



AUSU

Trustee Board Meeting

21st September 2022

In person and via Zoom

Present

Ash Sturrock (SO)	- AUSU President and Chair
Ryan Beasley (RB)	- AUSU Eternal Trustee and Deputy Chair
Dafi Jones (DJ)	- AUSU Welsh Culture Officer, UMCA President & Trustee
Cameron Curry (CC)	- AUSU Wellbeing Officer & Officer Trustee
Rachel Barwise (Rach B)	- 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

Welcome and introductions to the new Officer Trustees. Apologies received from Elizabeth Manners, Jon Allsopp and Gary Coulsby.

2. Declarations of Interest

TM declared an interest in the CEO objectives.

Noted

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting held June 2022 were approved subject to the addition of Cameron Curry, Dafi Jones and Ash Sturrock being added as observing.

Approved

4. Matters Arising/Action Sheet

Pay scale changes have been actioned.

STRATEGY

5. Finance: Management Accounts

TM talked through the Management Accounts to August 2022. There have been salary savings and items still to be paid but at the moment we are forecasting a surplus.

There was also a discussion around the minibus from the University and us sharing the cost. DC confirmed this wasn't part of the agreement and will seek evidence through Student Support minutes. Query salary savings in Opps.

Action - TM

6. KPI update

As we are at the start of a new academic year, the KPI dashboard is at zero. As part of Trustee Development morning, Trustees were asked to think about what KPIs they wanted to measure. RB gave an overview to Board Members about the results. TM will go away and look at the current dashboard and what can be added.

Action - TM

7. CEO Update Report

Staffing and recruitment is a challenge and as part of trying to solve it, TM will look at other ways of retaining staff but on a case by case basis. An update was provided on Barry Dore Leadership and feedback from Coordinators. Freshers' tickets are low again this year, no impact on finances but reputational risk. Need to look at how we give financial benefit to groups. Going to in class elections reps. Officer training and VO Training tomorrow.

Noted

8. Officer Update

President priorities - student voice, shag campaign, green impact, cost of living

Opportunities officer priorities - more international students engaged through socs and committees, working with Sports Centre Facilities to ensure they are accessible, increasing engagement e.g. give it a go, policy on dragon mascot to change the name, various events over the year

Welsh Culture & UMCA President priorities - continue to successfully run UMCA events, giving UMCA more prominent social media presence and making it more accessible, raising awareness learning through Welsh, UMCA celebrating 50 years next year – RB be good to see progress

Wellbeing Officer priorities - Increase in access to gender affirming products, work on barriers that exist to take part in field work and push University to have a better accommodation matching system

Academic Affairs Officer priorities - Decolonising Curriculum, working with Academic Reps, Post Grad network

Noted

9. Annual Operating Plan

TM provided the Annual Operating Plan for information.

Noted

10. CEO Objectives

The Board approved the CEO Objectives.

Approved

11. Students' Union Mandate

The Board were asked to approve AS and CC as signatories for the bank mandate. Approved but TM will look at why these positions are chosen to be signatories. Information on this will be provided.

Approved

12. A.O.B.

None

13. Date of next meeting

Dates to be set