



AUSU

Trustee Board Meeting

7th November 2023

In person and via Teams

Present

Bayanda Vundamina (BV)	- AUSU President and Chair
Elain Gwynedd (EG)	- AUSU Welsh Culture Officer, UMCA President & Trustee
Helen Cooper (HC)	- AUSU Wellbeing Officer & Officer Trustee
Tiff McWilliams (TMW)	- AUSU Student Opportunities Officer & Trustee
Anna Simpkins (AS)	- AUSU Academic Affairs Officer
Jon Allsopp (JA)	- AUSU External Trustee
Tom Molyneux (TMO)	- AUSU Student Trustee

In attendance

Trish McGrath (TMcG)	- AUSU CEO
Annamarie Evans (AE)	- AUSU Head of People & Wellbeing (notetaker)

MEETING ADMINISTRATION

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies from Debra Croft, Alan Roberts and Ryan Beasley.

2. Declarations of Interest

Officers declared an interest in the Budget Budgets relate to staffing so 5 officers paid

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting held 15th June 2023 were approved.

Approved

4. Matters Arising

Any matters arising were covered in agenda items.

Noted

STRATEGY

5. Finance: Management Accounts

TM gave a thorough explanation of the Management Accounts to September 2023. Overall surplus of £6k but wary that's more of a timing issue.

Noted

6. KPI Progress

TM presented the KPI update and will follow up the presidents, secretaries and treasurers trained figure with the Opportunities Team. TM to discuss comms targets with the Communications and Engagement Team, looking at how to use LinkedIn and will add to KPI documents.

Action - TM

7. CEO Update Report

TM gave an overview of the CEO report provided paying particular attention to the Aber Forward scheme that we have been able to utilise student staff paid for by the University. TM also updated the Board on the appointment of the incoming VC.

Noted

8. Officer Update

Each officer gave a summary of priorities for the coming year and can be accessed via the AberSU website.

Noted

9. Annual Operating Plan

TM gave an overview of the annual operating plan.

Noted

10. CEO Objectives

TM's objectives for 2023/24 were approved by the Board.

Approved

11. University Financial Savings

The Board held a discussion regarding the University's request for the SU to find savings in the budget. TM asked the Board to approve the use of using £40k out of the reserves. Trustees to confirm via email.

Approved

12. Annual Financial Statements

Although these were already approved via email, TM gave the Board the opportunity for any questions. TM will go back through debtors with the Head of Finance to look at what's included.

Approved and Action - TM

13. Updated Code of Practice Wording

TM explained the old document that was last updated in 2019 has been amended and asked the Board to approve the amendments. TM will send on the University.

Approved

14. Scheme of Delegate Authority

TM explained the reason for having a Scheme of Delegated Authority and asked the Board to approve.

Approved

15. Senedd Update

BV ran through the policies that were passed at Senedd.

Ratified by the Board

16. New PG Student Trustee

We are pleased to confirm that a student Andra Jones has been elected as Postgraduate Trustee.

Noted

17. People Report

TM gave a brief overview of the people report and stated that if any Trustees wanted any additions or changes to let us know. The NUS Employee Engagement Survey Awards, we received recognition for having the highest score in the whole sector for sharing knowledge.

Noted

18. A.O.B.

none

19. Date of next meeting

29th February 2024 at 3pm both in person and online