

Education Zone

25th November
5-6pm

C.2x4 / MS TEAMS

Minutes

- **Welcome**
- **In Attendance**
 - Members Present
 - Adelayo Adelayo (AA) VP Education
 - Ines Coutinho (IC) Student Representation
 - In Attendance
 - Academic Reps & Faculty Officers (86)
 - Staff Support
 - Absent with apologies
 - Natural Sciences PGR Faculty Officer, Hamzeh Norouzi
 - FHSS UG Faculty Officer, Cat Thomson & Carly Cieslar-Moore
 - Absent without apologies
- **Minutes Ratification**
 - No Minutes ratified
- **Dates to Note**
 - 1st December 2025: first meeting of student's AI committee on teams
 - 9th April 2026: Student Union Awards
- **Elections & Resignations**
 - No elections took place
- **Reports**
 - VP Education Adelayo Adebayo

- Involved in discussions over issues with timetabling and dividing high population classes where there may not be sufficient spaces for everybody
- AA attended Stirling Fund Award, applied for funding for Uniforce – an employability programme. Funding raised for four Stirling students currently working on electric vehicle charging network and bike sharing schemes
- AA attended the European Quality Assurance Forum Conference in Budapest- largest student focused platform for discussion with quality experts in Europe
- AA was co-contributor with Sparqs – focused on student partnership in Scottish Tertiary Enhancement Framework and highlights importance of student engagement
- Attended STEP – collaborator in project Transforming Assessments Practice and Policy in Scotland. 3 years research that aims to ensure that assessments resonate with student experience and are relevant even outside of university framework
- Progression project phase two in underway – aims to improve student experience and retention

- **Faculty Officer Reports**

- o Arts and Humanities PGR Faculty Officer, Monica Liu (ML)
 - Met with PGR programme director and discussed concerns regarding PGR handbook – issues are being addressed
 - Working on survey with PGR faculty officers regarding teaching opportunities for PhD students
 - New Outstanding PGR Supervisor of the Year Award
 - Organised social events with other faculty officers LM and KP for Arts and Humanities Reps
- o Arts and Humanities PGT Faculty Officer, Louise Murphy (LM)
 - Organised social events with ML and KP for PGT divisions
- o Arts and Humanities Undergraduate Faculty Officer, Katie Parker (KP)
 - Organised social events with other faculty officers LM and ML for Arts and Humanities Reps
 - KP had meeting with faculty and organised academic rep Alex Hurst to organise employability event
- o Natural Sciences PGT Faculty Officer, Krishna Ridhu (KR)
 - Discussions with reps regarding more in-person meetings to get to know each other better
 - Discuss display of Academic Reps on Students' Union website

- Discussed concerns over coursework with other Academic Reps
- Natural Sciences UG Faculty Officer, Martine Klinberg (MK)
 - Implementation of new AI cover sheet
 - MK proposed for a more coherent expression of expectations from AI cover sheet from lecturers at the Student Experience Committee
 - MK asked staff members to post Canvas announcements to improve transparency over feedback and steps taken to approach it
- Stirling Business School PGR Faculty Officer, Mehwash Fatima, (MF)
 - MF held event for FO's and Academic Reps but no academic reps attended.
 - Discussed feedback at faculty meeting
- Stirling Business School PGT Faculty Officer, Doris MacHuka (DM)
 - Faculty social held
 - Engagement with Academic Reps for feedback
- Stirling Business School UG Faculty Officer, Bethan Wells (BW)
 - Meetings planned with SSVC's to discuss feedback loops
- Social Sciences PGR Faculty Officer, Ashley Willis (AW)
 - AW is focusing on student support considering the system restructuring
 - Met with PGR's to discuss communication and how to ensure it is effective
 - Working on student resources and access for PGR's
- Social Sciences PGT Faculty Officer, Miranda Currier (MC)
 - Academic Rep event with division hosted
- Social Science UG Faculty Officer, Anthonia Langford (AL)
 - Working with MC and AW on supporting students in communication and resources
- Health Sciences & Sport PGT Faculty Officer, Majka Edwards (ME)
 - Feedback from commuters about public transport worries and parking issue
 - Focusing on online students connection to campus
- Health Sciences & Sport UG Faculty Officer, Carly Cieslar-Moore (CCM) and Cat Thomson (CT)
 - CCM struggling to cover 4th year reps but aiding reps to improve awareness
 - CT focused on reps social
- **Updates and Discussions**
 - Student Voice Manager will be in touch in the upcoming days to get student views on the restructuring

- Student Union Awards to reward volunteer Officers including awards for UG, PGT and PGR Academic Rep of the Year
- OM: Filming has impacted schedules and has become an issue due to a lack of space. People may also not be comfortable being on camera.
- OM: Is it possible to make classes online or hybrid for Winter Graduation events? The lack of parking and how busy campus is results in being late for classes and too busy to study on campus which affects commuters.
 - AA: All feedback will be reported back on.
- **Next meeting:**
 - 5pm, 26th January 2026