



**University of Suffolk Students' Union  
All Members Meeting Agenda  
1<sup>st</sup> December 2025  
Held in WLT 1 and Teams**

**Attendees:** Oliver Blakeman, Abigail Hardin, Brogan Close, Zehra Tosun, Toludoyin Shopein, Shay Blowers, Atharv Naphde, Eddy Stevens, Ka Lok NG, Patrick Cartwright, Ruth Gardner, Josie Quinn, Angelina Klein, Spencer Foster, Maya Cory, Mars Hardy, Bethany Crosson, Mia-Nicole Brown, Lee Rutter, Lee-Ann Durrant, Rita Semedo, Olivia Bond, Devanshi Kashyap, Katie Smith, Clare Hemdane, Loz Todd, Nat Allin, Amelia Keus, Naomi Deane, Harriet Brown, Enioluwa Cindy, Rhianna Morris, Ruby Johnson, Allan Macpherson, Matilda Costley, Daly Petit, Fin Tate, Bathory Borden, Ethan Bruce, Owen Wills, Pim Van Doorn, Ruby Harrison Bannister, Kai Johnson, Kalsoom Ahmad, Wilma Asare, Danny Ampofo, Alexander Green, Lilith Camplin, Anuoluwapo Hannah, M Hilsden, Edward Hale, Niyam Purohit, Alex Le Ray, Sean Lowe, Sam Rumsey, Ian Aldous, Holly Newman, Jamie Brunswick, Em Winsor, Asma Modawi, Lauren Sandwell, Cameron Willet, Liam Moore, Lisamarie Nicholls, Briony Lewis, Joshua Grimwood

**Chair:** Shannon Pilsworth

**Minutes:** Kobbie Agyemang

## **1. Welcome and Introduction to Meeting**

**Shannon Pilsworth** opened the meeting and welcomed attendees joining both online and on campus.

**Shannon confirmed** that the meeting was **quorate**, with **over 50** student members in attendance across both formats.

Staff present included:

- Lindsey – Head of Engagement
- Moira – Marketing & Communications Manager
- Kobbie Agyemang – Student Voice Coordinator

## **2. Approval of Previous AMM Minutes**

**Shannon** asked members to approve the minutes from the previous AMM, which had been circulated in advance.

Voting took place in person and online.

**Vote Result:**

- Approved: Majority (23 in-room; 15 online – 38 total)

**Outcome:** Previous AMM minutes approved.

### **3. Approval of Affiliations**

Affiliations presented for approval:

- National Union of Students (NUS)
- British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS)
- Advice UK
- Wonkhe

Shannon conducted a vote both online and in-person.

#### **Vote Result:**

- Approved: Majority (27 in-room; 26 online – 53 total)
- Against: 0

**Outcome:** Affiliations approved.

### **4. Parking Motion**

#### **Introduction of Motion**

**Bethany** introduced the motion regarding parking issues impacting residents at Athena Hall.

#### **Key Concerns Raised**

- Significant increase in parking costs, with weekend free parking removed.
- RingGo app allows only single-day payments, increasing risk of fines.
- Students on placements finishing late at night face safety concerns walking to accommodations.
- Confusion caused by inconsistent signage and communication changes.
- High fine costs (£60 rising to £100).
- Students rely on cars due to care responsibilities, unsociable hours, or long placement shifts.

#### **Requested Actions**

- Reduced or concessionary rates for Athena Hall residents.

- Reinststate free or discounted weekend parking.
- Introduce a resident parking permit system.
- Allow multi-day RingGo payments.
- Improve clarity and consistency of parking rules.

### **Discussion and Questions**

- Clarification sought around overnight parking rules and recent signage changes.
- Bethany explained that Athena Hall management, Ipserve, and Ipswich Borough Council had communicated updates inconsistently.
- Safety concerns were emphasised by multiple attendees.

### **Vote Result:**

- Approved: Majority (26 in-room; 17 online – 43 total)
- Against: 0

**Outcome:** Motion approved.

## **5. Trustees' Report**

Lindsey delivered an update on behalf of the Trustee Board.

### **Key Points**

- Several new trustees appointed, bringing expertise in HR, finance, and governance.
- Student Trustee Florence newly appointed; one student trustee vacancy remains.
- New subcommittees for HR and Finance & Governance launching in January.
- Increased reserves to £200,000, placing the SU in a secure financial position.
- Democracy Review underway with the Good Governance Institute observing the AMM.
- Strategy development ongoing, informed by student feedback from welcome period.

No questions raised.

## **6. Annual Accounts of the Union**

Lindsey presented the annual accounts.

### **Highlights**

- Year-end surplus of **£57,700**.
- Total income **£635,654** vs expected **£577,000**.

- Reserves now **£200,000**, meeting regulatory expectations.
- Organisational restructuring completed, including appointment of CEO.
- Upcoming plans included policy updates, community growth, and commercial expansion.

No further questions raised.

## **7. President Updates**

### **President of Activities & Wellbeing – Mia**

- Reclaim the Night march: over 100 attendees, covered by local media.
- Planning “Lunch and Colour” event at Wagamama.
- Continued partnerships with Parkrun and Harmonious Society.
- Safety campaign underway, including campus walkarounds; lack of lighting near SU building noted.
- Seeking student volunteers for safety focus groups.

No questions.

### **President of Education – Lee-Ann**

- Working with university on Assessment & Feedback Policy review.
- HEAR recognition work for course reps underway.
- Highest number of course reps to date (60).
- Improved communication with course reps planned via mailing lists and feedback boxes.
- Representing students at Senate and ensuring SU alignment with university priorities.
- International Advice Café events expanding next year.
- Brightspace now fully enabled; student feedback encouraged.

### **Questions raised:**

- Timetabling issues: new system launching next year.
- Course rep communication barriers: new solutions planned.
- International student engagement: more culturally inclusive events confirmed.

## **8. Part-Time Officer Updates**

### **Mars (BASST Officer)**

- Attended SOC meetings and training.

- Chaired SOC.
- Involved in budget approvals and Democracy Review interviews.
- Supported course rep training and communications.
- Shared details of upcoming LGBTQ+ x DnD event.

#### **Shannon (BASST Officer)**

- Supported course rep training and communication improvements.

#### **Katie (Students with Caring Responsibilities Officer)**

- Supported by-elections alongside Kobbie and was happy to see Grace elected as new Postgraduate Officer in that election.
- Contributed to student safety work with Mia.
- Represented SU at an Open Day.

No questions raised.

### **Elections Update**

Lindsay introduced the 2026 SU Elections.

#### **Available Roles**

- President of Education
- President of Activities & Wellbeing
- Part-Time Officers (including BAME, LGBTQ+, International, Student with Disabilities, Women's, Mature, Student with Caring Responsibilities and School Officers)

#### **Timeline**

- Nominations Open: Today (1<sup>st</sup> December)
- Close: 5 February
- Voting: 9–12 February
- Results: Friday 13 February

Workshops to support candidates will run from January.

### **Any Other Business**

#### **1. Bus Costs for Atrium / Industrial Park Teaching**

Concern raised about travel costs.

Chair will escalate to Council regarding potential transport support.

## **2. Further Parking Queries**

Request for clearer communication from Athena Hall management and local authorities.

SU will follow up.

## **3. Christian Union Announcement**

Masquerade Ball on **Saturday 13 December**, 6:30pm–10:30pm.

## **4. Graduation Venue Question**

Clarification provided on temporary structure near James Heir Building.

Date of the next meeting: Student Council - Tuesday 13th January at 5pm –

Location: TBD

**END OF MEETING**