

AGM Minutes

29/03/2023

In attendance:

WA – Winston Alla, SU President

SD – Stefania David, VP Education

CE – Catherine Eager, VP Engagement

41 Student members of the SU attended.

Quorum was not met at 3:30pm, however the meeting was adjourned my one minute therefore quoracy was reached at 3:31pm.

Sabbatical Officer Updates

SU President - WA

- Attended all SU events including society events, Maritime Society committee meetings
- Completed Campus walkarounds, getting general consensus of opinion from students
- Went to the Warsash pub meet-up
- Supported in creating/consolidating student volunteering opportunities
- WA's Life's dream is an SU bar – working on it!
- Mental health and wellbeing big focus this year.

- **Campaigns**
 - Sexual Health awareness
 - Men's MH awareness
- Free condoms on campus
- Hosted cooking lessons etc
- Participated in Dry January, hosted mocktail sessions during



- Helped recruitment of SU Chief Exec and the Vice Chancellor
- Working on and with the SU Exchange

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VP Education - SD

- Working on and with the SU Exchange
- Attended and supported Warsash female support group – 3% of Maritime industry are women
- Attended all committee meetings
- Completed the TEF report
- **Period Poverty** – vending machine trial in 4 toilets – Male/Female/Disabled, & in the Library. If the trial is successful, vending machines will be placed in all toilets. They are currently in Warsash too. This was a successful campaign and featured on ITV Meridian.
- Violence against Women and Girls. March through the parks (Reclaim the Night with VP Wellbeing). Personal alarms have been made available in the SU office
- Working with Southampton Council to check streetlights for safety
- Worked with University of Southampton and Southampton Council re the Council's plan for streetlight turn-off in certain areas from 1am-4am
- In charge of Course Reps– spearheading the change to make the system better for next year.

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Head of Engagement - CE

- Successful year for free activities around campus; SU exchange, Give it a Go, This Girl Can.
- Started the year with 18 societies, now we have 34 with 2 in the process of becoming official



- Reopened the Societies Forum so societies could have a better line of communication with the SU
- Radio Sonar is now broadcast in The Dock.
- Organising the Union Awards on 19th May. There are 5 categories of Society Awards.
- Free drop-in events including Petting Zoo, K9.
- Winter Ball was wildly successful.
- Volunteering opportunities for students; we have been approaching companies and they have also approached us to advertise opportunities such as MAST Mayflower Theatre and STAR (Students Action for Refugees).
- **Campaigns** – Well Read – books by LGBT+, BIPOC, Disabled authors.
- Book Exchange in the SU Exchange has been well received. Low-key “knick a book”, students have enjoyed using it.
- K9 event – 3 PAT dogs attended, arranging for them to come back.
- Thankful for the students, CE turned to them for support and guidance.

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Accounts Overview

2021-22 Finance Overview

- SU is Healthy financially; more money coming in than going out.

Where money comes from

- Block grant biggest income – £435k

Where money goes



- Staffing costs
- Sabbatical officer costs
- £30k on events

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Appointment of Auditors

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Motions

Merging Finance and Risk Committees

Justification: Less admin work if the two are combined

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NUS Referendum Ratification

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Society Affiliations

Radio Sonar

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Questions to Trustees



- What services to NUS offer?
 - The NUS is a Union for all SU's
 - Campaigns from individual SU's can be taken to NUS to be taken nationally

