

Christ Church Students' Union

Annual General Meeting 2013/14

Minutes

Monday 2nd February 2015, 5 - 7pm
LG16 Lecture Theatre, Canterbury

Chair

- John Bambury - Union Council Chair

Present

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

Speakers

- Students' Union President - Darcy Anderson
- President (Welfare & Education) - Hannah Coles
- President (Student Activities) - Sophie Dudley
- President (Sports) - Matt Wynn

In Attendance

- Student Trustee - Emily Bak-Olesen
- Student Trustee - Sarah Dickinson
- Community Trustee - Velia Coffey
- Managing Director - Ben MacPhee
- Membership Services Manager - Silvia Rasca
- Broadstairs & Web Media Coordinator - Adem Djemil
- Events & Marketing Coordinator - Andrew Cameron
- Student Activities Coordinator - Antonia Dyson (Minute Taker)

Introductions

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

Permission to Speak

The Chair asked the membership for permission for the Managing Director and the Membership Services Manager to speak if necessary - **vote passed.**

Board of Trustees Report

The Chair introduced the Students' Union President to present the report of Christ Church Students' Union Board of Trustees. The Union President presented the report, there were no questions. Chair invited membership to accept the report - **vote passed.**

Affiliations

The Union President confirmed the affiliation with NUS - **vote passed.**

Appointment of Auditors

The Chair invited the membership to accept the appointment of the financial auditors Crowe Clark Whitehall. There was a question from the membership regarding the financial benefit of using CCW. It was confirmed that there is a tender process every 5 years, and the next one is due in the 2015/16 year. It was confirmed that CCW have experience with 60 Students Unions - **vote passed**.

Financial Statements 2012/13

The Chair introduced the Students' Union President to present the Financial Statements of 2012/13. The Students' Union President presented the Financial Statements, and there were the following questions.

Q Societies and Student Media only receive 3.19% share of the monies. This isn't enough.
A Sports membership brings in income. Average membership for sport is £35, and for societies it is £1, therefore it is proportionate.

Q Why is transport to BUCS games always an issue?
A There is a lot of investment in equipment, however transport is an issue at the moment, with facilities being off-site. BUCS and local league games will always get priority.

Q Why does Marketing and HR receive more money than Societies?
A HR comes under the service level agreement with the University. Marketing market all activities, not just deal with advertising.

Q Why does Representation receive such a low amount of money?
A Student Rep training is undertaken in-house and therefore expenditure is low. More information is available on the website.

Q Why are we being asked to vote if we can't see qualitative detail?
A It was confirmed that information was all fully available on the website beforehand.

The Chair invited membership to accept the financial statements - **vote passed**.

President (Welfare & Education) Report

The Chair introduced the President (Welfare & Education) to present their year in office report. The President (Welfare & Education) made special mention that her Sexual Health Clinic was seeing on average 10 students a week. The Chair invited membership to accept the report - **vote passed**.

President (Student Activities)

The Chair introduced the President (Student Activities) to present their year in office report. The President (Student Activities) reported on a huge increase in number of societies created, and participation from Broadstairs and Medway. They also reported was £3,000 raised for a variety of charities. There is also a plan for the first ever Society Award ceremony in March. There was one question from the floor enquiring why CSR Radio is not played in the The Lounge. It was explained that a ten year contract with signed with SUBtv to 2016. This contract pre-dated the Board of

Trustees, and it would not be a recommendation to sign this again. The Chair invited members to accept the report - **vote passed**

Students' Unions President Report

The Chair introduced the President to present their year in office report. The President reported on the Master Planning development, and the plans for the old prison. It was also reported that there had been a lot of community work carried out. There was a question from the floor regarding lighting in the community, and why it is being switched off at night. The President confirmed there has been meeting with Kent Union as this issue affects them as well. The President announced that the lights will be gradually turned on, but that is was a Kent County Council initiative and urged members to feedback to the Council via their website.

President (Sports) Report

The Chair introduced the President (Sports) to present their year in office report. The President (Sports) reported rise in sport participation, and that Christ Church had risen 3 places in BUCS rankings. It was also reported a high engagement from sports clubs with local charities and the local community. The Chair invited members to accept the report - **vote passed**

Any other Business.

There was no other business raised.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was concluded.