

# Annual Members Meeting Minutes

December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022

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## **Opening:**

The Annual Members Meeting of the Student's Union took place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December and was called at 6:00pm by Megan and the student union chair in Bob Burgess Building, Lecture Theatre 2. Agenda for the meeting was highlighted by SU Chair.

## **Present:**

Consult Attendance List and those who joined online via Teams

## **New Business:**

### **Student Union's CEO – Gareth**

Gareth went over the finances relating to the Student's Union and where expenditure has been made. He mentioned the overall outcome of the previous academic years financial progress as grant levels and funds had come to an end making the year difficult. However, this year grant levels have been restored to the former level. He highlighted where investments have been made and in which areas which included investments made in fixtures and seating within the Percy Gee building and the Union Square. Further to this, investments have been made in the Student Service Expansion which covers:

- Academic Representation
- Subject Society Expansion
- Proactive support projects
- A Governance support worker
- Arts and Media

He also covered the Student's Union affiliation with NUS (National Union of Students) which has costed the Student's Union £24,375, and pointed out the benefits of the membership as Students Unions across the country can come together, be supported and also bring benefits to students. If individuals would like the Union to cease affiliation with NUS, then the Student's Union can hold a referendum.

### **President – Rhiannon Jenkins**

Rhiannon, the president of the Student's Union, covered the Union Strategy Plan, and how they aim to bring together and build vibrant student communities.

### **Student Voice – Megan Robertson**

Megan advertised the opening of elections for NUS delegates, where students can be represent the Student's Union on a wider platform and vote in on NUS officers. It is an opportunity to connect with members from different Students Unions when attending the conference. All travel and living costs will be reimbursed. She also advertised the position of a sustainability officer where the individual would be working alongside Jack, the activities officer, as a part time officer helping on areas of social justice, sustainability etc. At the end of the year, the officer would be given a £250-£300 bursary for their work. The final positions advertised by Megan were the executive officers elections,

which is a paid salary of £21,000 a year, where the position looks at representing students who go to university. It is a position that can run for 2 years and students can also suggest individuals who they think would make a good officer.

### **ULCU Strike Updates – Rhiannon Jenkins and Union Chair**

Rhiannon and Miriam gave an update on the strike poll which asked whether the Student's Union should stand in solidarity with the strikes or oppose them. 324 students voted, of which, 202 students voted in favour of the strikes. The Student's Union stood in solidarity with lecturers and University staff and did not hold meetings within the University buildings on the strike days as well as petitioned with staff at picket lines. Rhiannon also highlighted how the claim for compensation if affected by strikes has opened and closes in April. Students can claim back money from lectures that were impacted by strikes as they are consumers of the University, and this will go through the University claim procedure. Following from student concerns and queries raised in the Annual Members Meeting, Rhiannon will be requesting how claims are processed by the university and how compensation amount is calculated, and whether this differs from International Students and Domestic students due to the difference in fees. She also mentioned how there will be a marking boycott in the New Year.

### **Updates from Executive Officers:**

#### **Liberation Officer – Nic Farmer**

Nic highlighted the success following the Black History Month activities, and as a result, will be holding another barber shop stall in Semester 2 as part of the Destress campaign. Nic also talked about the LeicsDecolonise campaign that is being held and what they have in store. As well as this, there will be a whole range of LGBTQ+ Allyship training being held throughout December.

#### **President - Rhiannon Jenkins**

Rhiannon started with mentioning her Sticky Campus project which aims to make campus vibrant, accessible and affordable. She updated the meeting on what changes have been made:

- All first year academic societies made free with each school being given £500
- Establishing a common room for every school
- Free games on campus
- Art Space near Bennett Building

Following this, she discussed how the cost of living is impacting students, and how she aims to provide more support to students who are affected. The government grants that are being issued like those helping with energy bills are not eligible for students, thus, she has been lobbying local and national government to recognise the impacts of the cost of living crisis on students alike. She also mentioned how there is a hardship fund that all students are entitled to immediately, where they can get £200.

