



AUSU
Trustee Board Meeting
20th April 2023
In person and via Teams

Present

Ash Sturrock (SO)	- AUSU President and Chair
Ryan Beasley (RB)	- AUSU External Trustee and Deputy Chair
Dafi Jones (DJ)	- AUSU Welsh Culture Officer, UMCA President & Trustee
Cameron Curry (CC)	- AUSU Wellbeing Officer & Officer Trustee
Rachel Barwise (RB)	- AUSU Student Opportunities Officer & Trustee
Alan Roberts (AR)	- AUSU External Trustee
Debra Croft (DC)	- AUSU External Trustee

In attendance

Trish McGrath (TM)	- AUSU CEO
Annmarie Evans (AE)	- AUSU Head of People & Wellbeing (notetaker)

MEETING ADMINISTRATION

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies from Jon Allsopp/External Trustee.

2. Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were declared by TM, AE and AS with regard to salary changes.

Noted

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting held January 2023 were approved.

Approved

4. Matters Arising

No matters arising that are not already covered in agenda items. A discussion however was held about Auditors deadlines, and whether we should look at auditors further afield especially as everything can be done online now.

Noted

STRATEGY

5. Finance: Management Accounts

TM talked through the Management Accounts to March 2023 that included the reforecast. TM will add the BreatheHR payment as income.

Action - TM

6. KPI update

TM provided an update on KPIs and all relatively on track. DC informed the group that they had 3 and half hours of equality training they could deliver for free.

Noted

7. CEO Update Report

TM gave an overview of the CEO report provided. That included an explanation of the changes in our Comms Department, as well as an update on Welsh 3 peaks challenge and that 7s will be reviewed as to whether it's more of a community-based event.

Noted

8. Officer Update

Officers gave a verbal update of priorities since the last time the board met.

9. AGM Update

TM gave a briefing of results of AGM to note. Information provided in the Big Meeting minutes.

Noted

10. Constitutional Amendments

The Board approved constitutional amendments as voted at the AGM.

Noted Action/TM

11. Budget 2023/24

TM presented the Budget for 2023/24 to be approved before submitting to the University.

Approved

12. Costing of living increase

TM asked the Board to approve the same 2% pay rise backdated to February as the University has done. With a further rise in July in line with University rises.

Approved

13. Financial Review

TM asked the Board to note the financial review that was carried out by Counterculture. TM will make the necessary changes as applicable and present to the next Board meeting in June.

Noted

14. Risk Register

TM will look to bring this back to the Trustees and add a section on recruitment.

Noted

15. A.O.B.

It was agreed for Officers not to be put on the mandate.

Agreed

A conversation was held around Trustee Recruitment to be followed up in future meetings.

Noted

RB asked the question is there a need to incorporate in the future and will follow up with TM outside of this meeting.

Noted

There was a conversation about Bilingualism policy and whether external companies have to provide their material in Welsh and English. It was noted that it was down to the discretion at the Head of Comms.

16. Date of next meeting

15th June 2023 @ 3pm in Room 4 and online