

Christ Church Students' Union
Annual Members' Meeting 2016/17
Draft Minutes

Thursday 12th January 2017, 6 - 8pm
Room AH3.31 Augustine House, Canterbury

Chair

- Emily Webb - Union Council Chair

Present

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

Speakers

- Students' Union President - David Hannaway
- President (Education & Wellbeing) - Phil Semmens
- President (Student Activities) - Nick Beard
- President (Sports) - Biba Chuta

In Attendance

- Student Trustee - Jordan Howard
- University Trustee - Helen James
- Director of Student Experience - Moira Helm
- Managing Director - Ben MacPhee
- Finance Manager - Chris Hougham
- Membership Services Manager - Silvia Rasca
- Student Voice Coordinator - Catherine Redding
- Digital & Communications Coordinator - Adem Djemil
- Activities Coordinator - Adam Roche
- Advice & Campaigns Coordinator - Ellie Martin
- Membership Services 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

Two items from the floor were requested:

1. The timing of the part time officers election
2. Mental Health Policy

Presentation of the Union's 2015/16 Finances

Ben MacPhee presented finances, including an expansion of income and expenditure.

- Q. If teams don't spend all membership fees, where does the money go?
- A. Societies money is protected and rolled over. Sports money does not roll over and is treated as a collective, as some sports make a surplus, and some make a deficit. Although the SU subsidises sport, some sports are more expensive than others to run, through no fault of their own (ie due to location of facilities). However, this system is going to be reviewed before the end of the year and Biba will be leading on consulting members.
- Q. How are these numbers affected by sponsorship?
- A. There are 2 types of sponsorship - Union wide (ie. Longleys), and sport specific, and this goes directly to subsidising clubs. Sponsorship from Club Chemistry goes to supporting clubs and societies to help reduce membership fees.

Approval of Union Affiliations

Union Affiliations were discussed as two separate categories:

1. Sports Affiliations - vote passed
2. NUS Affiliation - BM explained the NUS affiliation brought in an income to the SU of approximately £3,000 in NUS Card sales. Other benefits include entry to national conferences, access to national research, and also support for functions such as elections etc. There was discussion from the floor both in favour of remaining with the NUS, and for disaffiliation.

Q. If the vote was to disaffiliate, how is a referendum started.

A. 200 signatories in favour would trigger a referendum.

Vote passed

Trustees Report

Ben MacPhee presented Trustees Annual Report and explained the full Report, as well as the full Financial Statements can be found on the tables for member consideration.

Leadership Team Updates and Questions

The Leadership Team presented team achievements to date.

- Biba Chuta, President (Sports), presented her Report. No questions from the floor.
 - Nick Beard President (Student Activities) presented his Report. No questions from the floor.
 - David Hannaway (President) presented his Report. No questions from the floor.
 - Phil Semmens President (Education & Wellbeing) presented his Report.
- Q. Why are the waiting times to see the University Counsellor so long?
- A. Although the services at Christ Church are substandard, these are being reviewed and will go to consultation, and there will be major changes within a few years.

Any Other Business

Q. Could the election for Part-Time Officers be in the Autumn to give all students (particularly those only enrolled for one year) a chance to stand?

A. SR confirmed that now Union Council elections to be held in October.

Q. How much do the Sabbatical Officers have to undertake within their roles to not be in breach of the policy.

A. Union Council to decide.

Q. Update requested on Mental Health Policy.

A. The new Mental Health Policy is to be taken to Union Council, which will mandate sabbatical officers to consider these issues within their roles.

Q. How much do the Sabbatical Officers have to undertake within their roles to not be in breach of the policy.

A. Union Council to decide.

Results of the Raffle

£50 winner

Evie Heard

£200 Club / Society Winner

Snowsports

The Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting.