




nus **NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

25 – 27 April 2017 | Brighton

Agenda

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Purpose of this document

Democratic Procedures Committee (DPC) are volunteers elected by National Conference. A key responsibility is to oversee the business and smooth running of Conference. Democratic Procedures Committee's role and composition is defined by the Articles and Rules of NUS (which is available on NUS Connect - www.nusconnect.org.uk/nus-uk/how-we-work/articles-and-rules)

Members of DPC

Guy Drury (Chair) (elected 2015)

Sam Mujunga (elected 2015)

Noah Levy (elected 2015)

John Hein (elected 2015)

Millie Thomas (elected 2016)

Naa Acquah (elected 2016)

Sam Gold (elected 2016)

Lani Baird (co-opted from NUS Scotland Procedures Committee)

This Document

This document is the agenda for Conference and shows the order and timing of all business that will be discussed.

Please note that the following are fixed and cannot change:

- The opening and closing of conference floor
- Elections and Election Deadlines
- Access Breaks
- The end of Conference

All other times are subject to change as conference progresses but no session can be reduced to less than 30 minutes long. The Democratic Procedures Committee will announce changes and they will be displayed on screens in the Conference hall. All sessions will start promptly at the times shown. Please note that mobile phones should always be on silent when on Conference floor and food & drink (other than bottled water) cannot be taken into the Conference hall unless it relates to a medical or access need.

Allocation of Time

Each of the 5 zones has been allocated time to allow:

The Zone Committee to report on their work through the past year and be held to account by Conference

The Zone Committee to propose policy recommendations for the year ahead, to be debated


Constituent Members (CMs) to propose policy motions for the year ahead, to be debated

The time allocated to each Zone is based on the number of motions submitted to it.

We do not expect to discuss every recommendation and motion contained in the motions document. By tradition a procedural motion is usually moved that causes those motions that fall beyond the allocated time to be remitted to the new National Executive Council to consider at its first meeting.

We would urge delegates to return from breaks and meals on time so that valuable time for consideration of motions is not lost. Please note that we would not encourage delegates to leave "en mass" during access breaks that have been introduced to facilitate the participation of some disabled students.

Deadlines are shown in italics and sometimes take place during other conference business. These deadlines will require submissions to either the DPC or the Chief Returning Officer. Both are situated at the front of Conference Hall.



Tuesday 25 April

09:00	Registration opens		
	You are advised to arrive as early as you can		
10:00	Delegates' briefing & training	Candidates briefing	30 minutes
	Meeting Room 1 a & b	Meeting Room 1c	
11:00	Delegates' briefing & training [REPEAT]	Candidates briefing [REPEAT]	30 minutes
	Meeting Room 1 a & b	Meeting Room 1c	
11:30	Conference floor opens		
	Please sit in your allocated area		
12:00	Conference starts		
12:00	Announcements, staff protocol, code of conduct & safeguarding		15 minutes
	The Conference administration is carried out by members of NUS staff. Their conduct, and the conduct of delegates towards them, is covered by the Staff Protocol. In this session we will outline a protocol agreement between NUS and ACTS (the staff trade union) so that everyone is clear about procedure. We will also cover domestic arrangements, fire procedures and Safeguarding details.		
12:15	Session 1 Opening remarks		60 minutes
12:15	Welcome & Solidarity Address		15 minutes
	Sally Hunt, UCU General Secretary & Danielle Jade, Bursary or Bust, RCN		
12:30	Keynote		10 minutes
	Ahmad Al-Rashid, contributor to award-winning film <i>Exodus: Our Journey to Europe</i>		
12:40	National President's Opening Remarks		20 minutes
	Malia Bouattia will formally open NUS Conference 2017		
13:00	Opening of Business		15 minutes
	Introduction to and adoption of the Order Paper Agenda		
	The Chair of the Democratic Procedures Committee explains this agenda (Order Paper), and Conference formally adopts it.		
	Opening Nominations		
	The CRO will announce opening and closing times for nominations to committee places. Please see Guidebook App for nomination forms and election rules.		
	Membership Motions Motions Document		
	National Executive Council motions to accept applications for organisational membership from new affiliates		
	Minutes Minutes from last National Conference		
	Minutes of the last Annual Conference.		
13:15	Session 2 Priority Zone		25 minutes
	Priority Campaign Report Reports Document (Priority Zone)		15 minutes
	5 minute presentation from the National President followed by 10 minutes where delegates may ask questions on how policy has been implemented		

