



Paper number:

## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ANNUAL AGM MEETING** **5<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

### **Present:**

**Students in attendance:** - Kevin Jones, Harrison Rimmer, Jade Watson, Alice Nickolson, Freya Wilde, Patrick Blain, Beth Copeland, Megan Conman, Lilt Fletcher, Simon Tolly, Nicola Agnew, Sasha Thorpe, Fabia Preece, Ed Fisher, Michael Montgomers, Jonathan Goodwin, Isobelle Kennedy, Oleatia Pflasterer, Jennifer Hodgson, Karl Woidylewicz, Josh Parker, Frazer Maxwell, Ben Sutton, Abigail Travers, Ben Brown, Michael Cartes, Kate Dixon, Megan Williams, Gabby Wilson, Alice Hawkins, Andrew Filder, Becky Richardson, Amy Elliot, Hannah Pye, Alexander Richardson, Courtney Mossop, Eleanor Meylan, Charlotte Blundell, Roll Mllull, Sophie Hadwin, Erin Fairbamb, Roseanne Hall, Emily Lopez, Charlotte Colbeck, Sam Smith, Beth Chacklock, Harriot Yale, Emily Hicks, Charlotte Brain, Sarah Taylor, Steph Danson, Charlie Daniel, Jasmine Devlin, Vicki Gater, David Beechan, Charlie Weeman, Alix Taylor, Sam Ree, Louise Crombie, Steph Wright, Aoelo Leeming, Charlotte Hall, Jade Ward, Elna Shay Mukhamettua, Dean Burt, Tadhgh Ryan, Jennifer Bramley, Jack Pearce, Laura Southpard, Bronwen Sedton, Ian Bell, Matthew Mountain, Charlie Holliday, Callam Davis, Benjamin Warsley, George Style, Aidan Laycock, Lewis Finney, Lee Winslow, Joe Wharton, Chris Whitwood, Konstanze Rasche, Sarah Fax, Rebecca Ffoulkes, Kathryn Streatfield, Jack Bennet, Sam Wakefield, James Greig, Tony O'Hagan, Beth Wynne, Sam Johnson, Bella Mosley, Daniel Beal.

**In Attendance:** - Becky Simpson (Leader of Senate/Chair), Chris Bateman (CEO), Elina Shaymakhametova (Student Trustee), Chris Whitwood (Student Trustee)

**Note Taker:-** Louise Aiken

### **Apologies for Absence.**

Laura Jackson (VP Education), Phill Gray (External Trustee), Liz Frances (External Trustee), Vicky Hossack (External Trustee), Simon Turner (External Trustee)

### **1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (6/12/12)**

Approved by assent.

### **Matters Arising**

None

### **2. Financial Account 2012-13**

Verbal report on the figures was given by CB and pages to note. It was noted the Students' Union had a surplus compared with last year's deficit due to the refurbishments.

Accounts accepted.

### 3. Appointments of Auditors

CB confirmed the process of appointment for the auditors.

Accepted.

### 4. Affiliations to external bodies

A list of affiliations presented by the President.

Accepted

### 5. Leader of Senate report

BS presented her written report on activity so far this year.

Open floor questions:-

- What do you mean by holding the Sabbaticals to account?

BS confirmed that she asks for regular feedback and a progress report

The report was received and noted.

### 6. Faculty of HLS report (Kevin Jones)

KJ presented his activity report and noted an amendment change to 48 not 46.

Open floor questions:-

None

The report was received and noted.

### Business School (Joe Bijester)

JB presented his activity report.

Open floor questions:-

None

The report was received and noted.

### Faculty of Education & Theology (Harrison Rimmer)

HR presented his activity report and the collaborative work with other faculty chairs to discuss the issues with placements which is an issue across the faculties. HR also requested that any timetable issues be passed on.

Open floor questions:-

None.

### Faculty of Arts

JF presented his activity report and noted that he had been appointed the official communicator for Create 14.

Open floor questions:-

None

### 7. Reports from the Sabbatical Officers

BS noted that due to the VP Education (Laura Jackson) absence this would not be presented but was available as part of the papers and any questions to be e-mailed to LJ to respond to on her return.

VP Welfare and Diversity (Amy Charlton) presented her activity report noting big wins from her manifesto points.

President (Adam McSkimming) presented his activity report and gave a verbal explanation of the 'Yes Award' which will be running next year. Also noted International Women's Day 8<sup>th</sup> March with activities and workshops planned with the Feminist Society.

Open floor questions:-

- What sports and societies training are you planning for disabled students as they don't feel they can fit in?  
AMc will take to the Sports and Societies Committee **Action: AMc**
- What other venues are the SU looking at for students with disability? Kuda is not accessible.  
CB – tell us which venues you want to work with.
- When will the £750 secured for Safety of Students campaign put in place?  
AMc confirmed that £500 would be to cover the cost of Night Marshalls of a week and the rest would be spent on other campaign materials.
- Where are we at with the Housing Code best practice accreditation?  
AMc is working with York City Council to review the accreditation with the input of AC for student feedback.
- How do you plan to continue with non-drinking events?  
AC responded that she had tried to get running a society 'Fizzy Pop' to co-ordinate events but this had not materialised. Non-drinking events had been on the ents for Freshers but had not been well attended. Any feedback would be welcome.
- How do you plan to engage with Mature Students?  
Student Champions in place plus a monthly cheese and wine club is now being held.
- How are you looking at communicating Housing to students?  
AC confirmed that Housing Packs were widely available around campus including the SU reception. **Action: AC to go out with packs**
- Student from the Faculty of Arts commented on the lack of communication noticeboards which would be beneficial as not all students use social media. It was agreed by a number of students that information in one place (Holgate suggested) would be beneficial. **Action: Sabbaticals**

## 8. Constitution and Schedules

The President gave a verbal report on the proposed changes to the constitution.

Accepted.

Two amendments were also accepted:-

1. GM to CEO
2. Procedural motion 8

## 9. Open questions to the Trustee

- How often do the Trustees meet?  
AMc – 4 times a year.

## 10. Any Other Business

**10.1 Procedural Motion open discussion** – BC presented the motion for discussion and opened the floor for questions.

KJ was asked to elaborate on the motions. A discussion ensued with agreement for this to be voted on at the next Senate meeting.

**There being no other business the meeting closed at 4.30 p.m**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (President)

Date \_\_\_\_\_