

Working in Partnership to Enhance the Student Learning Experience

Heriot Watt University Student Union

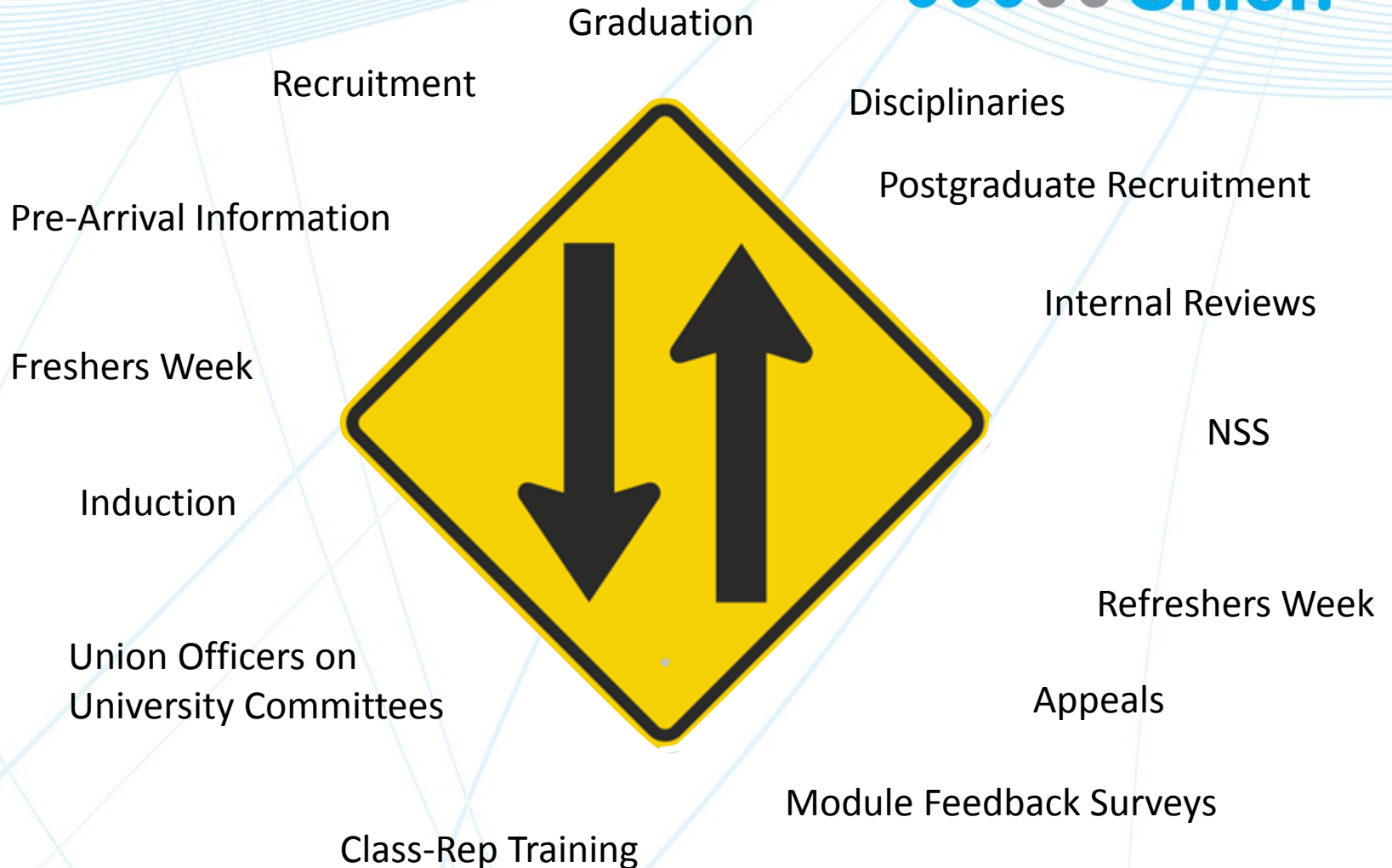
Introductions

- Denise McCaig
 - Student Support Coordinator
- Mike Ross
 - School Officer (Maths) and SVP-elect
- Fraser Drew
 - School Officer (Civil Engineering)
- Conor Murray-Gauld
 - School Officer (Computer Science)

Partnership Working

Task: List the ways in which your Union works in partnership with your University.

