

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ANNUAL AGM MEETING

4 December 2007

Present: Alexis Riddiford-Bell (Chair), Luke Hogarth, Donna Harrison, Greg Key, Tam Kirk, Fiona Tomaschiwskyj, James Tunesi, Adam Westbrook-White, Peter Gorbett, Alison Boyd, Joe MacBeth, Fiona Oxley, Megan Kearney, Richard Bayton, Rob Berry, Rob Weber, Andrew Scrivener, Sara Shoemith, Ally Cartwright, Hannah Hargraves, Melissa Kennedy, Joe Macbeth, Leigh Hankinson, Andy Shaw, Tom Atkinson, Kirsty Baldus, Charlotte Dooley, Hazel Clifton, Joe Wawrzyniah, Sarah Barlett, Lydia Barlow, Ashley Harrison, Julia Gordon, Dave Smith, Ronnie Litteral, Rebecca Carter, Saara Malmioja, Nicola Jones, Tom Corrigan, Nathan Crick, Amy Spall, Clark Howard, Gabriel Strange, Lydia Wood, Julian Hodgson, Sarah Knowles, Dan Baldwin, Scott Davis, Alex Sandercock, John Peacock

In Attendance:-N Goldthorpe

1. Apologies for Absence.

James Varley, Comedy Society

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (4/12/07)

Approved by assent.

3. Financial Accounts and estimates

Verbal report was given by N Goldthorpe.

Approved by assent.

4. Affiliations to external bodies

A list of affiliations presented by the VP Student Activities.

Approved by assent.

5. Union Council Minutes and Questions

Minutes of last Union Council meeting noted. Any questions should be directed through the Sabbatical Officers to Union Council.

6. Report from the President

Verbal reports were received from the President, VP Education & Welfare and VP Student Activities.

No questions received

7. Strategic Plan

Verbal report on progress on the strategic plan by the chair of Union Council.

No questions received.

8. Constitution

The Chair presented the draft constitution for approval.

No questions received.

Approved by assent.

9. Motions & Resolutions

None

10. Open Forum Opportunity

New Students' Union Building

The President outlined the current position and options. It was noted that a new Students' Union building was closer to happening than it had ever been in the last 25 years.

Members were asked what they would prefer to see included in a new Students' Union building . The following comments were listed below:

Bar
Cash machine
Larger capacity
Representation Officers
Meeting rooms
Storage for clubs/society
Games room
Good wifi access
Well lit/natural light
Society Officers
Live music venue
Advertising space for clubs/societies
Accessible Sabbatical offices
Well stocked shop
More than just a social area
Bigger reception
Disabled access

There was a very strong feeling that the Students' Union should remain separate from the University and that the facilities should not be shared between the two.

There was also a strong feeling that the building should be environmentally sound.

Members agreed that the coffee bar should not be run by Aramark and should be fit for purpose.

The President asked members to speak to him if they had any further ideas or suggestions.

11. Any Other Business

- 11.1 Film Society noted that the website areas for clubs and societies left a lot to be desired. The President replied that these areas were the responsibility of individual clubs and societies not the Students' Union. It was noted that if anyone needed more training on the website they should contact the President in the first instance.
- 11.2 Rag Chair stated that the new University student homepage was awful. Members agreed. The VP Education & Welfare asked that anyone who had a problem with the homepage should contact her as she had a meeting booked to discuss this with the University.
- 11.3 Film Society raised the issue of posters around the campus and said that the lack of posters made it look as though students did not do anything. Members disagreed with this. The President agreed to put together a guide to the University for posterering and circulate these.
- 11.4 MPS asked about the Saint. The President replied that the Communications Officer had struggled with deadlines but that it would improve in the New Year.
- 11.5 The President stated that there was a vacancy for a Campaigns Officer on Union Council and encouraged members to consider standing.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 5.50 p.m.

Signed _____ (Union Council Chair) Date _____