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

**Tuesday 17th October 2023 – 5.00pm**

**Present:**

**Trustees:** Kolawole Samuel Olure President & Chair

Bethel Ekaette VP Societies & Communications

Fayaz Kareem VP Community & Welfare

Sabiha Khan VP Education

Krishna Singh VP Sports & Health

Helen Balmer External Trustee

Sarah Bolt External Trustee

Aengus Miralto-Desmond Student Trustee

**Apologies:** Les Redwood External Trustee

**In attendance:** Tim Benford CEO

Mollie Pitt RSM (28/23)

**Conflicts:** None

**26/23** **Minutes of the previous meeting:**

Agreed the minutes of the meeting held on Friday 30th June 2023.

**27/23**  **Action points from previous meeting:**

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

**28/23** **Finance – Audit Report:**

The Board received the audit report and unanimously approve the accounts

*Action* – KSO to sign for submission

The Board noted their thanks to MB and the Finance Team

*Action* – TB to pass thanks to MB and the Finance Team

**29/23** **Student Democracy:**

There have been no new ideas since the previous meeting and the work on governance updates is ongoing.

*Action* – TB to request updates and progress on the reimagining student representation project

**30/23** **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

**31/23** **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. The questions asked is covered under point 30/23 above.

**32/23 Governance - Report from Staff Committee:**

HB gave an update on the completion of the strategic alignment work and current issues/actions.

All starred items were noted and approved

**33/23 \*Governance - Report from Finance & General Purposes Committee:**

**34/23 \*Governance - Policy and Bye Law Review**

**H&S Policy**

**35/23 \* President Oversight - Report from Elected Officers:**

**36/23 \*Governance - Sustainability Report:**

**37/23 \*Governance – Health & Safety Annual Report:**

**38/23 \*Governance –Advice Centre Annual Report:**

*Action* – TB to pass on the Board thanks to the Advice Team

**AOB**

The statement that was put out for the Support for Trans Students – the Board outlined the need for a balance between getting right and appropriate sensitivity and posting quickly

Sick day process – the Board was updated that the current sickness benefit is being reviewed to ensure we remain as an inclusive employer

Israel Palestine support – the Board were reminded that the most responsive action is to send students to the Advice Centre

**Time and date of next meeting:**

Next meeting: 5th December 2023

**Action Points:**

*Action* – TB to instruct MB to create questionnaire for approval at F&GP   
*Action* – KSO to sign for submission  
*Action* – TB to pass thanks to MB and the Finance Team   
*Action* – TB to request updates and progress on the reimagining student representation project  
*Action* – TB to update accordingly and communicate  
*Action* – TB to pass on the Board thanks to the Advice Team