



University of Suffolk Students' Union
Student Council Agenda
17th February 2026
Held in W415 and Teams

Attendees: Adam Locke, Alex Green, Asma Modawi, Ashton Wyss, Atharv Naphde, Baki Zeqaj, Brogan Close, Catherine Prior, Cindy, Devanshi Kashyap, Grace Pearson, Josie Quinn, Kelvin NG, Lee Rutter, Lee-Ann Durrant, Lilith Camplin, Lisamarie Nicholls, Loz Todd, Mars Hardy, Mars Hardy, Maya Cory, Nat Allin, Olivia Bond, Rita Sambe, Shannon Pilsworth, Shay Blowers, Spencer Foster, William Sheppard

Chair: **Shannon Pilsworth**

Minutes: **Kobbie Agyemang**

1. Introduction

Shannon opened the meeting, welcomed members and introduced the SU staff present (**Lindsay & Kobbie**)

The agenda was outlined and the meeting was declared quorate.

2. Endeavour Discount Card & Course Alignment Motion

Proposed by: **Atharv Naphde** (President of Badminton Society)

Motion Summary:

- Discontinuation of the shuttle bus service between the Atrium Building and Adastral Park (Digitech Centre).
- Increased travel costs for BSc Computer Science students.
- Discontinuation of the Suffolk County Council Endeavour Card (31 October 2025).
- Financial impact of public transport reliance (Route 66 and Route 800).
- Timetabling misalignment with bus schedules.

Students reported travel costs of £4–£5.50 per day and mandatory travel at least twice weekly.

No questions asked

Outcome: Motion Approved by majority vote (23 approved).

Next Steps: To Student Officer Committee (5 March 2026) for action planning.

3. Course Structure Motion

Proposed by: **Adam Locke** (History Course Representative)

Motion Summary:

- Reduction from six modules to four.
- Removal of History & Practice (Heritage) module.
- Dissertation weighting change (40% to 30%).
- Dissertation compressed into final seven weeks.
- Implementation during final year of study.
- Concerns regarding communication and consultation.

Discussion:

Adam raised concerns that changes were being introduced during students' final year rather than at the start of a degree program. He highlighted the loss of the unique Heritage module, which provides industry-relevant experience, and expressed concern that students were not formally notified of changes affecting their degree structure.

Students from Graphic Design reported that the block model structure reduced opportunities to multitask across projects, limiting preparation for real-world creative industry expectations. They noted that reduced module weeks limit experimentation and development.

Games Development students stated that although their course had already transitioned, both students and lecturers felt the new structure was less effective. They expressed uncertainty about differences between old and new systems.

Computer Science students acknowledged some initial adjustment difficulties but indicated their course had adapted. However, concerns remained regarding module removals and clarity.

Children's Nursing students raised concerns about potential impacts on practice-based assessment structures and requested clarification.

Grace queried how structural changes could practically apply to only first-year students, questioning operational feasibility. In response, it was clarified that the intention of the motion was to explore options for allowing current students to complete under their original structure while implementing changes for new cohorts.

Students also suggested that, should structural changes proceed, affected cohorts should have input into which modules are removed.

Lee-Ann confirmed the motion's purpose was to initiate formal discussions with the university and seek accountability, transparency, and clearer communication for students.

Outcome: Motion Approved by majority vote (19 approved, 3 abstentions).

Next Steps: To Student Officer Committee (5 March 2026) for further action and formal engagement with the university.

4. President Updates

President of Education – Lee-Ann Durrant

- Cost of Living & Financial Support booklet in development.
- Safety improvements and accessibility considerations ongoing.
- AI policy development engagement.
- Representation and democracy outreach.
- International Women's Day planning (16 March).
- Weekly drop-in sessions (Tuesdays, 12–2pm, Coffee Cat).
- Exploration of SU App.

President of Activities & Wellbeing (Update delivered by **Lindsay**)

It was confirmed that this was the final update from Mia in her role, as she has secured a new position and has now left the SU.

- January Wellbeing Campaign delivered.
- Quiet Space project progressing.

5. Part-Time Officer Updates

Mars (BASST Officer): Democracy Review participation; exploring centralized student information resources.

Grace (Postgraduate Officer): Elected as President of Education for next academic year.

Baki (Mature Students Officer) Financial guidance booklet; transport discussions ongoing.

6. Sport & Society President Updates

Design & Illustration Society: Collaborations planned; spring events forthcoming.

Badminton Society: Successful Give It A Go session (22 attendees).

LGBTQ+ Society: History Month events; Craft & Board Games (25 February).

Islamic Society: Iftar planned for 9 March (open to all).

Band & Music Society: Equipment trials; planning studio recording trip.

7. Election Results

407 individual voters; **1000+** votes cast.

Elected Officers:

- Women's Officer – **Ruby**
- BASST School Officer – **Adam**
- President of Education – **Grace**
- President of Activities & Wellbeing – **Zoe**

New officers commence July 2026.

8. Any Other Business (AOB)

- Request for research participants shared by **Rita** (course rep) s277927@uos.ac.uk.

Next Student Council Meeting: 24 March 2026.

Meeting Close