

**Annual Student Meeting
18th February 26 18:00, UPSU**

In attendance

	<p>Chair & President – Dindu Okechukwu Faculty President Arts, Humanities and Business – Josh Frost Faculty President Science and Engineering – Kwaku Marfo Faculty President Health – Natalie Shotton UPSU Chief Executive – Sarah Davey</p> <p>External and Student Trustees Dave de-Berger Naomi Wrigley Jacob van Bergen</p> <p>There were a maximum of 2 students in attendance across the course of the meeting.</p>
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Reports and the finance presentation can be found online at
<http://www.upsu.com/studentvoice/agm/>

Minutes

<p>Welcome</p>	<p>The Chair welcomed everyone in attendance and explained that as a charity UPSU has a legal requirement to present accounts to its members each year for approval.</p> <p>As well as general matters of housekeeping, the Chair then went on to run through the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Please respect the opinions of other people and their right to speak, if you get involved in a debate then please make sure that you are questioning the issue and you do not get personal. ▪ Any inappropriate language or behaviour will not be tolerated and anyone being inappropriate or offensive will be asked to leave. ▪ Any student registered on a University of Plymouth course is classed as a full member, unless they have chosen to opt out. All full members can speak and vote on any issue. Other people present may speak but cannot vote.
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	<p>This meeting will be conducted in accordance to UPSU Memorandum & Articles and its by-laws as well as all other relevant policies.</p>
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<p>Notice of Any Other Business</p>	<p>No Other Business</p>
<p>Matters to Discuss</p>	<p>Dindu (ASM Chair) explained that a resolution to change the Articles of Association had been submitted by the Board of Trustees to ensure that UPSU decision-making structures reflect the changes to Trustee roles, whilst supporting effective governance and maintaining operational flexibility.</p> <p>Two amendments were proposed;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendment to Clause 34.1 – Trustees’ Meetings To reduce the minimum number of meetings held in a year from four to three. <p>And</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minimum number of Trustees required to make a decision will remain at least five, comprising at least two External Trustees. However, the minimum number of Sabbatical Officer Trustees shall be reduced from three to two. <p>There were no questions regarding the proposal. The Chair asked those in agreement with the proposal to raise their hands.</p> <p>Approval: the proposal was unanimously approved.</p>
<p>UPSU Financial Report Presentation</p>	<p>The Chair delegated the presentation of the Accounts and Finance report to Sarah Davey, UPSU Chief Executive Officer.</p> <p>Sarah explained the auditing process and noted that the report and accounts discussed will be online after the ASM as they were only signed off at the Board Meeting just before this meeting.</p> <p>Sarah gave an overview of the Board report and noted that, through diligent monitoring and reduction of expenditure, UPSU ended this financial year with a £151k surplus, opposed to a deficit of £158K last year. However, a significant part of this was due to the way the SUSS Pension liability was calculated which is inversely linked to interest rates.</p> <p>The SU are trying to secure a loan from the University to fix payments over the next decade to stabilise the cost of the SUSS pension deficit. The SU receives significant funding from the University in the form of the Block Grant, however, this has remained static for several years which equates to a cut in real terms.</p> <p>Sarah reminded students that, as a charity, the money spent in the union goes back to supporting students.</p> <p>Sarah concluded the report summary by explaining that following the restructure, the SU are still working out which activities are continued and which are outside UPSU’s charitable purpose or that can’t be delivered due to capacity.</p>

	<p>Sarah gave an overview of the accounts covering the period from 1st August 2024 - 31st July 2025.</p> <p>There were no questions regarding the Financial Report.</p>
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Affiliations	<p>The Chair explained the affiliations, memberships and subscriptions currently paid by the Students' Union.</p> <p>There were no questions about affiliations.</p>
Reports	Board of Trustees Report
	There were no questions concerning the Board of Trustees report.
	Sabbatical Officers Report
	<p>There were no questions for the Sabbatical Officers.</p> <p>Questions can be emailed directly to the Sabbatical Officers</p> <p>President</p> <p>President Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Business</p> <p>President Faculty of Health</p> <p>President Faculty of Science and Engineering</p>

Any other Business	There was no other business raised.
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Meeting ends	<p>The Chair thanked everyone for attending and reminded them at concerns and ideas can be raised at any point through the year, either with academic reps, Sabbatical Officers or members of staff.</p> <p>Meeting ends 18:42</p>
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