

Minutes

1. Welcome & Apologies

a. Attendees:

Chair of Council	Amber Kelly (AK)
International Students' Officer	Luis Mujica (LM)
LGBQ+ Students' Officer	Ryan Sheppard (RS)
Mature and Part-time Students' Officer	Sandy Newman (SN)
President	Jack Greenwood (JG)
Sports Federation President	Katie Allan (KA)

b. Apologies:

Trans Students' Officer	Jay Ford (JF)
Welfare Officer	Kaila Bell (KB)

c. Absent:

Women's Officer	Jade Sullivan (JS)
Environmental Officer	Alexandra McIvor (AM)

d. Late:

Vice-President	Dom Haward (DH)
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2. Motion

a. Disaffiliation from NUS

Intro: Looking to see what options there are for potentially saving money. NUS disaffiliation could be an option.

Question (Q): How will it save money?

Response (R): Pay affiliation fee, 3% of block grant. £300,000 grant, currently we have a £80-90k hole in the budget. Rationalising essentials.

DH Arrived

We have bar supply deals and drinks deals from NUS, so would have to check out other suppliers for the bar and shop.

Q: Has another option for commercial services been sourced as yet?

R: When students don't come into the bar, shop, club and society memberships to bring in money, what are we to do?

Q: What are the Pro's and Con's?

R: Pro's - Bars and shop get discount on product line.

Cons - pay £12,000 to affiliate, but still have to pay for conferences and training.

Useful to have the networking and contact, but Chichester is a different SU so we don't feel we get much from NUS.

Rob (South East Rep) contacted about visiting but we've had no further contact.

Comment (C): Tried to research how they use the affiliation fee

C: Confused by message of the Totum card and discounts

Q: If get stock for bar and shop would it cost more or less?

C: NUS Extra card, can get student discount with Unidays, Student Beans and/or student card, which are accepted rather than NUS extra. Better deals and discounts than NUS extra.

R: We do make money from NUS cards, but need to check that.

Q: How long would disaffiliation take?

R: Trustee Board would have to have input.

Q: Is there anyone within the SU whose role is based on affiliation with NUS?

R: Stella Smith (Cashier) issues NUS cards but not a significant part of her role, so wouldn't be a reduction in her hours.

LM: Need to ensure we inform students of what is happening and how funds will be used otherwise.

JG: Can campaign and promote on both campuses about the issues for and against.

Proposal:

Progress to a referendum following consultation with Trustees and AGM on a motion of disaffiliating from NUS:

Vote	For:	7	Against:	0	Abstain:	0
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3. Date, time and location of Next Meeting - TBC