13:30	Priority Zone Motion (100) Motions Document	10 minutes
	In this session we will discuss the Priority Zone motion.	
13:40	Session 3 Education Zone	30 minutes
13:40	Further Education Zone Report	15 minutes
	5 minute presentation from the Zone Convenor followed by 10 minutes where delegates may ask questions on how policy has been implemented.	
13:55	Higher Education Zone Report	15 minutes
	5 minute presentation from the Zone Convenor followed by 10 minutes where delegates may ask questions on how policy has been implemented.	
14:10	Education Zone Motions (200) Motions Document	20 minutes
	In this session we will discuss the Further & Higher Education Zone motions and any amendments.	
14:30	Break Conference floor closes	1 hour
	There will be refreshments available to purchase from food stands throughout the building. Conference floor will close completely, please take all belongings.	
15:15	Conference floor re-opens	
15:30	Deadline for submission of Informal Presidential and Vice President Hustings questions to Elections Committee at info point or online (see Guidebook App for online submission details)	
15:30	Session 3 continues Education Zone	2 hours, 15 minutes
15:30	Education Zone Motions (200) Motions Document	
	In this session we will discuss Further & Higher Education Zone motions and any amendments.	
17:45	Conference floor closes	
18:00	Break (Optional Fringe Meetings)	60 minutes
	There will be refreshments available to purchase from food stands throughout the building. Conference floor will close completely, please take all belongings. Please see the Fringe Guide if you are interested in attending fringes.	
18:45	Conference floor re-opens	
19:00	Keynote	15 minutes
	Prentis Hemphill, Black Lives Matter	
19:15	Session 4 Union Development Zone	15 minutes
19:15	Union Development Zone Report Reports Document (UD Zone)	15 minutes
	5 minute presentation from the Zone Convenor followed by 10 minutes where delegates may ask questions on how policy has been implemented.	
19:30	Union Development Zone Motions (300) Motions Document	40 minutes
	In this session we will discuss motions, and any amendments to them, in the Union Development Zone.	
20:20	Session 5 Welfare Zone	
20:20	Welfare Zone Report Reports Document (Welfare Zone)	15 minutes
	5 minute presentation from the Zone Convenor followed by 10 minutes where delegates may ask questions on how policy has been implemented.	

20:35	Welfare Zone Motions (400) Motions Document	25 minutes
	In this session we will discuss motions, and any amendments to them, in the Welfare Zone.	
21:00	Conference floor closes	
	Conference floor will close completely, please take all belongings.	
21:15	Informal Presidential and Vice President Hustings (Candidates please arrive 15 minutes before start time)	1 hour, 15 minutes
Auditorium 2	Presidential hustings	30 minutes
	VP hustings session 1 FE/HE/Welfare	25 minutes
	VP hustings session 2 Society & Citizenship /Union Development	20 minutes
	Tickets are available from the information point. Ticket holders will be let in first and for any remaining spaces please do join the queue. Please be there from 21:15 for a prompt start.	

Wednesday 26 April

08:30	Conference floor opens	
	Please arrive promptly in order that conference starts on time	
09:00	Welfare Zone Motions (400) Continued Motions Document	1 hour, 30 minutes
	In this session we will discuss motions, and any amendments to them, in the Welfare Zone.	
10:30	Deadline for submission of Candidate Expenses to Elections Committee at info point or via governanceteam@nus.org.uk	
10:30	ELECTION: National President Manifesto Document	30 minutes
	Election for the position of NUS National President	15 minutes
11:00	Access Break: Conference floor closes	30 minutes
	There will be refreshments available to purchase from food stands throughout the building. Conference floor will close completely, please take all belongings.	
11:15	Conference floor reopens	
11:30	Welfare Zone Motions (400) continued Motions Document	45 minutes
	In this session we will discuss motions, and any amendments to them, in the Welfare Zone.	
12:15	ELECTION: Three Vice Presidents	45 minutes
	Election for the positions of Vice-President Higher Education, Vice-President Further Education and Vice-President Welfare. (Candidates will be informed of the length of time for speech by the CRO)	
13:00	Lunch break: Conference floor closes	1 hour
	There will be refreshments available to purchase from food stands throughout the building. Conference floor will close completely, please remove all belongings.	
13:45	Conference floor re-opens	
14:00	Deadline for nominations to stand for Democratic Procedures Committee to the Chief Returning Officer	
14:00	Welfare Zone Motions (400) continued Motions Document	55 minutes
	In this session we will discuss motions, and any amendments to them, in the Welfare Zone.	
14:55	Session 6 Society & Citizenship Zone	
14:55	Society & Citizenship Report Reports Document	15 minutes
	5 minute presentation from the Zone Convenor followed by 10 minutes where delegates may ask questions on how policy has been implemented.	
15:10	Society & Citizenship (500) Zone Motions Motions Document	1 hour, 20 minutes
	In this session we will discuss motions, and any amendments to them, in the Welfare Zone	
16:30	Deadline to contest policy adoptions to Democratic Procedures Committee	

