



1. Confirmation of Attendees

Trustees:

Cherelle Mitchell	President
Alessandro Salemmie	Vice President Warrington
Jamie Brown	Vice President Education
Ethan Wade	Vice President Activities

Students:

Laura Jones	Dominic Burns	Jacob Hutchinson	Rebecca Metcalfe
Austen Lowe	Toby Blain	Hana Arshad	Daniel Hunter
Steph Hazlegreaves	Jordan Denham	Matthew Farmer	Paul Smith
Catherine Weaver	Tiwa Olasoko	Nick Onyett	Keith Terrill
Alexandra Lee	Walter Elchmanar	David Coningeby	Ellen Affleck
Joanna Barr	Jasmine Bussey	Megan Wright	Ellen Clift
Pearl Laundon	Beth Pembleton	Jack Muirhead	Lawrence Pickering
Jasmine Stokes	Elizabeth Beecher	Georgina Wilsom	Samuel Brereton
Ryan Briwnant-Evans	Charlotte Fleming	Aleksandra Mokric	Layton Spencer
Chelsea Leigh Wall	Arran Collins	Connor Jervis	Andrew Ward
Alex Babb	Daniel Phillips	Charlotte Confue	Joseph McNulty
Jamie Moores	Matt Ricketts	Megan Owens	Kurt Paterson
Matthew Scarborough	Isabel Lee	Laura Callaghan	Evie Kennedy
Molly James	Emily Williams	Alice Harmer	David Bird
Francesca Goff	Adesola Oni-Shogbonyo	Louis Toseland	Will Lamb
Bethany Young	Benny Joseph	Heather Rodgeron	Calum Gilbert
Laura McLeavy	Siphume Msimang	Isabel Lusuardi	Tom Stevens
Laura Andrew	Georgia Houghton	George Clarke	Rhian Morgan
Lily Rae	Niel Gillard	Ada Adigwe	Ewan Sharp
Marcus Guy	Noleen Sikirwayi	Ebube Ajufo	Sarah Sharkey
Nathan Farrell	Helen O'Neill	Vivian Utulu	Hannah Monaghan
Calvin Hodgson	Emily Strachan	Elizabeth Heywood	Tom McFadden
Kate Green	Bethan Farrant	Hannah Jarrett	Conor Carr-Brown
Charlotte Heathershaw	Holly Ringland	Katie Johnson	Nicola Henderson
Hanna Weiers	Lewis Wilson	Zac Broad	Chris Hobbs
Chris Gent	Lyndsay Young	Elisha Langley	Patrick Leary-Kiernan
Ant Hughes	Jack Phillips	Holly Southwell	Adam Maxwell
Shannon Farrell	Matthew Mckee	Olly Barker	Penny Whittingham
Katherine Craig	Imogen Stubbs	Ben Freeman	Amanda Taylor
Susanne Viddal	Sandra Bauer	Mairead Flannery	Natalie Webster
Steven Horton	Charlotte Bastock	James Lence	Emma Duff
Heather Limond	Jessica Cornelius	Joseph Barnes	Sam O'Connor
Zoe Graham	Charlotte Mahon	Amy Pulham	Courtney Gill
Olivia Nash	Ameel Al Gamri	Rosie Saxon	Leah Dobbs
Charlie Shaw	Georgia Sermon	Andrew Brown	Kieran Higgins
Marc Fisher	Tabitha Beckett	Holly Garratley	Tom Hearn
Yoan Trangos	Dominique Coleman		

Observing:

Sarah Latham	Student Activities Manager
Hannah Griffith	Student Engagement Co-ordinator

In attendance:

Laura Greenwood-Pearsons	CEO
Alison Hewitt	Administrator

2. Apologies

Eleanor Stevens	Student Trustee
Sabrina de Sa	Student Trustee
Gavin Eyres	External Trustee
Jamie Christon	External Trustee

CM welcomed everyone to the meeting and confirmed the agenda items. The Sabbaticals and CSU staff in attendance were introduced.

3. Ratification of Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting

The previous minutes were presented and it was asked if these were an accurate representation of the Annual General Meeting held on 18 January 2016. They were proposed by Keith Terrill and seconded by Charlie Shaw who had been in attendance at this meeting. The minutes were approved.

4. Trustee Report – Cherelle Mitchell, President:

As your elected Sabbatical Officers and Trustees of Chester Students' Union we have been busy ensuring the representation and engagement of our members.

