



National Executive Council Report

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Purpose of this document

Reports

This document presents reports from a variety of bodies within NUS to National Conference.

The National Executive Council (NEC) is the body with political responsibility for the organisation between meetings of Conference and is made up of representatives from the policy zones, liberation, student sections and nations and the block of fifteen. It is chaired by the National President and has a subcommittee for Anti-racism, anti-fascism.


Referring back reports

During the “business and work carried out section” of any report constituent members will be empowered to submit the following report motions:

1. The reference back of a specified part of the report
2. A motion of censure on a member of the relevant body or body as a whole

If 100 delegates wish to discuss the motion it will be moved. A member of the body will reply and the National Conference will immediately vote on the motion.

Following discussion of all Report motions or at the end of the time allocated for Report motions a member of the relevant body will sum up and the National Conference will vote on the adoption of all sections not referred back.





Introduction from the clerks to the National Executive Council:

As clerks it is our role is to support the administration and functioning of the National Executive Council and to report on its work to National Conference in April.

This year, the National Executive Council has debated motions covering a broad range of topics and passed over 21 motions. A full list of policies can be found below and all the resolutions can be found in the Policy Adoptions Document.

The NEC approved the cycle of business for the year ahead at its first meeting and held election for sub-committees. The following members of the National Executive Council were elected to sub-committees:

Nominations committee – Izzy Lenga, Zamzam Ibrahim.
Clerks to the NEC – Mahamid Ahmed, Amelia Horgan, Rob Henthorn

The Anti-Racism Anti-Fascism committee was as follows:

Yinbo Yu – International/Migrant Member
Rob Young – LGBT+ Member
Hassun El Zafar – Open Member
Izzy Lenga – Jewish Member
Zamzam Ibrahim – Muslim Member

NEC has received and approved regular reports on the work of the different policy zones and welcomes the work of the Zone Committees and Vice-Presidents. Though not accountable to the NEC for their political work, we thank the Liberation, Section and Nations conveners for their work this year.

We recommend the work of the National Executive to you and ask you to accept it.

Mahamid Ahmed, Amelia Horgan, Rob Henthorn

Clerks to the National Executive Council



There have been four meetings of the National Executive Council held this year:

18 July 2016

13 September 2016

8 December 2016

28 February 2017

And the next meeting is 31 May 2017

Please see below information about the number of meetings attended by each member of the National Executive Council, any apologies that were received and the number of reports submitted. The National President and five Vice-Presidents are required to send reports to NEC; Representatives from the Nations, Liberation and Sections campaigns are not required as they are held to account at their own conferences.

Name and Title	Meetings attended	Reports submitted
Malia Bouattia – NUS National President	3 of a possible 4	1 of a possible 4
Shakira Martin – Vice-President Further Education Emily Chapman - FE Zone 2nd Place	1 of a possible 4 2 of a possible 2	2 of a possible 4
Sorana Vieru – Vice-President Higher Education Danny Nasr – HE Zone 2nd Place	4 of a possible 4 1 of a possible 2	4 of a possible 4
Robbiie Young – Vice-President Society and Citizenship Tara Alade– Society and Citizenship Zones 2nd Place	4 of a possible 4 2 of a possible 2	3 of a possible 4
Richard Brooks – Vice-President Union Development Helen Pritchard – Union Development Zone 2nd Place	4 of a possible 4 1 of a possible 2	1 of a possible 4
Shelly Asquith – Vice-President Welfare Hannah Dualeh– Welfare Zone 2nd Place	4 of a possible 4 2 of a possible 2	3 of a possible 4
Vonnie Sandlan – NUS Scotland President Rob Henthorn– NUS Scotland 2nd Place	4 of a possible 4 4 of a possible 4	1 of a possible 4
Fflur Elin – NUS Wales President Ruth Davage – NUS Wales 2nd Place	2 of a possible 4 2 of a possible 4	3 of a possible 4
Fergal McFerran – NUS-USI President Colum Mackey – NUS-USI 2nd Place	2 of a possible 4 4 of a possible 4	1 of a possible 4
Mostafa Rajaai – International Students Officer Deborah Hermanns– International Students 2nd Place	3 of a possible 4 3 of a possible 4	2 of a possible 4
Part-Time Students Representative (Resigned)		

