

Minutes of: Board of Trustees

**Location:** Virtual Meeting

Date and Time: 2pm 26th June 2020

Members: Zulum Elumogo (Chair), Wil Barber, Jack Boyd, David Gordon,

Issam Jamaleddine, Inka Pearson, Yusuf Rafique.

In attendance: James Hann (CEO), Jen Hastings, Nick Smith (Secretary).

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1	Item The chair welcomed members. The meeting was taking place remotely as allowed under
1.	section 52.2 of the Articles because of Covid-19.
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2.	There were the following Interests to declare:  a) David Gordon raised that he may have a conflict of interest as he would be part of the sabbatical team for next year. It was not felt by the rest of the board that he needed to leave the discussion or the meeting.
3.	The board <b>approved</b> the Minutes of the Last Meeting without amendment
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	The beard provided a set of actions on the appointment of an Education Officer. The
4.	The board <b>approved</b> a set of actions on the appointment of an Education Officer. The
	following was considered to help reach their decision
	a) The decision not to offer the full-time officer role to someone on a part-time basis had
	been checked by the Union's employment advisors and they confirmed it was lawful. The
	officer-elect had resigned in writing via the CEO.
	b) Holding a new election for the position was the default route for action as set out in the
	byelaws. The Union should hold it when the most students can be engaged and this
	would therefore be during term time. It was unlikely that there would be a high
	mandate via turnout over the summer period.
	c) The summer was an important time building connections for student officers and there
	was a concern about not having an Education Officer over the summer period, especially
	when so much change was apparent as a result of Covid-19. There was a meeting being
	held on Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June with the School to discuss the absence of the role and the
	year ahead.
	d) The board considered revisiting the ballots from the March elections. These were an
	indication of the will of the student body and could be recounted with the education
	officer elect removed.
	e) The democracy committee and returning officer should be consulted on this decision.
	f) The board <b>agreed</b> that the ballots from the Lent Term should be recounted with the
	candidate who had resigned removed.
	g) Should there not be a candidate willing to hold the office, a bye-election would be held
	in the Michaelmas term and the Education Officer role's responsibilities would be shared
	among the incoming officer team for the Summer.
	Jack Boyd left the meeting to return to an urgent engagement.
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5.	Zulum Elumogo was thanked for his work as Trustee Chair over the past two years and, in turn,
	thanked the board for their contributions and enthusiasm
6.	The board <b>approved</b> the closed minutes of the previous meeting without amendment.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020