



**AUSU**  
**Trustee Board Meeting**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019**  
**Room 1**

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**Present**

Dhan Rhamnatsing (DR)	- AUSU President, Chairperson & Trustee
Tomos Ifan (TI)	- AUSU Welsh Culture Officer, UMCA President & Trustee
Chloe Wilkinson-Silk (CWS)	- AUSU Academic Affairs Officer & Trustee
Wojtek Salski (WS)	- AUSU Student Opportunities Officer & Trustee
Lydia Chilvers (LC)	- AUSU Wellbeing Officer & Trustee
Olympia Petrou (OP)	- AUSU External Trustee
Debra Croft (DC)	- AUSU External Trustee
Ryan Beasley (RB)	- AUSU External Trustee & Deputy Chairperson
Alice Raven (AR)	- AUSU Undergraduate Trustee
Dan Steward (DS)	- AUSU Postgraduate Trustee
Alan Roberts (AR) Skyped in	- AUSU External Trustee

**In attendance**

Trish McGrath (TM)	- AUSU CEO
Annamarie Evans (AE)	- AUSU People & Wellbeing Manager (notetaker)

**MEETING ADMINISTRATION**

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies received from Peter Curran.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest.

**3. Minutes of the previous meeting**

Minutes of the previous meeting held 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 were approved.

**4. Matters Arising/Action Sheet**

No matters arising.

**STRATEGY**

**5. Finance: Management Accounts**

CWS gave an overview of the Management accounts to October 2019 reporting on the areas that were overspent and underspent. AR asked the officers to think about their campaigns, to talk to students to think about how best to spend the campaign budget.

**Ongoing**

The Board also discussed grant allocation and the effectiveness of the system. Officers to talk to students and find out the barriers.

**Ongoing - Officers**

A cash flow statement is to be added to the accounts to make the Board aware of Reserves.

**Noted**

**6. CEO Report/KPIs**

TM gave an overview of activities since the last meeting. Areas discussed were Staffing, Chwarae Teg, Finance & Resources, Freshers, Opportunities, Committee Training, Aber Challenge, BUCS, Academic Reps, Volunteering, Elections, Democracy, Campaigns and Recruitment.

**Noted**

**7. Officers' Report**

The Board noted the Officer Priorities to date and thanked them for their hard work.

**Noted**

**8. Building Redevelopment Feasibility**

A lengthy discussion was had by the Board to consider proposed development of the Students' Union space. Key questions to the Board were:

- i. Should the SU give up the Annexe to the Arts Centre?  
No
- ii. Should the SU give up the Main Room as a lounge/bar space?  
Yes if it means we retain Annexe and retain identity with explicit control of design.
- iii. Should the Commercial Services be run by the University?  
Yes but clear on identity.
- iv. Are we happy to leave back offices as is?  
Make space bigger, if knocking through walls ensure we have space for any future development.
- v. Should the front doors of the SU move?  
No strong feelings either way
- vi. What others factors would you like kept at the forefront of the SU discussion on this?  
Shop must remain but happy with the University running it. Identify of SU must be clear.  
Possibly carry out some visits to other Sus that have been development and invite some University staff along.

**Action – Trish/Ongoing**

**9. Strategic Planning**

TM gave an overview of the proposal to our Strategic Plan being an Annual Review. The Board considered the proposal and agreed with the method of planning but just to consider the 3 to 5 year plan overall.

**Action – Trish/Ongoing**

#### **10. NSS Result**

TM gave a brief explanation of the NSS Results and will update the Board with a full analysis of the report.

**Action – TM**

#### **11. Clubs/Societies Bye Laws**

TM explained that this document has been updated as there was no reference to students groups previously and asked the Board to approve.

**Agreed**

#### **12. Senedd**

DR updated the Board on policies passed at Senedd and a discussion was held around the University's transparency with investment. The Board were pleased with the relationship between the University and the SU.

**Noted**

#### **13. CEO Objectives**

RB updated the Board on the CEO's objectives but made particular reference to the CEO's development. The Board encouraged TM to think about what she would like to be developed in as the surplus would more than cover and the Board would be more than happy to consider.

**Noted**

#### **14. A.O.B.**

TM informed the Board regarding a minibus crash and will update in the next meeting. The Board were also informed of a demonstration being held at Council by Extinct Rebellion.

**Noted**

#### **15. Date of next meeting**

15<sup>th</sup> January 2020