



- Meeting of:** LSE SU Board of Trustees
- Location:** Virtual Meeting held via Zoom
- Date and Time:** 5pm 25th January 2021
- Members:** David Gordon (Chair), Bali Birch-Lee, Eleanor Duplock, Morgan Fairless, Laura Goddard, Issam Jamaledine, Inka Pearson, Yusuf Rafique.
- In attendance:** James Hann (CEO), Jen Hastings, Nick Smith (Secretary).
- Apologies:** Wil Barber

	Item
1.	The Chair welcomed members and apologies were noted. The meeting was quorate and was taking place remotely as allowed under section 52.2 of the Articles because of Covid-19.
2.	There were no declarations of any Conflicts of Interest.
3.	The board approved the Minutes of the Last Meeting without amendment.
4.	There were no Chairs Actions taken since the last meeting.
5.	<p>The board approved a revised set of Articles following conversations with the London School of Economics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The revised Articles were similar to the current proposal as the School had agreed the general points raised by the Union. b) The current provision for unanimous decisions of Trustees without a meeting would remain. c) An insertion to include at least one lay member in the quorum for the board had been made. d) The School had agreed that, in extremis, the Trustees needed to have the power to change the byelaws to protect student interests. However, this should now be reported to the next student meeting for ratification. As any change would be reported to students anyway this was agreed. e) Unlike other students' unions, the School requested that the provisions for Company Law Meetings remain, in full, within the Articles. However, to reduce confusion with students an additional point was inserted noting that these provisions would only apply to Trustees (the Company Law Members) and be used rarely.
6.	<p>The board resolved to make a request to the Charity Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) They noted the efforts made by the Union over the previous 18 months to engage students in changes but that the 15% requirement was too high. b) The board resolved to formally request the Administrative Order in the Appendix from the Charity Commission. c) The board noted that the Trustees do not believe that any part of the Scheme is likely to be considered controversial and do not know of any opposition among students to remove the 15%. d) The board noted that they believe that no specific group of students will be affected by the proposed changes to the Articles and that the generality of students will be asked to vote on the changes. All students will have the proposed Articles

	<p>communicated to them and will have the opportunity to attend a meeting to vote on the changes or ask another person to vote on their behalf.</p> <p>e) The board noted the requirement of 250 Student Members attending the meeting or sending a proxy and the need for not less than 75% of those attending to vote in favour of the proposals.</p> <p>f) The board agreed to promote the meeting and encourage members to vote in favour.</p>
7.	There was a Trustees only discussion without staff

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