**Minutes of The Students’ Union at UWE Board of Trustees**

**Friday 30th June 2023 – 9.00am**

**Present:**

**Trustees:** Rania Regaieg President & Chair

Bethel Ekaette VP Societies & Communications

Rahul Aswani VP Community & Welfare

Lily Diyemowei VP Education

Doha Laftimi VP Sports & Health

Helen Balmer External Trustee

Sarah Bolt External Trustee

Aengus Miralto-Desmond Student Trustee

Viljo Wilding Student Trustee

**Apologies:** Les Redwood External Trustee

**In attendance:** Tim Benford CEO

Kolawole Samuel Olure President Elect

Krishna Singh VP Sports & Health Elect

Sabiha Khan VP Education Elect

Fayaz Kareem VP Community & Welfare Elect

**Conflicts:** None

**14/23** **Minutes of the previous meeting:**

Agreed the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20th March 2023.

**15/23**  **Action points from previous meeting:**

*Action* – TB to update MW on ring fence (complete)  
*Action* – TB to update MB and MW on pay uplift (complete)  
*Action* – RR/VW to work with WH for options before next academic year (ongoing)  
*Action* – TB to pass thanks to Elections team and wider staff group (complete)  
*Action* – TB to draft a statement for the board to consider (complete)  
*Action* – TB to liaise with WH on support for those involved (complete)  
*Action* – TB to draft a statement for circulation (complete)  
*Action* – TB to pass information to WH and MW to feed into the planning (complete)  
*Action* – TB to undertaken review with input from Presidents and circulate a proposal (complete)

**16/23** **Finance – Update and investment options:**

The Board received the updated and current projections for year end and approved the following with regards 2022-23

CapEx and Budget Spend to be kept as per budgets and in line with a year end cash position of £500,000  
The payment of profit from the company to the charity via gift aid on completion of the financial year

*Action* – TB to instruct MB to make the gift aid payment

The Board discussed the current policy on ethical investments and confirmed the position as stated and looked to enhance the protections with a questionnaire to be answered before any proposal reaches the board

*Action* – TB to instruct MB to create questionnaire for approval at F&GP

**17/23** **Student Democracy:**

The Board received the student ideas that had progress though to the board and unanimously approved idea 471 and unanimously rejected idea 485. The Board wished to direct the creators of idea 485 to continue to work with the SU’s commercial team on sustainable and environmentally positive options..

*Action* – TB to update WH with outcomes

**18/23** **New President Team:**

The Board were introduced to the new President team and they each highlighted some keys areas for them for the year ahead.

Sam  
Accommodation and travel  
International Students  
Mental Health

Fayaz  
Mental Health  
Diversity in Wellbeing  
International Students  
Engineering building  
Campus Safety

Sabiha  
5 day grace period  
Support Graduating  
Safe and support accommodation

Krishna  
Increased awareness and utilisation of resources  
Mental fitness  
Celebrating success  
  
Bethel  
Developing belonging  
Giving the best experience

**19/23** **Strikes:**

The Board reviewed the current position and agreed to continue to support strikes whilst lobbying UCU and the university to find an end to the standoff.

*Action* – TB to update accordingly and communicate

**20/23** **CEO Report:**

The Board noted the report and discussed the report and feedback from the CEO Management Group with regards support, training and review for the coming year.

**21/23 Governance - Report from Staff Committee:**

HB gave an update on the completion of the strategic alignment work.

All starred items were noted and approved

**22/23 \*Governance - Report from Finance & General Purposes Committee:**

**23/23 \*Governance - Policy and Bye Law Review**

**24/22 \* President Oversight - Report from Elected Officers:**

**25/22 \*Governance - Sustainability Report:**

**AOB**

An update was given on external trustee recruitment and no appointment made

Thank you to the outgoing Presidents for their work and impact

VW will be stepping down as now has a role as Representation Coordinator in the SU.

RR gave an update on the new condition of registration tro0 OfS for university on sexual harassment.

**Time and date of next meeting:**

Next meeting: 17th October 2023

**Action Points:**

*Action* – TB to instruct MB to make the gift aid payment   
*Action* – TB to instruct MB to create questionnaire for approval at F&GP   
*Action* – TB to update WH with outcomes  
*Action* – TB to update accordingly and communicate