

UCASU ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) MINUTES, 28 January 2020

WEDNESDAY 28 JANUARY 2020 from 17:00

HELD VIA VIDEO CALL BETWEEN:

CANTERBURY – KIRK LECTURE THEATRE – 39 in attendance

EPSOM – LECTURE THEATRE – none in attendance

FARNHAM – ROOM G14 – 31 in attendance

ROCHESTER – SEMINAR ROOM – none in attendance

These are the minutes of the University for the Creative Arts Students' Union, Annual General Meeting.

Callum Mitchell (CM for the continuity of the minutes), UCASU President Surrey, welcomed and thanked all for their attendance. CM requested a head count and final numbers from all campuses to ensure a 1% quorum was met as per the Constitution 10.9. This was confirmed.

1. Ratification of minutes from previous AGM (held Wednesday 26 September 2018)

Minutes were taken as read. MS asked if there were any questions or queries surrounding the minutes. None were received.

MS proposed a vote to accept the minutes from 2017:

In favour: 70

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

PASSED.

2. Receive the report of the Trustees on the Union's activities since the previous AGM

CM presented the trustee report.

CM asked for any questions concerning the trustee report. None were received.

CM requested a vote to approve the received report.

In favour: 70

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

PASSED.

3. Receive the accounts of the Union for the previous financial year

CM presented the accounts and reported notable achievements and performance. This included income, expenditure, and an explanation of deficit as per the presentation.

No questions were asked regarding the documents.

MS requested a vote to approve the accounts.

In favour: 70

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

PASSED.

4. Appointment of auditors

CM explained the role of an auditor and why the Union has one. CM noted our auditors are Kingston Smith and gave a short background information of them.

CM requested a vote on the continuous use of Kingston Smith.

In favour: 70

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

PASSED.

5. Note the list of affiliations of the Union

CM noted the following affiliations and requested a vote for approval.

- National Union of Students
- British Universities & College Sport
- Nightline
- Surrey County Rugby Football Union Ltd
- Surrey County Football Association Ltd
- Table Tennis England

6. Motions

TBC

7. Open questions to the Trustee by the Members

CM opened the floor to any questions. None Were asked.

CM thanked all for coming and closed the meeting.

Meeting finished at 13.42.

UCASU ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) MINUTES, 18 February 2021

HELD VIA VIDEO CALL - 28 in attendance, meeting not quorate.

As no formal business could be conducted, Admire Ncube (President Kent) invited questions from members.

2. Trustees Report

OBJECTIVES:

Change the world | We will enable and inspire our members to make a positive impact on the creative industries and the world around them.

Students owning their experience | We will amplify the student voice at every opportunity to cultivate an inclusive and transformative learning experience.

Development | We will provide every member with opportunities that develop them as individuals and creatives, prepared and excited for their futures.

Relevance | We will be viewed as relevant and trustworthy by every member, playing an active and diverse role in their lives.

Community and wellbeing | We will foster a sense of belonging within our members and an environment of empowerment, collaboration, and support.

SUCSESSES

- Adapted our delivery to provide a Covid-safe Freshers experience.
- Supported over 250 students with advice cases.
- Represented students' interests as the university responded to Covid lockdowns and reopening campsues.
- Achieved an 'Excellent' Green Impact score for the third consecutive year.
- Ran a 'mutual aid' scheme to help isolating students access essential items such as good, medecine, and sanitary products.
- Delivered hundreds of activity crates to students to help cope with social limitations.
- Lobbied the government to protect students' rights during periods of lockdown.
- Our online support materials were accessed over 4,500 times.

FUTURE PLANS

UCASU introduced a new strategy in summer 2020, which creates an Annual Plan each Spring that supports the overall Aims of the Union. This will allow the Union to be more

responsive to the needs and interests of its members and avoid tying student representatives and future Boards to the priorities of previous members.

The dominant factor affecting our activity over 2021/22 will be enhancing the student experience following the effects of the coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic. This is a challenge we are ready for and will endeavour to provide a safe and inclusive experience for all students, sensitive to the realities of students' experiences during remote learning and an isolated social life.

New commercial streams have been set up to support the Union's development, and a 13.5% increase to our block grant will help provide more and better activities for students at all campuses.

Our Freshers activities will improve in quality of offer, building on the foundation of commercial reconfiguration started in 2016. Following this, we will continue to create opportunities within the local community, through which at least 50 members will contribute to building links between students and the campus town or city.

Our work to represent marginalised or under-represented groups will expand, making our activity in this area more visible and impactful.

When things aren't going to plan, we will provide a supportive hand to students who need it. Our advice service is key to this and will assist over 200 students through the year.

3. Audited Accounts

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4. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

UCASU proposes the continued use of Moore Kingston Smith LLP as its auditors.

5. List of Affiliations for 2021/22

1. [National Union of Students \(NUS\)](#)
2. [Surrey County RFU Ltd](#)
3. [Surrey County Football Association LTD](#)
4. [Filmbank](#)

6. Motions

No motions submitted.