16:30	Elections: Two Vice-Presidents (Welfare, Society & Citizenship)	30 minutes
	Election of Vice-President Union Development and Vice-President Society & Citizenship	
17:00	Deadline to submit questions to all AGM Reports or refer back all or sections of DPC, Trustee, NEC and CRO reports. Please see Guidebook App for information on how to submit these.	
17:00	Break (Optional fringe meetings) Conference floor closes	60 minutes
	There will be refreshments available to purchase from food stands throughout the building. Conference floor will close completely, please take all belongings. Please see the Fringe Guide if you are interested in attending fringes.	
18:00	Conference floor re-opens	
18:15	Nations Adoptions Policy Adoptions Document	15 minutes
	Each of the Nations will be asked to summarise their policy and work carried out for 5 minutes and will then propose their policy passed at last conference for formal adoption into NUS UK Policy.	
18:30	Session 7 Annual General Meeting Reports	10 minutes
18:30	Chief Returning Officer Report	10 minutes
	Delegates will receive a presentation on the CRO's report. The reports will be taken as read and only questions/challenges submitted before 17:00 on Day 2 (26 April) will be included. A vote will take place to accept the report.	
18:40	Democratic Procedures Committee Report	10 minutes
	Delegates will receive a presentation from the Democratic Procedures Committee. This includes the delegate entitlement recommendation for Conference 2018. The reports will be taken as read and only questions/challenges submitted before 17:00 on Day 2 (26 April) will be included. A vote will take place to accept the report.	
18:50	National Executive Council, NUS UK Trustee and Nominations Committee Reports	15 minutes
	The National President as chair of the NEC, NUS UK Trustee Board and Nominations Committee will present each report. The reports will be taken as read and only questions/challenges submitted before 17:00 on Day 2 (26 April) will be included. A vote will take place to accept the report.	
19:05	Accounts and Estimates Accounts and Estimates Document	15 minutes
	The Accounts and Estimates for the year will be proposed. A vote to accept the accounts and estimates will take place.	
19:20	Rules change and AGM Motions (600) Motions Document	1 hour
	Motions from DPC and other motions concerning NUS' governing documents – our Articles and Rules – will be discussed.	
19:50	Deadline for submission of name and subject to DPC to make a 1 minute statement	
20:20	Statements	10 minutes
	Conference will vote on whether to hear 1 minute statements submitted to DPC	



20:30	Deadline to contest eligibility of DPC nominations	
20:30	Conference floor closes	
	Conference floor will close completely. Please take all of your belongings with you.	



Thursday 27 April

08:30	Conference floor opens	
	Please arrive promptly in order that conference starts on time	
09:00	Adoptions	
09:00	Liberation & Sections Adoption Policy Adoptions Paper	30 minutes
	Each of the areas will be asked to summarise their policy and work carried out for 5 minutes and will then propose their policy passed at last conference for formal adoption into the NUS UK policy document.	
09:30	ELECTION: Block of 15 Manifestos Document	1 hour, 30 minutes
	Election for the National Executive Council: Block of 15 members.	
11:00	Access Break Conference floor closes	30 minutes
	There will be refreshments available to purchase from food stands throughout the building.	
11:15	Conference floor re-opens	
11:30	AGM Motions continued (600) Motions Document	40 minutes
	In this session we will discuss rules changes and AGM motions, and amendments to them	
12:10	ELECTION: Student Directors, Democratic Procedures Committee	1 hour, 30 minutes
	Election of members of Democratic Procedures Committee (5 places) Election of Student Directors [Trustees] (3 places)	
13:50	Closing Remarks	
	The National President will bring National Conference 2017 to a close.	
14:00	Close of Conference 2017	
14:05	Leaving speeches of Full Time Officers until 15:30	