

<p>trying to get funding for elite sport that did not mean that funds for other sports would suffer. On the Pleasance Gym deal, said that while the Pleasance was seeking to extend its deal with students generally, NSA could not include this in its SU offer because ENU now had its own facilities. A member observed that the location of these was prohibitive to a lot of students.</p> <p>JP was organising a mini fair for the new intake in January. A member questioned whether this was feasible given that there would teaching in week 1 – this was a problem for NSA events generally and needed to be addressed. It was noted that some were just doing Confident Futures sessions, but engineering was certainly teaching semester 2 material. The official position needed clarified prior to organising next autumn’s freshers however.</p> <p>JP was convening Finance Committee meetings.</p> <p>Faculty Officers.</p> <p>AM and JC had convened a faculty board in the Business School on 2 November. There were no major issues other than library hours. AM was doing the Feedback for Learning Project with KB.</p> <p>Research.</p> <p>DPB reported quality issues. She was concerned that research postgrads were not being put through their teaching qualifications. This disadvantaged them when it came to getting jobs in HE and impaired their ability to earn money. She wondered whether this was unfairly discriminatory.</p> <p>Public Leadership MSc – papers were not being marked. There was supposed to be an internal academic marker and an external academic. The programme leader had been replaced.</p> <p>2 research postgrads had been lost, leaving only one in the Business School. Researchers had also been lost in engineering. In particular there were concerns that Napier research potgrads were being lost to Heriot Wat.</p> <p>There were concerns about chemical contamination and damage done to drains and pipes.</p>	<p>JP</p> <p>JP</p> <p>AM</p>
<p>5. Fair Trade Fortnight.</p> <p>This was due to take place in Feb/March. NSA was supposed to do this with the university. There was a web site and there was a shop in St John the Evangelist Church in the west end promoting fair trade. Perhaps they could be invited to the fair.</p>	<p>JP</p>
<p>6. LTA Awards.</p> <p>KB had got a further £700 this year to run them again. There would be an online questionnaire. C+IT were willing to do a pop up to advertise it. Nominations would run from 17 Jan-6 Feb. There would be the following categories: PDT, tutor, feedback, innovation, rep. There would be prizes of £25 tokens and trophies. KB would talk to the university for help with the awards which would be on 22 March.</p>	<p>KB</p>

<p>7. Veritas.</p> <p>DPB said that she had been approached by journalism students after the first issue which had contained so many errors. They saw it as an embarrassment to students of journalism at ENU that detracted from their course and from the university. She proposed shutting the paper down. This would not be a loss to ENU journalism students as most of them wrote for the Journal or Edinburgh Napier News. (IN arrived).</p> <p>It was indicated that it was not constitutionally legitimate for the Exec to shut the paper down – although Senate could. It was perhaps something that could be referred to the constitutional review for future consideration, but it was pointed out that the 2nd issue had just been printed and it showed a marked improvement on the first. The paper should be given a chance to improve.</p> <p>On a constitutional point, JP pointed out that she was not receiving the paper to check over quickly enough, or returning it fast enough for printing. She couldn't check what she had not received. When she had received the first issue and it had been pointed out to the editor that there were a lot of errors requiring correction before going to press. The editor had failed to correct them despite this. It was suggested JP set up a face to face meeting with the editor Coral Condeco to discuss concerns and the future of the paper.</p>	<p>Senate Chair</p> <p>JP</p>
<p>8. HE Funding. (Paper AM)</p> <p>NSA had sent students to London, there were demos and lobbies of MPs, but the vote on fees still went through. AM was concerned about the kind of anger and violent protest that resulted in the taking over of Tory HQ at Millbank. AM proposed that NSA would want to dissociate from this and while it should to pledge support for the antu fees and anti cuts campaign, it should publicly condemn the violence if approached for comment. Agreed.</p> <p>The result of the questionnaire on student funding was that most students wanted a free education, but there needed to be a means of getting them to define a better fallback position if free education was not to be a realistic option – graduate tax, repayment in various formats, capped repayment; and the split in contributions. KB to organise and run.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>KB</p>
<p>9. AOB:</p> <p>.1 Sales of Essays/Plagiarism. This was a campus problem at Napier. It constituted plagiarism and NSA had to get involved in trying to stop this trade. The Univ wanted NSA support on this. Agreed.</p> <p>.2 Future Meetings. All members were asked about 2nd term availability to help the Chair schedule meetings for next term. KB asked for e-mails.</p>	<p>KB</p>
<p>Next Meeting: Friday 21 January, F31 Merchiston at 12 noon.</p>	<p>All</p>