



**AUSU
Trustee Board Meeting
18th January 2019
Committee Room**

Present

Bruce Fraser Wight (BFW)	- AUSU President
Anna Wyn (AW)	- AUSU Welsh Culture Officer, UMCA President & Trustee
Louisa Fletcher (LF)	- AUSU Student Opportunities Officer & Trustee
Meg Hatfield (MH)	- AUSU Academic Affairs Officer
Ryan Beasley (RB)	- AUSU External Trustee
Alan Roberts (AR)	- AUSU External Trustee
Peter Curran (PC) via skype	- AUSU External Trustee

In attendance

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

MEETING ADMINISTRATION

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were given from Alice Raven, Olymbia Petrou and Molly Longden.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting held 18th November 2018 were approved subject to changing Union Development to President.

Approved

4. Matters Arising

The staff handbook will be moved to the next meeting.

Action - OP

STRATEGY

5. Finance: Management Accounts

TM reported that from reforecasting figures, we will be looking at a 30k plus surplus. She made reference to the change of roles of Anmarie to People and Wellbeing Manager as well as an intern role for a few months for Support & Representation Department, the Board approved these changes via email in January.

Approved and noted

TM also explained that more money has been made available for campaigns as well as a prize pot in the Aber 7s tournament for the winning team.

Noted

Financial Statements

TM gave an overview of the Financial Statements for 2017/18 and stated that she was pleased with the surplus of £95k as it allowed us to bank more into reserves. The Board approved that the reserves policy is reviewed every three years as well as approving the Financial Statements for 2017/18.

Approved

PC congratulated TM and the Team for the work that's gone into ensuring the finances are being monitored and is really pleased to see such huge improvements. He did however ask what the long term plan was for long term debtors. TM will update as soon as possible.

Action - TM

6. CEO Report

TM explained that they are in the process of preparing the budget for 2019/20 and said that she has been given reassurance that our block grant will remain the same as previous years but it will be very unlikely to secure an increase. A discussion was held around current difficulties that the University are facing and the Board asked TM to try and secure agreement from the University that our block grant will remain the same for the next three years.

Action – TM

TM also stated that our salary scale is up for renewal and will bring to the next board Meeting.

Noted

TM provided an updated KPI overview. PC stated that it is good practice to put in risks and uncertainties in this current period e.g. student numbers and Brexit.

Noted

7. Officers' Report

The Board were given an overview of Officer Activities since the last meeting.

Noted

8. Building Developments

TM provided the Board with architect plans and updated them on conversations to date. He did however, explain that in the current climate it is highly unlikely that the funds will become available for the refurb but wanted to keep the Board updated.

Noted

9. QSU Update

TM previously provided the Board with the QSU statements and the Board gave a massive thanks to TM and the Team for all the work that had gone into it. The Board will be updated on the outcome sometime in May.

Ongoing

10. A.O.B.

Policies passed at Senedd will be sent to Trustees after the meeting.

Action –BW

The Board extended congratulations to Meg and Ryan who are both expecting babies with their partners.

Date of next meeting

Monday 18th March at 1.30pm