Main activity areas:

- ARC have received 954 total cases. Equates in time to 38 24 hour days advising.
- Sexual Health and Guidance campaigns/SHAG Week. During the year handed out over 3k condoms.
- Revitalised StARs programme with 350 StARs trained.
- Biggest Above and Beyond Awards evening held to date.
- Hosted and won Varsity against Salford with over 800 students involved – 20 teams.
- Consulted on the Attendance Monitoring Programme with University.
- Shrewsbury campus now has a total of 200 students.
- Raised £417 for the Guide dogs during the stress less campaign.
- Warrington campus:
 - Opened 'The Little' common room for students.
 - Successfully campaigned for a 24-hour campus – now have 24-hour library, cash machine and laundrette access.

Currently working on:

- Health and Wellbeing. Liaising with University on healthy snacks.
- LGBT+ society event on raising awareness.
- Breakdown of tuition fees for University. Extending this to CSU expenditure.
- Summer ball 2017.

Jamie Brown, VP Education

- Main area of work has been the StARs programme. Thanked Hannah Griffith, Student Engagement Co-ordinator for assistance on taking this forward.
- Now coordinating the AAB event planned for 6 June 2017.
- Looking at improving Wi-Fi in University accommodation.
- Working on accommodation guarantors for predominately international students.

Alessandro Salemmme, VP Warrington:

- Increased number of societies from 1 to 3. Hoping to further increase these with a target of 9.
- Assisted with the set-up of the Blackburn fund which currently stands at £10k. Hoping that this will pay for secure transport for students on placement.
- Highlighting social and communication difficulties.
- Promoting 'we are Wazza' campaign across campus.

Ethan Wade, VP Activities

- Society Showcase taking place on 16 February 2017.
- Ran the first 'This BUCS girl can' national campaign to promote women in sport.
- Secured student gym discount fee when joining one of sports or societies.
- Improving facilities at satellite campuses.
- Increasing and improving student media.
- Currently working on bike scheme – recycling bikes from Police.
- Working on what sports and societies facilities will be required for the coming years.

5. Union Accounts 2015/2016

The audited Union accounts of 2015/16 were presented. A full version of the accounts is available on request and on the CSU website. They are a public document and are also on the Charity Commission website. Any further clarification on issues within this document can be sought from the CEO. The budget ended on Deficit of -£29,011 (including £20k bad debt) and Reserves of £269,623. Students were asked to formally approve the audited accounts. Looking forward to 2016/17 we are currently slightly ahead of budget and the CSU management team and Trustee Board continues to monitor this closely. To improve commercial revenue, we are increasing external company advertisements.

For - 150	Against - 0	Abstain - 0
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6. Formal Appointment of the Auditors

Auditors are the external financial experts that ratify our accounts as a registered charity. Unfortunately, we are currently unable to recommend Auditors due to being involved in a tender process. AGM attendees were asked to vote that they will accept the recommendations made by Trustees to appoint the successful Auditor once the tender process has completed.

For - 150	Against - 0	Abstain - 0
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7. Union Affiliation for 2017/18

BUCS - Vote took place to remain affiliated with BUCS at a cost of circa £8k.

For - 150	Against - 0	Abstain - 0
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NUS – Affiliation fees for 2017/18 will be at a cost of circa £20k.

Before the vote took place a student (Joseph Barnes) requested to speak against NUS affiliation. He raised concerns on current issues surrounding NUS leadership and their democracy. It was also stated that several SUs had recently disaffiliated due to these areas of concern. Jamie Brown, VP Education spoke for the affiliation, acknowledging that these concerns were valid but that all conferences he had attended had always adhered to democracy and that there is real benefit to stay affiliated to NUS with regard to networking and reduced product prices we receive.

LGP stated that if the majority of students voted against a NUS affiliation and abstained, then a full referendum would be called. This would allow each side to fully prepare and for members to make a more informed choice.

For - 64	Against - 37	Abstain - 49
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With a clear preference for against and abstain, a referendum will be held. Logistics of this would be briefed once CSU staff had agreed the practicalities of when the vote would be taking place taking into account the Articles of Association and our Standing Orders.

8. Proposed Changes to Articles of Association

Jamie Brown, VP Education briefed on the proposed changes to Articles of Association in relation to the composition of the Board of Trustees. JB went through the changes and recommendations.

This was predominately to increase the number of Student Trustees from 2 to 3 and change the process of how they are appointed. It was also proposed to increase the number of External Trustees to not more than 4.

For - 147	Against - 3	Abstain - 0
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9. Questions from Members

There were no further questions raised.

CM closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.