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Date: Thursday 10th April 2024

Time: 13:00pm

Venue: CH116

Chair: Reece Christie

Union Annual General Meeting Minutes

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| **Members:** | **P** | **AP** | **AB** |
| Zoe Harrison – Students’ Union President (Chair of Forum) | X |  |  |
| Ellie Brace – Students’ Union Vice President | X |  |  |
| Poppie Crampton – Academic Representation Officer | X |  |  |
| Amelia Wagstaff – Events & Activities Officer | X |  |  |
| Hannah Barber – Societies Officer | X |  |  |
| Megan Burton – Sport & Health Officer | X |  |  |
| Eleanor Ralston – Equality and Campaigns Officer | X |  |  |
| Afro-Caribbean Society (ACS) |  |  | X |
| Anime and Manga Society | X |  |  |
| Book Club |  |  | X |
| Conscious Creative Society |  |  | X |
| Disability and Neurodiverse Society (DNS) (previously DEAF) |  | X |  |
| Gaming Society | X |  |  |
| LGBTQ+ Society |  |  | X |
| Music Society |  |  | X |
| Music and Drama Society (MaDSoc) |  |  | X |
| Bridges Beyond Borders |  |  | X |
| Warhammer 40K |  | X |  |
| Run for Donuts |  |  | X |
| Mi Familia |  |  | X |
| Pool Society | X |  |  |

**In attendance:**

Charlotte O’Neill – Student Voice & Governance Coordinator (CO)

Robin Pitt – Union Director (RP)

1. Welcome

* Chair welcome attendees

1. Apologies

* CH noted apologies had been received from the following members –
* Charlie Thompson
* Laura-Jayne Bishop
* Joedine Scott-Reed
* Abigail-Susan Baxter
* Elliah Waite
* Clodagh Kerin

1. Announcements

* ZH told members that the Union’s Student Voice and Advice Coordinator, Jake Jones, had left the organisation. She also noted that Nathan Richards no longer works for the Students’ Union
* For the above reasons, ZH explained to members that there will only be four members of the team until July, as there are no plans to fill those roles immediately.
* ZH requested members patience while staff numbers are low, however, reiterated all Union services are still in place and available to all students’.

1. Election Results

Members were told that Gemma Prange will be the new President and Cloudy Kerin will be the new Vice-President

1. Approval of NUS Affiliation

As there were not enough attendees at this meeting to be quorate, therefore the decision was made to move this to the last Forum meeting of the year in the hopes that more members will attend

1. President Update – Zoe Harrison (ZH)

* ZH noted reports were sent out late due to holidays and staffing changes and apologised to members for this
* She highlighted Reece Christie had volunteered to be the new chair of Forum and thanked him for this
* Due to Jake Jones leaving, ZH noted she will be the new lead on the Advice Service
* ZH gave an overview of her papers
* Available to read here – [President-Report-2.docx (live.com)](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.newmansu.org%2Fpageassets%2Fyourvoice%2Fstudentforum%2FPresident-Report-2.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK)
* Questions for President
* None

1. Vice-President Update – Ellie Brace (EB)

* EB gave an overview of her papers
* Available to read here – [Vice-President-Report.docx (live.com)](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.newmansu.org%2Fpageassets%2Fyourvoice%2Fstudentforum%2FVice-President-Report.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK)
* Questions for the VP
* None

1. Executive Committee Updates
2. Academic Representative Officer – Poppie Crampton (PC)

* PC gave an overview of her papers
* Available to read here – [Academic-Representation-Officer-Report.docx (live.com)](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.newmansu.org%2Fpageassets%2Fyourvoice%2Fstudentforum%2FAcademic-Representation-Officer-Report.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK)
* Questions for the Academic Representative Officer
* None

1. Equality and Campaigns Officer – Eleanor Ralston (ER)

* ER gave an overview of her papers
* Available to read here – [Equalities-and-Campaigns-Officer-Report.docx (live.com)](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.newmansu.org%2Fpageassets%2Fyourvoice%2Fstudentforum%2FEqualities-and-Campaigns-Officer-Report.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK)
* Questions for the Equality and Campaigns Officer
* None

1. Events & Activities Officer – Amelia Wagstaff (AW)

* AW gave an overview of her papers
* Available to read here – [Events-and-Activities-Officer-Report.docx (live.com)](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.newmansu.org%2Fpageassets%2Fyourvoice%2Fstudentforum%2FEvents-and-Activities-Officer-Report.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK)
* Questions for the Events & Activities Officer
* None

1. Societies Officer

* HB gave an overview of her papers
* Available to read here – [Societies-Officer-Report.docx (live.com)](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.newmansu.org%2Fpageassets%2Fyourvoice%2Fstudentforum%2FSocieties-Officer-Report.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK)
* Questions for the Societies Officer
* None

1. Sports and Health Officer Updates – Megan Burton (MB)

* MB gave an overview of their papers
* No Papers provided
* Questions for the Sports and Officer
* None

1. Annual Accounts

* RP gave an overview of accounts papers
* Available to read here – [Charities report - 22.2 (newmansu.org)](https://www.newmansu.org/pageassets/yourvoice/studentforum/NEW09-CHA-final-fully-signed-v2.pdf)
* RP asked member if they had any questions
* None

1. Strategy Update

* RP and ZH gave an overview of the strategic review plan
* RP asked members if they had any questions following the visual report
* None

1. Update on previous motions

* ZH explained that there were currently no updates due to no work done towards motions however, she had contacted the relevant students’ who had put forward the motions to explain she had been busy because of staff issues and strategy work. ZH continued to explain that following the AGM she would begin work on the motions with the involvement of the relevant students’

1. AOB

* None

**Details for the next meeting**

Wednesday 22nd May 2024