

Leeds Trinity SU Annual General Meeting (AGM)

16/03/21, Microsoft Teams Live Event

Present:

Andy Blunt – AB

Chesley Grooby - CG

Lucy Smith – LS

Miki Vyse – MV

Simon Law – SL

Vinay Verma – VV

CG welcomed members to the meeting

CG noted the purpose of the AGM

CG passed to VV and thanked students for support during the year

Item 1 – Welcome from the Chair of the Board

VV welcomed members to AGM

VV summarised his role as Chair

VV detailed the agenda for the meeting

VV directed students to the polls on the LTSU website and encouraged members to use the Q&A function in the Teams Live event

VV asked students to use poll on whether members were satisfied with meeting set up and technology

Item 2 – Ratification of minutes of previous AGM

VV moved to Item 2

VV reiterated that minutes from last year's AGM were available on the website

VV asked members to raise any queries via the Q&A function

VV asked members to approve minutes via the poll

AGM did not reach quoracy to ratify minutes

VV handed over to CG to outline financial accounts

Item 3 – Union Accounts

CG moved to Item 3

CG noted that the annual accounts were also available on the website

CG summarised income and expenditure for 2019/20

CG explained University block grant including additional income for BUCS grant

CG highlighted a healthy profit for the Union and explained the deferred income and saving strategy

CG explained ringfenced reserve to mitigate risks for employed staff

CG said there was cautious planning around finances from the Board due to the pandemic

CG added that financial security and sustainability are at the core of Trustee decisions

CG summarised the need for funds from the Board of Governors to be used in agreed ways

CG handed back to VV

Item 4 – Appointment of Independent Examiners of Accounts

VV moved to Item 4

VV asked members to vote on whether to delegate the appointment and remuneration of an accountant to the Board of Trustees

VV asked students to vote on this via a poll on the website

AGM did not reach quoracy to approve delegation

Item 5 – Approving the list of Affiliations

VV moved to Item 5

VV summarised the Union's affiliations

VV noted Advice UK affiliation, costs involved, and explained reasons for affiliations

VV noted NUS affiliation, costs involved, and explained reasons for affiliations

VV noted BUCS affiliation, costs involved, and explained reasons for affiliations

VV asked members to approve list of affiliations by vote poll on the website

AGM did not reach quoracy to approve affiliations

VV passed to CG and asked members to submit questions to the Q&A for Trustees

Item 6 – Trustees Report and Questions from Members

CG explained the report summarised 2019/20

CG summarised student voice including the record number of positions in 2020– record no. of positions in 2020

CG highlighted the launch of student-led outlet StUdio and the new website in 2019

CG drew attention to large number of student volunteers and the Union's commitment to sustainability

CG summarised 2019 Officer campaigns

CG explained the impact of Covid and lockdown measures on the charity, including a shift in Officer priorities

CG apologised to members as the meeting had not reach quoracy

CG thanked everyone for attending

VV thanked members for attending and encouraged students to attend the rescheduled meeting

Members in attendance of AGM

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Names are on record and held by LTSU