

Leeds Trinity SU Rescheduled Annual General Meeting (AGM)

26/03/21, Microsoft Teams Live Event

Present:

Andy Blunt – AB

Chelsey Grooby - CG

Christopher Dow – CD

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 expressed difficulties throughout the year which will be expanded on in Trustee report

CG passed to VV

Item 1 – Welcome from the Chair of the Board

VV welcomed members to AGM

VV explained role as Chair

VV summarised agenda points

VV encouraged members to use the Q&A function to ask Trustee's questions

VV explained digital voting format

VV asked members to vote on satisfaction with meeting set-up and technology

Item 2 – Ratification of minutes of previous AGM

VV moved to Item 2

VV noted that the minutes are available on website

VV asked members to raise any queries from minutes in chat

VV reiterated digital voting systems

VV asked members to vote

VV handed back to CG

AGM voted in favour of approval

Item 3 – Union Accounts

CG explained that the annual accounts can be downloaded from website

CG explained that the summary was from the year 2019-20

CG summarised income and expenditure

CG noted block grant from University

CG added that the SU received restricted funding for sports and BUCS activities, the affiliation of which will be summarised by VV

CG noted funding for commercial service expansion

CG explained the ringfenced reserve to mitigate risks for employed staff

CG said that finances were largely healthy but that the Board continued to plan cautiously due to pandemic as financial security and sustainability are at the heart of Trustee financial decisions

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

CG reiterated main points

CG handed back to VV

Item 4 – Appointment of Independent Examiners of Accounts

VV moved to Item 4

VV explained the third poll whereby members vote on the delegation of the appointment and remuneration of an accountant to the Board of Trustees

VV noted that this appointment would require a majority vote of the Trustees

VV encouraged members to vote using the online poll

AGM voted in favour of approval

Item 5 – Approving the list of Affiliations

VV moved to Item 5

VV explained that he would provide background to affiliations for members

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 the list of affiliations via the online poll

AGM voted in favour of approval

VV passed to CG and encouraged members to ask questions of the Trustees

Item 6 – Trustees Report and Questions from Members

CG explained that the report summarised 2019/20 but will finish with any updates from this year

CG summarised student voice including the record number of positions in 2020

CG highlighted the launch of social space StUdio which created employment opportunities

CG mentioned the new website launch in 2019

CG drew attention to large number of student volunteers

CG highlighted the 616 members involved in clubs and societies in 2019

CG mentioned 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 and broader impact on charitable aims

CG added that the effect of lockdown 3 is yet to be established financially

CG encouraged questions for Trustees

CG noted aims for 2020/21 and the shifting priorities due to Covid in order to support members

CG moved to questions for Trustees and noted Trustees present

VV encouraged students to ask questions

None were forthcoming

AB suggested offering a way to submit questions in the future

VV encouraged students to send questions to CG and CD

VV thanked students for attending

Members in attendance of AGM

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Names are on record and held by LTSU