
2018/19 ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING MINUTES

7th December 2018

2pm, Laud Lg16, North Holmes Road Campus, Canterbury

Attendance

Chair of the meeting

- Union Council Chair - Ali Barker

Members

- 35 Canterbury Christ Church University students who are also Members of Christ Church Students' Union

Speakers

- Students' Union President - Phil Kloppenborg
- President (Education & Wellbeing) - Jamie Harris
- President (Student Activities) - Jordan Howard
- President (Sports) - Chloe Woolaway

In Attendance

- Chief Executive Officer - Ben MacPhee
- Digital & Communications Manager - Adem Djemil
- Opportunities Manager - Adam Roche
- Advice & Projects Coordinator - Ellie Martin
- Graduate Communication Intern - Megan Cork
- Medway Coordinator - Tom Ritchie
- Opportunities Administrator - Antonia Dyson (Minute Taker)

Welcome and Introductions

The Chair opened the meeting and presented the speakers, presented general information, and explained the voting process.

Consideration of items for Any other Business

No items of Any Other Business were raised.

Minutes from last AMM meeting.

The minutes of the previous Annual Members' Meeting were agreed as accurate and APPROVED.

Presentation of the Union's 2017/18 Impact Report

Jordan presented Union's 2017/18 Impact Report. There were no questions from Members.

Report from the 2017/18 Union Council

Jordan presented the Report. There were no questions from Members. It was confirmed there were 24 part-time elected officers for Union Council, and the next scheduled meeting was Wednesday 12th December in Rh12 3pm - 4pm.

Trustees Report for 2017/18

Ben presented the Trustees Annual Report and explained the full Report, as well as the full Financial Statements, could be found on the tables for Member consideration. There were slight changes which are categorised on the full report.

- A. Ben MacPhee presented the finances, including an expansion of the section on income and expenditure from that of previous years. BM explained that diversifying the Union's income is necessary to become less reliant on funding from the University.
- B. Ben Macphee presented Union Affiliations:
 - a. British University and Colleges Sport (BUCS) - This was voted upon and APPROVED.
 - b. National Union of Students (NUS) - This was voted upon and APPROVED.
 - c. National Council of Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) - This was voted upon and APPROVED.
- C. 2017/18 Financial Statements and Trustees report - the audited figures were presented.

Q: How come sport expenditure has increased?

A: This was a deliberate increase to make sport as accessible as possible.

Q: Is there room in the budget for a Societies Federation dinner?

A: Students can mandate the SU to allow for this, but will still have to be within our resources.

Q: Are central and other costs covered by the University?

A: Yes, and No. There is some 'in-kind' support for the Union, but the University also recharges for rent, utilities, HR administration, and IT support.

Q: Why are societies events cut and not sports events to save costs?

A: All events are student-led and are all expected to break-even, with the exception of Varsity which is subsidised by both SU's and universities. There Student Activity Awards is a new event and is still establishing itself.

Q: What would happen if we didn't affiliate to NUS.

A: On paper it would look like we would save £23,000, however, we would not be able to sell TOTUM Cards which brings us an income. We also get support from them, and access to conferences, training and development for our officers, and liberation campaigns.

2017/18 Leadership Team Updates and Questions

The Leadership Team presented achievements for the year so far and Members were invited to ask questions:

- A. Chloe Woolaway, President (Sports & Engagement)

Q: Is there a place to get a list of all sporting events that are taking place?

A: Either contact Chloe herself, or the Sport Centre will have a list of all activities.

- B. Jamie Harris, President (Wellbeing)

Q: Its great to see support for transgender and mental health issues, but there is still a lot that needs to be implemented.

A: It was agreed there was still a lot to be achieved, but that there was currently much in planning, and there needs to be adequate training to ensure it is supported.

Q: There have been some issues with bullying in societies. Because of this, can members claim back refunds?

A: Yes. Once the approval of the President is reached, then the refund is administered via the Union. BM added that anybody experiencing any form of bullying should be encouraged to report it.

C. Phil Kloppenborg, Students' Union President

Q: Could transport issues be streamlined, in particular, the shuttlebus to Hall Place.

A: This is something we can look at, however, the University are planning on selling Hall Place. We will keep everyone updated.

D. Jordan Howard, President (Development)

Q: How would a societies Varsity work?

A: There are ongoing discussions with Kent Union about this. An ESports fixture is nearing agreement.

Q: Membership fees - why is it £45 extra for alumni?

A: Because as a charity, legislation does not allow us to subsidise non-members (current students).

Q: Is there an update on the NUS?

A: NUS are £3 million in deficit and have four months to rectify this and they are currently in consultation on how to achieve this. Ben confirmed there are three separate parts to the NUS - two parts are commercial, and one part is charity. The two commercial parts are not in deficit but will continue to subsidise the charity section.

Any Other Business

There were no items for Any Other Business.

The Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting.

Signed by Jed Stevenson Union Council Chair 11th December 2019	
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