Formal Trustee Board
Minutes of meeting held 6 June 2024

Present		
Cerys Evans (CE)	SU President and Chair of Trustee Board	She / Her
Amanda Chetwynd (AC)	External Trustee, Safeguarding Lead	She / Her
Dave Morris (DM)	External Trustee, Chair of HR & Renumeration Sub-Committee	He / Him
Richard Soper (RS)	External Trustee, Vice Chair of Trustee Board and Chair of Governance Sub-Committee	He / Him
Sam Hedges (SH)	SU VP Education	He / Him
Josh Newsham (JN)	SU VP Welfare	He / Him
Harrison Stewart (HS)	SU VP Union Development	He / Him
Jack Watson (JW)	SU VP Sport	He / Him
Thomas Cross (TCS)	Student Trustee	They / Them
Nathan Mooney (NM)	Student Trustee	He / Him
Observer		
Ella Smith (ES)	Wellbeing Officer - Elect	She / Her
In attendance		
Misbah Ashraf (MA)	LUSU Chief Executive Officer	She / Her
Tony Camp (TCP)	Head of Commercial Services	He / Him
Chris Cottam (CC)	Head of Advocacy & Governance	He / Him
Paula Kinsella	Head of People	She / Her
Jane Morgan Jones (JMJ)	Head of Finance	She / Her
Charlotte Barker (CB)	Trustee Board Secretary	She / Her
Apologies		
Mike Leckie (ML)	External Trustee, Chair of Finance & Risk Sub-Committee	He / Him
Santi Siabato Trujillo (SST)	SU VP Societies & Media	He / Him
Ariana Dell (AD)	Student Trustee	

1. Opening Business
The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and welcomed Ella Smith to Trustee Board, who is attending as an observer before commencing their role as Wellbeing Officer.

1.1 Apologies | Received from Ariana Dell, Mike Leckie, Santi Siabato Trujillo.
1.2 Declarations of Interest | None were received.
1.3 Register of Attendance | Attached for information.

2. Matters for Formal Approval
2.1 Minutes of Meeting | Last held 9 April 2024 | Approved by Trustee Board.

2.2 Budget 2024-25 and Forecasts 2025-27
The Trustee Board observed the budget and the forecasts and supported the decision of the CEO and the Senior Leadership Team to try to clear as much of the deficit next financial year as possible to bring financial stability to the organisation.

The Chair and Chief Executive thanked the Head of Finance for all their hard work on this. The amount of work the Head of Finance has done and the support she has provided to the CEO is greatly appreciated and formally recognised.

Approved by Trustee Board.

2.3 Risk Policy
The Head of Finance informed the Trustee Board that the risk policy must be reviewed annually, and that this year there have been few changes. The main change as agreed at a previous Trustee Board meeting is that FRSC would discuss the top five risks, and these would be taken to Trustee Board to discuss.

Approved by Trustee Board.

3. Items for Discussion
None

4. Items for Information
4.1 Block Grant Letter
The Trustee Board noted the Students' Union reply to the 2023/24 block grant letter and that the block grant letter for 2024/25 would be in line with clearing and student numbers.

4.2 Freedom of Speech Code of Practice
The Trustee Board noted that a draft comms will be sent to different student groups to forewarn them about the code of practice. It is hoped that there will be more information after July and that the code of practice will be able to go to the next Governance Sub-Committee

4.3 Management Accounts: April 2014 YTD
Board noted the accounts.

4.4 Annual General Meeting
The Chair confirmed that the AGM is a legal requirement and that the date is 26 June 2024.

4.5 Chair's Report
Board noted the report from the Chair.

5. Electronic Decisions Since Previous Meeting
None.

6. Additional and Future Business
General Election:
The Head of Advocacy & Governance informed the Trustee Board that as term ends on 28 June and the General Election is being held on 4 July, that an education information piece will be produced for students on how and where you can vote and what rights/entitlements they have. On 17 June the Student's Union is hosting a candidate's question time.

Cost of Living Conference:
VP Welfare explained to the Trustee Board that a cost-of-living conference was held on 30 May 2024. It was mainly attended by officers based in the North West and they represent up to 1.5m students.

The demands are as follows:
We are the representative voice for over **half a million voters** in this General Election.

We stand as a bold collective voice for students, and those who care about students' rights.

We know many of our members have been pushed into hardship, poverty, and hunger. Many are deeply unhappy with the way Higher Education is funded and organised, and the way in-which students have been continually mistreated.

We ask for the following from our prospective and future Parliamentary representatives:

1. **Student accommodation renters reform & fair rent controls.** To give students more tenancy rights and better standards for accommodation.
2. **Reformed Higher Education and student funding models.** Increased maintenance loans in line with real living standards, meeting the HEPI Student minimum standard set for thriving in education. We aspire to transition to a model of maintenance grants, but for now we ask for increased maintenance loans.

3. **Uplifted funding for a truly public-owned NHS** as well as funding and support for universities to deal with gaps in the NHS's current provision. This should include: free legal aid, subsidised on-campus food, and wellbeing and mental health support.
4. **A national transport card for all students**. So all students can get to University, regardless of age or location.

We call on prospective Parliamentary candidates across the country to show their support for these demands.

7. Thank you

The Vice Chair thanked all this year's officers for their work and that it was a pleasure to see the elections and how many more students participated this year than last year and it was an amazing contrast to 12 months ago. The Vice Chair thanked all the student trustees in the Sub-Committees.

8. Meeting Closed