

**Annual Student Meeting**

**8th March 2022 18:00 on Zoom**

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| **In attendance** | |
|  | Chair – Isabel Saxby  President – Emi Douse  VP Activities – Mads Morton  VP Education – Charlie Atkinson  VP Wellbeing and Diversity - Fawziyyah Ahmed  Chair of Accountability Board – None Elected  Chair of Union Council – Robert Nutkins  UPSU Chief Executive – Nicky Goldthorpe |
| **Reports and the finance presentation can be found online at**  <http://www.upsu.com/studentvoice/agm/> | |

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| **Minutes** | |
| Welcome | 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.  As well as general matters of housekeeping, the Chair then went on to run through the following points:   * 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. * This meeting will be conducted in accordance to UPSU Memorandum & Articles and its by-laws as well as all other relevant policies. |
| Notice of Any Other Business | No Other Business  Student members gave feedback about the format of the meeting and suggested that it should be a meeting where all students are present in the ‘virtual meeting room’ or in-person, rather than a webinar |
| Accounts and Finance Presentation | The Chair delegated the presentation of the Accounts and Finance report to Nicky Goldthorpe, UPSU Chief Executive Officer  The accounts cover the period from 1st August 2020 - 31st July 2021  **Questions:**  Q: Question about sponsorship and under what category that income is recorded.  A: Nicky responded that sponsorship is generally commercial activity which is officially titled ‘incoming resources for charitable activities’ or, depending on what the sponsorship is, might be called ‘other incoming resources’. Further breakdown can be found in the full [Annual Accounts](https://www.upsu.com/about/documents/).  Q: So, the biggest income is commercial?  A: Nicky explained that it typically is but due to COVID the largest income source for the past two years has been the block grant.  Affiliations were ratified  There was a comment regarding paying NUS affiliation. It was clarified that this was a partial payment to cover the remaining term on the contract at the time. These accounts are for the year 2020/2021. |
| Matters to discuss | No matters were submitted prior to the deadline.  The Chair explained that any student can submit an idea through the website or via the Student Voice Team.  [studentvoice@su.plymouth.ac.uk](mailto:studentvoice@su.plymouth.ac.uk) |
| Reports | Board of Trustees Report |
| Emi Douse, UPSU President and Chair of the Board of Trustees gave an overview of the report.  There were no questions concerning the Board of Trustees report |
| Union Council Report |
| Robert Nutkins, Union Council Chair gave a report  There were no questions concerning the Union Council report |
| Sabbatical Officers Reports |
| After each Sabbatical Officer presented their update, the floor was opened for questions. Sabbatical Officer updates can be found at <https://www.upsu.com/studentvoice/agm/>.  There were no questions for the Sabbatical Officers |
| Any other Business | Will Styles gave notice of one item during the meeting, this concerned the format of the meeting. Will had left the meeting before AOB was discussed. The Chair opened the floor to anyone who wished the raise the item.  There was a question in the Chat querying why the meeting was going ahead in this format when it was discussed at Union Council last year?  Emi Douse, President did note that members of Union Council did feedback about the format of the meeting. The ASM is a Trustee meeting and not a student-led one. The Trustees were asked which format they would prefer, and they chose online. Emi added that currently more students are attending online, rather than in person. |
| Meeting ends | The Chair thanked everyone for attending |