Brown** confirmed events are scheduled after lectures, not during class, to accommodate commuting students.

Was also noted in meeting that Mature Officer Role was looking to meet as many students as possible and get feedback from them.

**Date of the next meeting: All Member Meeting - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 5pm –  
Location: TBD**

**END OF MEETING**

