



**AUSU**  
**Trustee Board Meeting**  
**17<sup>th</sup> March 2017**  
**Committee Room**

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**Present**

Lauren Marks (LM)	- AUSU President, Chairperson & Trustee
Rhun Dafydd (RD)	- AUSU Welsh Affairs & UMCA President & Trustee
Jasmine Cross (JC)	- AUSU Student Activities Officer & Trustee
Ryan Myles (RM)	- AUSU Education Officer & Trustee
Richard Matthews (RM)	- AUSU Undergraduate Trustee
Alan Roberts (AR)	- AUSU External Trustee
Ryan Beasley (RB)	- AUSU External Trustee
Olympia Petrou (OP)	- AUSU External Trustee

**In attendance**

Trish McGrath (TM)	- AUSU CEO
Anmarie Evans (AE)	- AUSU Executive Assistant (notetaker)

**MEETING ADMINISTRATION**

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and introductions were made by all present. The Chair was delighted to inform the board of the successes of AberSU NUS Awards. We won Higher Education SU of the year and Student Opportunities of the Year.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Sue Parnell, Peter Curran and Naomi Cutler

**2. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were recorded.

**3. Minutes of the previous meeting**

Minutes of the previous meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> January were approved as a true record of account with a minor change of spelling for our External Trustee, Ryan Beasley.

**Approved**

**4. Matters Arising**

Minute 9/12 Combining KPIs/Risk Register and ensuring this is embedded into each staff member's objectives as well as showing the incoming VC

**Action – Ongoing TM**

## **STRATEGY**

### **5. i. Finance: Management Accounts**

TM presented the Management Accounts to February 17 in great detail and the Board welcomed this format for future meetings.

**Noted**

### **ii. Pre Budget Approval**

TM provided the Board with 3 budget scenarios to take into account any possible cuts in our block grant. TM reassured the Board that we will be asking the University for the 700k but it was important that we consider different scenarios, should this not be approved. The Trustees thanked and agreed with the scenarios but reiterated that it is important that we make it clear on the recent successes of AberSU and the impact of recent Sports Centre costing on us as an SU and our members.

**Noted**

### **iii. Auditor Approval**

The Trustees were provided with a costing for 3 different Auditors. Francis Gray was approved as the new Auditors for 2016/17 and 2017/18 Accounts subject to assurances that they have worked with Charities and provide some testimonials.

**Approved**

### **6. CEO Report**

TM provided the Trustees with her CEO report that included updates on Budgeting and finance, Communication and Engagement, Opportunities, Support & Representation, Staffing and HR.

**Noted**

### **7. Officer Report**

The Officers provided a report giving a briefing of their activities to date.

**Noted**

### **8. Strategic Plan Update**

TM explained that there had not been any further progression with the Strategic Plan. That a consultation process has taken place, that it is ongoing and will provide the Strategic Plan for the next Trustee meeting.

**Action – TM**

## **9. Staff Survey**

TM explained to the Board that we have decided to save some money this year by not going with the NUS Staff Survey but to conduct our own and benchmark against other SUs.

**Action – TM**

## **10. Code of Practice**

TM provided the Code of Practice for the Board to approve. The following comments were made:

It was felt that the ethos of the document was too formal. The document needed to include gender neutral references, and clarity on reference to which Council it refers to is to be passed on to the University Secretary.

**Action - TM**

## **11. Sub Committee Discussion**

LM informed the Board that we are seeking assistance from other SUs as well as AR providing his support to look at reviewing our Sub Committee Set up.

**Action – TM/AR**

## **12. Minutes from the Council Meeting**

Minutes were provided from the last Council Meeting for the trustee to note.

**Noted**

## **13. A.O.B.**

The Chair extended her thanks on behalf of the board to Trish, Martin, Catrin and Eleri for their work during elections.

## **14. Date of next meeting**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 1pm

**End of meeting**