

# Meeting Minutes

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

Meeting Date	21/04/2026
Meeting Time	1pm – 2pm
<b>Attendance</b>	
Present	<p>Reatha Brunjes – RB          Alasdair MacLeod – AM          Abby Teague – AT          Simon Varwell – SV          Katrina MacLeod – KML          Angus MacBain – AMB</p> <p>Chisom – C          Robbie Skelly – RS</p>
Apologies	
Non-Attendance	

Section	Minutes
1 Welcome	AT welcomes SVRs to the April meeting and covers the agenda.
2 SVR Teams Space	<p>AT highlights the Teams Space available for SVRs. She opens the floor to SVRs present regarding how they would feel about it potentially moving to another platform – i.e. Brightspace.</p> <p>RS says Teams is accessible enough as they use it whenever they have an online class to begin with.</p>
3 HISA Headlines	AT explains the Student Trustee Board. C is interested in joining as a Student Trustee.
4 Last Menti Recap	
5 Menti - Assessment and Curriculum	<p>How ready do you and your classmates feel for your end of year assessments?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quite ready – 1 vote</li> <li>• Very ready – 1 vote</li> </ul> <p>...Tell us the reasons for your answer... and what would help?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “We're given enough time/deadlines for our assessments and exams and the lecturers are always willing to help us whenever we need it and provide feedback where it's needed.” – RS</li> </ul>

	<p>How would you describe the work placements or work-based elements of your learning this year?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Pretty good, as is a work based course”</li> <li>• “Non-existent”</li> </ul> <p>Open chat! Tell us all your ideas, suggestions, questions about your experiences this year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RS says he was well supported in his online computing class this year, with nothing else to add regarding his personal experience.</li> <li>• C says it has been great so far.</li> </ul>
6 HISA Events	<p>AT covers the final events of the year across NWH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easter Treasure Hunt is ongoing this week across Thurso and Stornoway campuses.</li> <li>• Therapets on Thurso Campus - Tuesday 28th April, 12pm-1pm, by the campus library.</li> <li>• ‘Don't Judge a Book by Its' Cover’ now ongoing initiative across Stornoway, Fort William, and Thurso due to popular uptake.</li> </ul>
7 AOB	<p>RS wanted to mention how a classmate of his is receiving a bursary for being a single mum, however, was receiving less than he was overall. AM told him to get his classmate in contact with Elaina at the HISA Advice Service for further support regarding this.</p> <p>RS also asked about potential of work placements/elements in his course. SV told him to gather feedback from his classmates and lecturers about their thoughts on expanding the idea of work placements etc.</p> <p>C asked if there was any support for students who may want to come up with their own business ideas – who can support them with this? AM believes this may be UHI Futures, SV mentioned the UHI Business Challenge 2026 which deadline has just passed.</p>

### Conversations with SVRs

Daisy McCormick – Applied Music BAH

Music students up in residency at the Stornoway campus were meant to be in room C225 for their exams, but the room was double booked causing extra stress on top of an already stressful time. The music students had to move the PA system from the room while the invigilators for other exams were getting set up. This has left some students stressed and upset as they have had some of their time wasted.

There was also no dedicated warm up room, that would be massively beneficial to the music students as they need time to properly warm up before exams.

This has had a knock-on effect, making the music students half an hour late to planned events both inside the main Stornoway building, and specially set up events in An Lanntair.