Mature Students Representatives (Resigned)		
Mahamid Ahmed – Postgraduate Taught Representative	4 of a possible 4	2 of a possible 4
Noha Abu El Magd– Postgraduate Research Representative	4 of a possible 4	
Aadam Muuse – Black Students Officer	4 of a possible 4	0 of a possible 4
Barbara Ntuny– Black Students 2nd Place	3 of a possible 4	
Melantha Chittenden – LGBT Officer (Women’s Place)	4 of a possible 4	2 of a possible 4
Noorulann Shahid – LGBT Officer (Open Place)	1 of a possible 4	
Hareem Ghani –Women’s Officer	4 of a possible 4	0 of a possible 4
Amelia Horgan – Women’s 2nd Place	4 of a possible 4	
James Elliott – Disabled Students Officer	4 of a possible 4	4 of a possible 4
Rachel O’Brien – Disabled 2 nd Place	2 of a possible 4	

Block of 15 members

(Meetings attended out of a possible 4 / absences with apologies)

The role of the Block is to communicate with member unions and hold the Zones and sub-committees accountable for the work that they do.

Sean McNamee	1 of a possible 4
Sion Davies	2 of a possible 4
Omar Raii	3 of a possible 4
Ali Milani	3 of a possible 4
Ana Oppenheim	3 of a possible 4
Daniel Nikkola	3 of a possible 4
Hassun El Zafar	3 of a possible 4
Izzy Lenga	3 of a possible 4
Sahaya James	2 of a possible 4
Yinbo Yu	3 of a possible 4
Angela Alexander	3 of a possible 4
Jasmine Manning	3 of a possible 4
Matt Grange	4 of a possible 4
Zamzam Ibrahim	4 of a possible 4
Rachel Holland	4 of a possible 4



What does the NEC do?

Role and powers

1. The National Executive Council shall be the interim policy body and its officers shall provide the Political Leadership of the National Union. The National Executive Council shall be the most senior policy body outside of the National Conference. The National Executive Council shall:
 - 1.1 decide emergency policy of the National Union in between meetings of the National Conference;
 - 1.2 appoint members to various committees as further defined in the Rules;
 - 1.3 set up special committees of significance to the National Union whose work applies to more than one Nation, Student Section, Liberation Campaign or Zone;
 - 1.4 interpret and develop policy and plans arising from it;
 - 1.5 hold the Zones and their work to account;
 - 1.6 advise the Trustee Board on the meaning of policy, political priorities and allocation of resources of the National Union subject to the Trustee Board's power of overrule in Article 69;
 - 1.7 in conjunction with the Trustee Board propose the Budget for the National Union to National Conference by the President;
 - 1.8 form a special committee of the National Executive Council to be named the Anti Racism Anti Fascism committee (ARAF). The conveners of this committee shall be selected by the National Executive Council;
 - 1.9 call Ballots on matters of significance as detailed in Article 41;
 - 1.10 set up scrutiny committees on behalf of the National Union's membership;
 - 1.11 receive, approve or refer back reports of the work of the Trustee Board; and
 - 1.12 hold to account, with the power to censure, any person elected by the National Conference or of or from itself.

What policies have NEC passed this year?

Meeting held on 18 July 2016:

International Co-operation with Student Organisations – The Bergen Declaration
ARAF Motion

Meeting held on 13 September 2016:


Islamophobia Awareness Month
All lives won't matter, until #BlackLivesMatter
Disabled Students and Accessibility at United for Education Demo
Supporting the Junior Doctors
PREVENT review
Extend the No Platform Policy Online
Brexit
Defend Education – no fees and cuts: protest outside Tory Party Conference 2016


Meeting held on 8 December 2016:

One Day Without Us
Solidarity With #FeesMustFall
Justice for TOEIC Victims
Student Survivors Deserve Better

Meeting held on 28 February 2017:

Combatting Racism and Facism
Support Picturehouse Strikers





NUS to Condemn Muslim Ban
Motion of Censure for VP UD
Condemn the violation of BDS policy
Unaccompanied Children in France
Shiromini Satkunaraja

