

Student Executive Committee

22/02/2021

Present:

Chris Dow – CD

Chelsey Grooby – CG

Lucy Smith – LS

Rachael Chapman – RC

Rachel Powell – RP

Simon Law - SL

Vinay Verma – VV

Item 1 – Welcome from the Chair

VV welcomed everyone to the meeting

Item 2 – Financial Report

SL explained financial report and explained that it is a month in arrears

SL noted that the Union finances were healthy and highlighted key savings including utilisation of the furlough scheme and reduced costs of running commercial services

SL added that the expected deficit of £10,000 will be less

SL explained that the bottom lines will not change

SL moved to questions

SL acknowledged that the financial report can be quite complex and encourage the committee to read the overview

VV moved to questions

None were forthcoming

Item 3 – Progress on Strategic Objectives

VV moved to Item 3

SL explained KPI dashboard

SL noted that the board was mostly 'green', i.e. positive

SL mentioned key positives including Student Say submissions and the number of events

SL added that society and sport club membership uptake had been low but that a strategy was being written to tackle this

SL said communications were mostly going well and future collaborative plans

SL explained the commercial performance of the SU including targets of commercial venues

SL moved to questions

VV asked what was put in place for clubs and societies for the online offer

SL responded by explaining the support that had been on offer to clubs and societies including financial support

SL noted money from SAC and explained that clubs and societies had to spend their own money

SL also noted the work done on LTUnity

VV asked if clubs and societies were trained around moving activities online

SL responded that the uptake was positive in March but has not translated into memberships

CD echoed SL comments on LTUnity

CD added that some clubs had held online sessions but that the uptake mostly was not there

CD expanded that training was held but members were often too busy

VV said that as long as the support was offered by the SU

SL stressed that the experience would be different across the sector and welcomed student input to upcoming strategy

SL encouraged student input on moving forward following the April budget

VV hoped clubs and societies would come back stronger this year

VV moved to further questions

None were forthcoming

Item 4 – General Manager’s Report

VV moved to GM report

SL explained that commercial venues likely to stay shut till the end of term with the SU Shop possibly moving online depending on safety

SL said the SU Advice continues to support students and has been fundamental to individuals

SL summarised activities

SL covered possible issues that may occur in future

SL explained AGM and assignment of accountants

VV asked how this would be carried out at AGM and SL explained

SL explained that the Trustees are responsible financially, but affiliations are down to the members

VV asked for comments or questions

None were forthcoming

VV thanked SL for his hard work and for presenting the reports

Item 5 – Reports from Sabbatical Officers

VV moved to Item 5 and invited the officers to share their reports

CG explained she would give a verbal update of actions since the last Council meeting

CG noted updates on the buddy scheme, GM recruitment, graduation planning, collaborative work between the SU and LTU, Academic Board updates, no Covid cases currently on campus, handover to CD during elections period and Heritage Halls

CG mentioned to RP a meeting about resources for dyslexic students and the long-term provisions in place for next year

RP noted the software in the library is excellent but difficult to arrange from DSA

RP suggested providing an option where the University sign up if there is additional funding

CG moved to questions

None were forthcoming

CD took goals as read

CD also provided verbal updates since Council including rent relief, sustainability events, LTUnity, elections, rewilding campus and varsity plans with York St John

VV thanked officers for their updates and congratulated them on their work over the recent weeks and months

VV moved to questions or comments

None were forthcoming

Item 6 – SAC Update

VV moved to item 6

CD gave a verbal SAC update

CD covered engagement of students and social opportunities for clubs and societies

CD explained that Clubs and Societies Awards will be adapted this year and provisionally offered a timescale of the end of April

CD emphasised uncertainty around returning to sports

CD mentioned that around half of club committee roles had nominees, but it has been difficult to fill society committee roles

VV thanked for update

Item 7 – AOB

VV asked if there were any comments or questions

None were forthcoming

VV thanked everyone for their input