

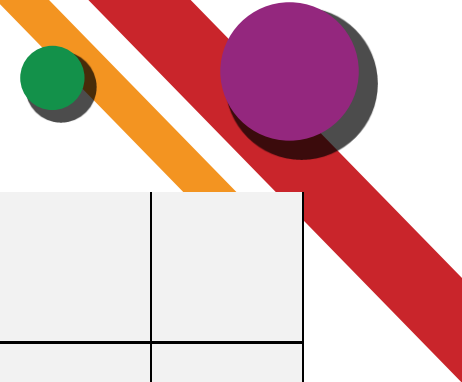


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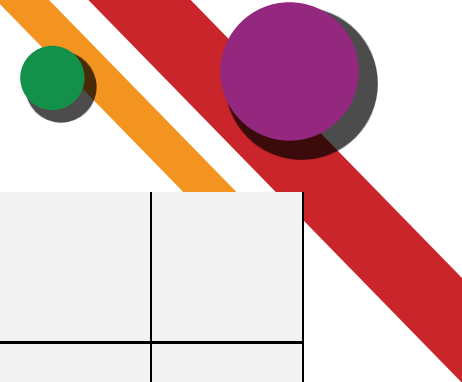
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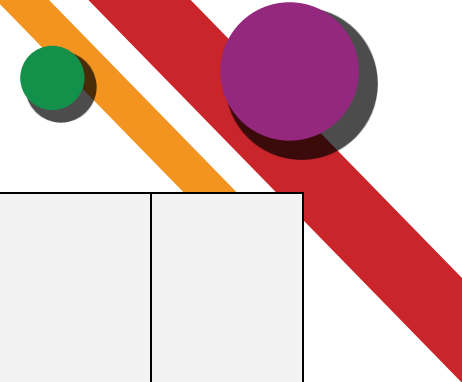
Agenda	Item	Notes	Voting Breakdown		
			Yes	No	Abstain
Welcome and Opening Remarks	The Union Chairperson welcomed everyone present at the meeting	Union Chairperson welcomes everyone to the meeting.			
	Chair to talk through how the meeting will work.				
Receive report from Trustees.	Trish (Union CEO) talked on the report from the trustees	You can see the report here.			
	Student questions/comments on the report.	No Questions asked on this section.			



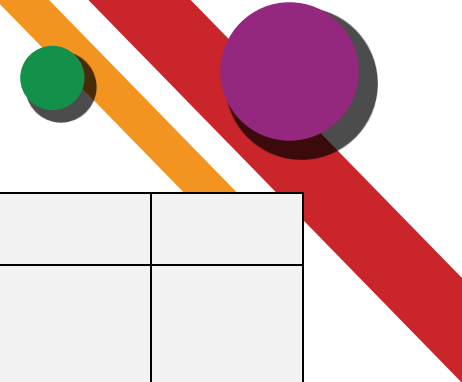
<p>Receiving the annual accounts.</p>	<p>Trish (Union CEO) talked on the annual accounts.</p>	<p>Trish thanked Students who attended.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students engaged - Team Aber members/ club and society memberships - KPI and Strategy - Elections turnout - Advice <p>Slides are attached here.</p>			
	<p>Student questions/comments on the report.</p>	<p>How can we generate income? Chris Thomas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shop in bar/ shop as relationship Building – however this is connected to the University not the Union. - Events, people / Student groups holding events here. <p>Uni removed 50K in block grant, where was that in the graphs? Sully</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Take from other areas, not just from block grant. - This is also showing last years figures and so wouldnt come u pin these graphs. <p>The SU pays 3rd party companies, is that not efficient? Sully</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marketing contract, native give us a flat rate of money. Brings in more money than previous. - We do not pay them. <p>Uni withdrawing money, is that a problem for the future? Elena</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "Yes" Difficult set of negotiations to come. We have more engagement for our student size then other unions. 			



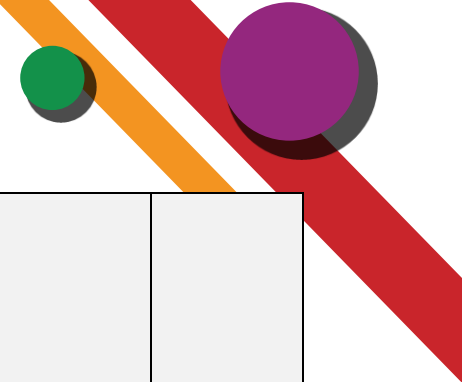
Appointment of Auditors					
	Bayanda (Union President) to talk through auditors.	Bayanda gave a run down of who are auditors are.			
	Student questions/comments on the report.	<p>What happens if we reject? Harley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We will go out to tenders <p>Have they been doing a good job? Sully</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yes, been working with them for a while and they are local <p>Why did we choose these ones? Xavier</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - one was too expensive - One was not what we were looking for. 			
	Vote	VOTE: 116 Votes PASSED	94.82%	3.44	1.72
Approving the list of affiliations	Bayanda (Union President) to talk through auditors.	Bayanda spoke about who we affiliate with, specifying which we pay for and which are free.			



