

Idea/Policy:	<u>Remove Starbucks from Joe's Bar</u>
Date/Time/Location:	27.11.2025 11:00-12:00
Student Attendees:	Sara Griffiths (President, Friends of Palestine Society) Max Williams (Sustainability Officer) Emeline Brown (Activities & Employability Officer) - Chair
Staff Attendees:	Adam Sheridan (Director of Engagement) Molly Purcell (Senior Student Voice Coordinator)
Apologies:	Sam Beddows (Business Development Manager)
Actions/Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student Idea will not be escalated to an All Student Vote. ▪ Action Group will reconvene to review the Guild's Ethical & Environmental Policy. MP to arrange. ▪ MP to circulate E&E Policy to Action Group.

Minutes

EB introduced the meeting.

AS noted that the contract with Starbucks will be terminated.

MP outlined the process for escalating to ASV if they wish.

MW highlighted that the average student may not be too fussed about where their coffee comes from with reference to the ethical implications from the Student Idea and doesn't feel it needs to be escalated to ASV.

SG queried about empty business units and where that would lie commercially.

AS noted the future contractual agreement and that this will not be Starbucks, and other suppliers would be looked into, especially a local coffee business which can be taken forward as the steer for the decision.

SG suggested an ASV to ask wider membership about bigger coffee chain and more local business from an ethical standpoint.

AS noted the pros and cons of big brands and local business. Big brands do not necessarily have the pull that they used to have.

MW asked about potential pushback from students re a local coffee business.

AS noted the supply chain is accessible for bigger brands, but not so much for local business.

MW noted their hesitancy for pushing for ASV again as they feel it would happen already. MP noted that the AG can refer to a Student Forum as an alternative route for student opinion and Guild-decision making.

AS noted that this may need to go to relevant committees/Board in line with Guild policies. MW outlined that the E&E policy notes that the Guild should avoid unethical companies and that we should do better to uphold this.

AS noted that there should be a clear & understandable policy for staff to follow, and would be supportive of looking at this in line with commercial operations.

EB: Action Group have decided that this will not be escalated to an ASV.

MW/EB: Action Group will reconvene upon reviewal of E&E Policy.

SG: Noted that they would like to be involved in this and review of ethical/zero waste shops.

AS: noted this is a piece of commercial research that the Guild is carrying out and research/decisions are being made commercially for retail units to be filled. AS noted that the Guild will likely hold focus groups on this anyway.

SG: is very supportive of this.

MP to circulate E&E policy to AG.

Meeting closed: 11:47