



Meeting Minutes

Meeting	Trustee Board	
	Management Board	
	Executive Committee	
	Finance & Commercial Development	
	Appointments & Remuneration	
	Compliance, Governance & Risk	
	Other: SVR meeting	

Meeting Date	21 st April 2026
Meeting Time	12.30pm to 1.30pm
Attendance	
Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 SVRs • 1 HISA team member • 1 HISA officer

Section	Minutes
1. Upcoming Programme Lead Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder of the upcoming PL meeting • Discussion and agreement that as the fourth years have no feedback, none will need to attend.
2. Student Elections and Referendums	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulations to the incoming officer • Gratitude from HISA to SAMS students for a 39% voter turnout for the student election, despite the first years having been on a boat all week • Directed attendees to results of election and referendums of the HISA website • Congratulations to outgoing officer, plus two other SVRs, for successful application to the Svalbard project
3. SVR Impact Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SVRs directed to the annual impact competition, and informed of a £200 prize up for grabs
4. Intern Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SVRs directed to survey, run by a SAMS SVR/HISA Intern, about the use of AI.

5. What's coming up?	<p>Officer shared some further key headlines from HISA, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Trustee recruitment • Therapets visit • End of year beach party
6. March SLE Questions	<p>Looked at the summary of discussion from the previous SVR meeting (cross-campus). Issue of many SVRs not being aware of PLSPs mirrored, however those that were aware praised them highly</p>
7. Assessment & Curriculum; your views	<p>When asked about upcoming assessments;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Majority of SVRs feeling very worried about their upcoming exams, however this was confirmed as being due to their own concerns regarding their preparedness, and it was stated that support and teaching from staff was excellent. • Issues raised focused on time management, balancing other commitments, and a feeling like exams have come around quickly <p>When asked about work placements;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work placements not really a part of the course, however some of the practical opportunities were felt to have some bearing on working in industry, so these were discussed • A large number of attendees spoke positively about the 'Rocky Shore Day', and having boat trips • Some spoke positively about water quality testing
8. Open Floor	<p>Main points;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appreciation for, and enjoyment of, progression from first to second year • Some issues raised around scheduling, especially poor communication around scheduling changes • Some issues around delayed feedback for assessments, especially in Marine Resources module • Appreciation for PLs listening to students when it comes to structuring modules etc • Concern that the robotics module is only surface level and repetitive, making it a bit boring. Should include more discussion of practical uses, and grant a greater understanding • Issue with robotics unit balanced by the 'Nature Scot' project <p style="color: red;">Main actions: Issues raised above to be taken to the upcoming PL meeting</p>