Should Aberystwyth	Student questions/comments on the report.	<p>HALO, what does it actually do? Sully</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Free award, as a BAME employer, celebrates identity. - Allows everyone to wear their hair how they like with no judgment made. <p>What benefits come from being in NUS? Chris</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NUS, election support, teaching for Sabbs, advice for events (e.g. general election). NUS UK – politically active side, NUS Charity – supports SU’s to be good. 2.5% of the block grant for affiliation. - NUS, helps us to get our voice on a national scale. Elena <p>Voting, if 100 people don’t vote on vevox is the vote null? Francesco</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A recount would happen. <p>Halo affiliation cost?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HALO is free. <p>How do students add for affiliation? Bea</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - They would go to a Senedd, as a student idea. <p>What happens if we vote no? Harry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We would have to separate it out, take it back to senedd. To leave NUS would require a whole student vote. 			
	Vote	VOTE: 116 Voters PASSED	81.03%	12.06	6.89
Should Aberystwyth	Proposer	Elain Gwynedd			



Students' Union change its name and be recognized as Undeb Aberystwyth?	Opposition speech				
	Questions or clarifications	<p>Will discoverability of SU decrease if there is a lack of English? Tempis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is not not recognising the English, its more about recognising the Welsh language. It doesn't seem to have a negative effect in Bangor. <p>How long will transition take? Chris/Kieran</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It will take the 3 years of the policy. <p>Will it be alongside the English? Why not have it alongside the English?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It doesn't exclude the English. We are in Wales so why not embrace it. - Its currently a mouthful. <p>Why get rid of Bilingual? Isn't it exclusionary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FAW Cymru, its not about excluding English. Its about celebrating the language here in Wales, the Welsh language that we are proud of. <p>Cost of change?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not a specific figure now, so we are aiming to not be at a loss. <p>How does the union plan to navigare inter uni relationships? Xavier</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Doesn't affect Bangor, it shouldn't effect our relationship with other universities - Who gives a dam – Harry 			



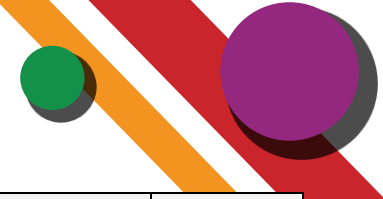
		<p>UM aber, what does it mean? Francesesco</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Myfyrwyr – means Union <p>Do you think it will encourage people to learn Welsh? Tristan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It would be really good for more people willing to learn Welsh and take pride in the language <p>Would the cost be taken as 1 big hit or over 3 years? Kieran</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It would be a cost as and when, over the 3 years 			
	General Comments supporting or opposing	<p>Cai, supporting idea: It would be great to be using the language of Wales on an international stage, branding changes can happen over time.</p> <p>Milly: You just get on with it, you live in Wales things will be Welsh</p> <p>Sully: It's a lot easier to say the proposed name, nice mouth feel for 'undeb'.</p> <p>International student surprised by the lack of Welsh and large amount of English, where can we find more information on learning Welsh?</p> <p>Harry: Rebranding the cost is normal and not a lot. Just embrace it.</p> <p>Bea: Welsh person, non-speaking, hearing the Welsh spoken makes speaker emotional. It is amazing and we should be trying to do more.</p> <p>Elain, summary: Thank you, if you were in a university in France you would expect a French name.</p>			



	Vote	VOTE: 132 Voters PASSED	81.81%	15.15	3.03
Vote of no confidence should be available for student group committee members.	Proposer	Tiff McWilliams			
	Opposition Speech	No one came up to oppose.			
	Questions or clarifications	<p>Who moderates the petition? Harley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Done by group, the Officer and relevant Coordinator would check <p>Could a society have a different mechanism in their own constitution? Sam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No, has to go through the SU. Just putting as an official note in constitution. <p>How do we put in protection that it isn't just committee? Chris</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It could be that it would be could by members of the society if needed <p>If there is cliques, how would cliques be stopped from unfairly removing people? Kieran</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hard enough, large proportion of group, need to agree this person is unsuitable. There is ways to sort it out <p>Elections, when would they happen? Ioan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - By-Election would occur. 			



		<p>Can it be used on a whole committee? Harley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Technically yes. <p>Would there be a period of amnesty after an election occurs? Harley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 15% is a large percentage. <p>Period of grace, between vote happening and the next one happening, the new committee dynamic should be given time. There is a handover period between the person leaving and the one incoming. Maximum amount in an Academic Year? – Chris</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Can look into this, it still has to be approved by the officer and the coordinator. <p>Some people don't pull their weight, society members don't know that. Could committees call a vote of no confidence?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- No, many committees are only 3 members, you would have to talk to members of your group. You can email coordinators or officer as there are other methods already in place <p>How much time from first meeting to removal would it take? Ashley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Depends on the scenario. We don't know yet as we haven't done it yet. <p>Can be the vote of no confidence be put forward on a member (no student)? Mo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- As a committee you can get rid of a non-student member. <p>If removed committee becomes a member and causes a problem what would happen?</p>			
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	General Comments supporting or opposing	No one spoke supporting or opposing the proposal.			
	Vote	VOTE: 105 Voters PASSED	91.43%	2.86	5.71
Petition for free laundry services for full-time residents.	Proposer	The AGM Ran out of time to discuss this motion. It will be brought to the Next Senedd meeting.			
Any Other Business	Elections voting week / Celebrates. Date of next meeting : 29 th April, 18:00-20:00 SU Picturehouse				

