NUS conference report

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So, I was elected to represent our fellow students on a national scale. I achieved this by understanding the views of people on campus, by attending the National Union of Students conference in Glasgow as a registered delegate and voting on matters submitted.

This was a three-day event to which I will give you some of the main highlights:

# Timetable

Day One

* Arrived. Got my voting stuff
* Introductions
* Reports of officers
* Electing new sabs of NUS (was locked out of the room due to “voting “reasons aka, long lunch)
* More reports

Day 2

* Motions and procedures
  + All day

Day 3

* Electing 15 part time officers with no focus, aka not sports or liberation, but whatever is needed. (think non-portfolio councillor, as an officer) (left before voting as travel times required this)
* The departure

# Key highlights

New president is…  Zamzam Ibrahim

Agreement of the NUS strategy is …bad but, will try and save lib groups

Best argument against something placed forward…” Hello delegates, this is my speech against, thank you” said by NDC, (they deal with procedural motions and matters of the rules of conference)

Worst statement for an argument…” Barclays bank is poop” NUS delegate of (cannot recall the university/collage)

NUS will try and be less financially stupid and plan better in the future (no guarantee though)

Current/outgoing National Union of Students President. Stomped out in protest of being criticised for not consulting the Postgraduate department, before cutting its entire budget along with many other liberation departments this year.

The mature and part time dept has made no action/progress due to planning followed by immediate budget cuts. (note many other departments had this and still took action)

The trans section, had to focus on survival as they had no budget either

Scotland has achieved a lot, gained funds (£20million) for councillors in unions and the national one. Reached an agreement within Scotland regarding supply of mental health services They have challenged their local MPs and made changes in the Scottish parliament.

Wales has complained about the lack of funds and the reduction in sabs for new year. Worked and succeeded regarding welsh travel passes to increase the age limits for a pass from 16-18 to 16-21) Had a massive awareness campaign and drive to change and stop period poverty in wales

Northern Ireland has focused on supporting the passing of alimentary bills, and campaigns on employment rights. They have worked on making a mental health online resource for northern Irish students as well as a parent hub network for parent students (will look into)

International students dept- hating the current immigration requirement and sent an open letter to demand a better immigration system (was looked into and acknowledged, might have replaced the old one)

A whole 20 mins was spent on debating the creation regarding Brexit information packs for students regarding their EU links and EU students. (with little gain)

Marvel has been declared better than dc (yes, it was voted on)

# Summary of NUS

The theory of the National union of students was …

To have a national set of goals and objectives, (each union works alone to reach these goals but receives support from other unions and the NUS team to achieve the goals set)

To unite and strive together for opportunities to improve the welfare and opportunities of students

To work together(unions) to create change (opportunities to engage and make changes within each union)

A share of information, ideas and leadership, (some of the most factual studies are conducted by the NUS in regards to students) (national campaigns and leaders campaigning for the change wanted/needed by students)

To provide a national opinion to create change on national scale (such as parliamentary acts)

To ensure the protection of students and prevent the exploitation of students (actively campaigning against changes in UK that would lower the welfare of students ,when this happens )