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Learning and Teaching
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PGR Reps



School Officers

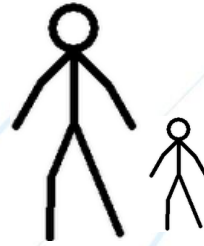
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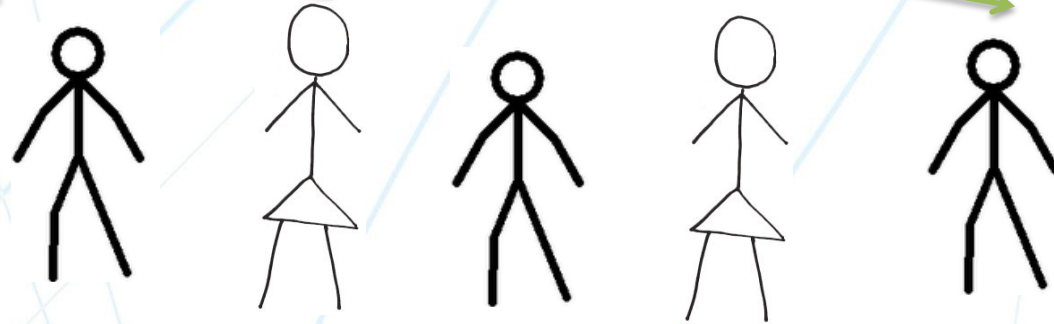
- Working with:
 - Student Support and Accommodation
 - International
 - The Chaplaincy
- Providing Students for Focus Groups

What it *means* to The Union

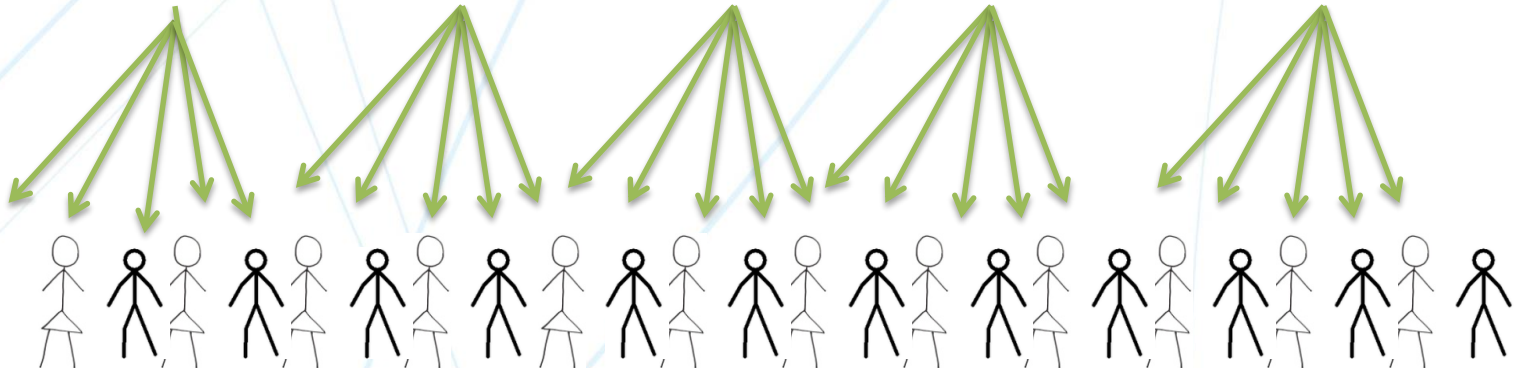
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School Officers



Class Reps



Partnership Working Wins

- SBE
 - The “Easter Holiday Conundrum”
- Maths and Computer Sciences
 - Class Rep Recruitment
- Computer Science
 - Crush Area Upgrade
- University-Wide
 - 24 Hour Library
 - NSS Engagement Up
- ELIR
 - Review of Postgraduate Experience

Pros and Cons

Task: Discuss the pros and cons of partnership working and campaigning.

Partnership vs. Campaigning

- Gradual, But Regular, Improvements
- Bilateral Trust
- Open Communication Channels
- Relies on the system working

Partnership vs. Campaigning

- Students realise the difference they've made
- A “fall back” option from partnership
- Quicker
- Can damage relationship with uni - but strengthen with students
- Should be the ***Last Resort***

Summary

- Students involved at Institutional level, but do not engage in political or outside issues.
- Partnership can work too well - and perhaps lessens activism?