

Lancaster University Students' Union Trustee Board

Minutes of formal meeting held Friday 24 June 2022

| Trustees Present | | |
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| Oliver Robinson | SU President & Chair of Trustee Board | He/Him |
| India Ellis | SU VP Union Development and President / Chair of Board-elect | She/Her |
| Dom Casoria | SU VP Societies & Media | He/Him |
| Amy Merchant | SU VP Welfare | She/Her |
| Gayatri Shewani | SU VP Education | She/Her |
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| Amanda Chetwynd | External Trustee Vice Chair of Board Finance & Risk Sub-Committee Chair | She/Her |
| Richard Soper | External Trustee Governance Sub-Committee Chair | He/Him |
| Dave Morris | External Trustee Chair of Remuneration Committee | He/Him |
| Tony Camp | External Trustee FRSC expert member | He/Him |
| Mike Leckie | External Trustee | He/Him |
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| Sam Maesschalck | Student Trustee | He/Him |
| Rhys Peploe | Student Trustee | He/Him |
| Callum Slater | Student Trustee and VP Union Development-elect | He/Him |

| Observers | | |
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| Vic [Victoria] Phillips | VP Welfare-elect | She/Her |
| Megan Homburg | VP Sport-elect | She/Her |
| Noah Katz | VP Education-elect | They/Them |

| In attendance | | |
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| Misbah Ashraf | SU Chief Executive | She/Her |
| Chris Cottam | Advocacy & Governance Manager [item 4.5] | He/Him |
| Veronica Longmire | Executive Administrator | Minutes |

OPENING BUSINESS

Apologies | noted. | **Declarations of Interests** | None declared.

The Chair welcomed Mike Leckie, the newly-appointed external trustee.

Minutes of previous meetings and Matters Arising from the minutes | Board accepted the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held 27 January and the formal meeting held 18 March 2022 and noted outstanding actions.

MATTERS FOR FORMAL APPROVAL

Budget 2022-23 and Forecasts 2023-25 | Board observed the current budgets and forecasts for the trading areas, commercial marketing and the Charity, and supported the proposal to not finalise these at this meeting. The Chair reiterated their belief that sustainability was important as well as a strategic direction.

Counterculture Tender | Board was asked to note the significant increase in auditors' costs going forward and the recommendation to undertake a tender exercise.

Full-time Officers' Salary | Board noted the document submitted, observing that a review through other sub-committees had occurred. From discussion [with impacted officers having left the meeting for this], there was agreement to the proposals.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Matters raised by Student Trustees | Board noted the information presented.

Sports Funding Paper | Board acknowledged the paper, as presented by the Chief Executive on behalf of the VP Sport, and based on the recommendations outlined there was acceptance from Board for further conversations to take place with the University.

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

Reflection from the Chair | The Chair thanked every person in the meeting for their support, stating that the culture of Board had been transformed and he would leave an organisation where there was more respect [largely due to the external trustees] | more open discussions | the consensus position reported at the AGM was the delight in how Board was working | the Union being in a position to allow governance to build trust around student engagement, to deal with the cultural issues throughout the University together, work on building the relationship with the University and that he had trust in the Chief Executive of the organisation. He also stated that he 'does not do Sport, does not do Groups and does not eat Chocolates'!

Management Accounts to 31 May 2022 | Noted. **Board Register of Attendance** | noted.

Glow Nightclub | Board observed that the incident at the venue had resulted in its closure together with the Union's decision to not use the venue, which had been made earlier in the year.

Elections Report from NUS | Board noted the report from the Returning Officer and the key issues surrounding the recent elections. Actions agreed from the recommendations.

Extravs Financial Position | Board acknowledged the source of funding for the 2021 Extravs had and the intention to return to tradition this year, albeit with a predicted loss.

Housing Update | Board noted the update submitted.

ADDITIONAL AND FUTURE BUSINESS

Formal thanks were extended to the student trustees for taking up the role, and the FTOs for their brilliant work, as the front face of the Union, during a difficult two years.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair had great pleasure in drawing the final meeting in his role as Chair to a close.