



Annual General Meeting

11th February 2022

14:30-15:30

StUdio

Total Number of Attendees – 36

Quoracy: 25

Presenter:

Chelsey Grooby President – CG

Rachel Ward Vice President – RW

Welcome from the Chair of the Board

CG welcomed members to the meeting and noted the purpose of the AGM.

Confirm that attendees are satisfied with meeting set-up and technology

A vote was conducted to make sure attendees were happy with CG and RW hosting the AGM and to confirm attendees were satisfied with the meeting setup and technology.

Yes: 36

No: 0

Abstention: 0

Approved

Update from the Officers

CG updated members on her top aims:

· Improve volunteer experience

Through organising Course Rep Coffee Mornings, socials for Student Voice Volunteers, introducing a buddy scheme for external and student trustees, introduced impact reporting for Student Council so that part-time officers can receive support for their projects.

· Improve inclusivity

Working on a Decolonisation campaign with the university to diversify reading lists and the curriculum. Introduced Liberation networks and started to develop academic societies. A free speech policy has been drafted for LTSU and recruitment practices have been reviewed to increase BAME representation within the staff team. Also been working with the university on the Name Change Project alongside your LGBTQ+ officer, finally, working towards a Pride event in the summer.

· Respond to student needs

Speak Weeks have been running throughout the academic year where students can provide feedback on topics, worked with Leeds University Union and Leeds Beckett on the We are Leeds campaign. Worked with the university by providing student feedback to boards and committees,

established payment for students participating in interviews, also fed back on student expectations of assessment and feedback to the university and contributed to a safeguarding group on sexual misconduct and gender-based violence. Also worked with West Yorkshire Police on student safety and finally worked with the University to provide free transport to Covid-19 vaccine centres.

RW updated members on her top aims:

· Grow the SU's impact

Working with colleagues, making sure that LTSU held an inclusive, engaging Fresher's week. Currently working on clearly communicating the advice support available from LTU and LTSU and supporting the introduction and development of a diverse range of clubs and societies.

· Support student wellbeing

Currently mapping out the wellbeing road map to highlight the services available for students.

· Contribute to tackling the climate emergency

Sourced biodegradable and reusable sanitary products for the SU Shop, currently working on reducing plastic waste on campus and in StUdio. Looking to develop a platform where students can buy and sell second-hand items. Using the planters outside of StUdio to grow food that can be used by students and staff. Finally, contributing to the University Sustainability Strategy.

· Creating an inclusive student experience

Ran the Rainbow Laces campaign with sports clubs to support the LGBTQ+ community. Shared information over Interfaith Week celebrating different religions. Working in collaboration with the Women's Officer on plans for International Women's Day events including sharing stories of women in leadership. Collaborated with the University on Black History Month events and planning an International Day for International students. Finally working towards the installation of an automated door fitted in StUdio.

Ratification of minutes of previous AGM

CG ran through the minutes from the last meeting and asked members if they had any questions, none were raised.

GB asked members to vote to ratify the minutes of the meeting

Yes: 36

No: 0

Abstention: 0

Approved

Receive the Union Accounts

CG updated members that LTSU is a charity that has its accounts audited by an external, independent organisation, who have confirmed that the accounts are a true and fair view of the Students' Union.

The Students' Union's main funder is the University with additional funds received from sponsorships, events, the sale of NUS Extra Cards, and through our commercial outlets. The Trustee Board of LTSU approves the annual budget and ensures all money received by the charity is invested back into the services and activities provided for students.

During 2020-2021, LTSU had a total income of £336,910 and a total expenditure of £319,841.

Appointment of Watson Buckle to undertake an independent examination of accounts

CG informed members that LTSU will be recommending the appointment of Watson Buckle Limited to the Trustee Board.

Approving the list of affiliations of the Union – Advice UK, NUS & BUCS

RW explained that the Students' Union is currently affiliated with 3 organisations:

· Advice UK

A national, independent advice organisation that establishes the Advice centre as a member of a recognised and appropriate national body.

· NUS

The National Union of Students and this affiliation allows LTSU to work collectively with Students' Unions across the UK. NUS also provides expertise, support, and knowledge so that LTSU can support students.

· BUCS

The British Universities and Colleges Sports is a national governing body for higher education sport in the UK.

RW asked members to vote to approve our 3 affiliations:

Yes: 36

No: 0

Abstention: 0

Approved

Members question time for Trustees

CG and RW welcomed members to ask questions of the Trustee Board. No questions were received.

CG thanked members for participating in the Annual General Meeting and requested that members submit any questions they may have to student.union@leedstrinity.ac.uk and reminded members that the presentation will be available on the website.

End of meeting