
2021/22 ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

15:45 ON MONDAY 6 DECEMBER 2021 - AUGUSTINE HALL, CANTERBURY

1 **Welcome and attendance**

Chair of the meeting

- Students' Union President - Dan Bichener (DB)

Members

- 21 Canterbury Christ Church University students, who are also Members of Christ Church Students' Union were present in the room, with additional students watching via a Facebook livestream.

Speakers

- President (Campaigns & Societies) - Beth Elwood (BE)
- President (Engagement & Sport) - Maddy Young (MY)
- President (Community, Diversity & Inclusion) - Frankie McGregor (FM)

In Attendance

- Head of Engagement - Kate Little (KL)
- Head of Business - Chi Lau (CL)
- Digital & Communications Manager - Adem Djemil (AD)
- Opportunities Manager - Ryan Penny (RP)
- Advice & Representation Manager - Ellie Martin (EM)
- Student Voice Coordinator - Kriss Bailey (KB)
- Advice Casework Coordinator - Bethany Chater (BC)
- Opportunities Administrator - Alex Cotter (AC)
- Medway Coordinator - Anna Mniszko (AM) - In Medway (via livestream)
- Office Administration - Hadley Chick (HC)
- Office Administration - Sophie Shilling (SS)

Apologies

- Chief Executive Officer - Ben MacPhee (BM)

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

2 **Consideration of items for Any Other Business**

No issues were raised.

3	<p>Minutes from the last Annual Members' Meeting - 6 November 2020 (Microsoft Teams)</p> <p>The minutes of the previous Annual Members' Meeting were agreed as accurate and APPROVED.</p> <p>In Favour - 25, Against - 0, Abstained - 10</p>
4	<p>The Union's 2020/21 Impact Report</p> <p>DB presented the Union's 2020/21 Impact Report, which was available on the website, giving some highlights from last year's activities.</p> <p>There were no questions from Members.</p>
5	<p>Trustees Report and Financial Statements 2020/21</p> <p>A. Presentation of the Union's 2020/21 finances - KL</p> <p>KL presented the finances.</p> <p>These were only for 11 months as the Union changed the dates of the financial year. The figures were only for Union income, and did not include any fundraising or sports and societies income. Accounts for last year had been approved by the Board of Trustees, and submitted to Companies House and the Charity Commission.</p> <p>KL highlighted that we are very dependent on the University for income, and a strategic priority was to become less so, but these opportunities were limited.</p> <p>The surplus indicated (£83k) is the audited surplus. Due to saving on staff costs and events last year we had a bigger surplus than usual and anticipated. Trustees has indicated to spend up to £150k on the SUs move Back to Campus.</p> <p>B. Approval of Union affiliations</p> <p>KL described what the organisations are and why we affiliate to them.</p> <p>a. National Council of Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) £0 This was voted upon and APPROVED. In Favour - 23, Against - 4, Abstained - 6</p> <p>b. British University and Colleges Sport (BUCS) £5,798 This was voted upon and APPROVED. In Favour - 39, Against - 0, Abstained - 1</p> <p>c. National Union of Students (NUS) £16,296 This was voted upon and APPROVED. In Favour - 31, Against - 13, Abstained - 5</p>

6 2021/22 Leadership Team Updates and Questions

The Sabbatical Leadership Team presented the BIG FIVE for 2021/22

- Amplify the Less-Heard Student Voices
- Protect and Support Students' Mental and Physical Wellbeing
- Work Towards Being an Anti-Racist University
- Take Action on Climate Emergency
- Be Bold, Be Visible, and Be Where Students Are

The Sabbatical Leadership Team detailed their wins so far, including; welcome activity, the Den in St. George's Centre, groups back on campus, cinema evening on Thursdays, free period products for all students, joint campaigns with other SUs, the new CDI Committee and SAR Committee, and 'Cool down Thursday' for sports teams.

The Sabbatical Leadership Team then detailed their upcoming campaigns for the year to come, including; good neighbour campaign, housing campaign, stress less, Varsity, sport on campus, sexual health, trans and non-binary awareness, plus many more.

DB promoted an event happening on Friday 10 December on the Canterbury Campus including all sports and socs and showcasing what the Union wants on Campus, including getting rid of the Moore Building and getting use of the tennis court area for multi purpose use.

A student member mentioned the boot camp at Verena Holmes which is free on a Friday on campus by VH.

7 Any Other Business

Question from a student member - how do you think the VC event went just now and are there things you would raise further?

- BE discussed the sport questions and how things should be taken further, and she was glad to hear that the VC would commit to being an anti-racist university.
- DB noted it was important to hear the VCs answers and that the team will work hard to take these issues forward with the various committees within the University.

Question from a student member - how are you working to get commuting students better involved in what is happening within the University?

- BE noted the Union always tries to encourage societies to have both online and physical events to ensure that others can engage. The average age of a CCCU student is 28 so we must be aware of students with dependents and other commitments. BE noted if any student has a positive suggestion on helping with this we would love to hear it.

Comment from staff member - good to see the uni has some funding from the Connect project to put on more events and ad hoc things happening on the Canterbury Campus. Dog walking, horse riding etc etc. Follow CCCU Students and the CCCU Sport and Active Health on Socials for more info.

Comment from student member - will free period products from the University be in the toilets?

BE noted they need to be accessible to everyone in all main toilets and there should be signage. They are currently at receptions in Augustine House, St George's, and Old Sessions.

DB raised the forthcoming dates of the next round of elections for the Sabbatical Leadership Team happening in March 2022. The debate night is on Thursday 3 March, results on 11 March 2022 - hopefully this will be face to face. BE suggested that if students have any questions about the Union or the Sabbatical Leadership Team to please get in touch.

The Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting.

Minutes to be approved at the next AMM in 2022/23, DATE TBC