#### **Education Officer – AnneMarie D**

AnneMarie highlighted the changes made to the Academic Rep structure, which includes:

- A stronger student voice
- Payments for school reps
- Merchandise and Hoodies being given to course reps and school reps

She also mentioned the improvements being made around campus which includes:

- Bringing blankets back to the Library which has been a success!
- Free water being available on campus
- Improving individual and group working environments

She has also been talking through key themes with the University regarding the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) and will update everyone on improvements made.

#### **Sports Officer – Archie Robinson**

As Archie was absent, AnneMarie went through his updates on behalf of him. She highlighted the success of Archie's Movember campaign where they raised a total of £9,000, which was above their target. Archie is working on improving the Sports Council by increasing the size of memberships and looking at specific remits. He's also been working on the Opportunities and Inclusion fund by looking at removing criteria that is restricting students and increasing engagement by revamping policy. Archie's Parasport week has been successful where he is collaborating with Leicester Rugby Team to bring a 3 day event which will raise engagement and increase opportunity for students to take part and have fun.

#### **Wellbeing Officer – Hoor Pathan**

Hoor began with the success of her free breakfast trial which aimed to tackle the cost of living crisis. Students were able to get free breakfast between 8am-10am and has successfully been able to acquire the funds to carry this on till March 2023. She is also working on releasing a financial toolkit where videos about the hardship funds will be released, offering support and advice on how to apply for it. She also mentioned how she's been working on providing more inclusive sanitary products as the current brand (Hey Girls) that is around the University is highly gendered, lacks inclusivity and makes students feel uncomfortable by raising barriers. She is working on changing the provider of the sanitary products that are available and working on offering a better expansion of products.

#### **Activities Officer – Jack McDonald**

As Jack was not present, Rhiannon briefly filled in on his behalf. Jack has been working on sustainability, after his recent proposal was passed in student Council. There is now an election up for a sustainability officer that will work alongside Jack to help in making this successful. Jack has been working on better equipping new societies through his new student group starter fund and providing better support to societies. He is also working on making room bookings more easy and less of a tiring and stretched process. Lastly, he's been working with helping in facilitating the Attenborough Arts Team/studio.

The meeting was then concluded by the Chair and methods of contacts were listed if students would like to discuss anything further. Pizza was available for students to enjoy.

***The meeting concluded at 7:10pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 2022.***

#### **Apologies:**

Archie Robinson – Sports Officer

Jack McDonald – Activities Officer

#### **Attendance:**

Mayuri - Peer Mentor  
Abigail Walker - Course Rep  
Adam Morgan - Course Rep  
Mariam/Maz Afinowi - Course Rep  
Chigoziri G. Ahamzie - Course Rep  
Aisha Haris - Course Rep  
Akifa Azhar - Peer Mentor  
Alfred Cuddeford - Course Rep  
Anosha Altaf - Peer Mentor  
Amadi Udu - Course Rep  
Amy Powell - Course Rep  
Ana Sofia Ferreira - Course Rep  
Lara Anubi - Course Rep  
Anwar Afhim - Course Rep  
Ashton Mallard - Officer – Trans & Non-Binary Officer  
Jesudumbi M. Asuai-Chegwe - Course Rep  
Avinaba Majumdar - Peer Mentor  
Avinash Navin Fulbaria - Peer Mentor  
Ayesha Roked - Peer Mentor  
Ayodeji Owomoyela - Course Rep  
Ayush - School Rep  
Bahia, Simrit K. - Course Rep  
Balakrishnan Saravanan, Stuti - Course Rep  
Barbara Boateng - Course Rep  
Bavellas, Emily V. - Course Rep  
Bea Eunice Gayondato - Course Rep  
Bogdan Tucaliuc - Peer Mentor  
Bronwyn Smith - Course Rep  
Charlotte Green - Course Rep  
Chelsea Masakure - Peer Mentor  
Cherine - Course Rep

Chia Sabah - Course Rep

Chloe Martin - Peer Mentor School Rep

Clare Donovan - Course Rep

Claudia Monteiro - Course Rep & JD pathway course rep and pro bono insight project

Constance Coyle - Course Rep

Hardik Cumandrai

Michael J. Curtis - Course Rep

Daniel - Course Rep & Peer Mentor

Darrell Njogu - School Rep CSSAH Rep

Davina Hirani - Peer Mentor

Annemarie Deeb – Education Officer

Deen - Course Rep - The ODP Society - President

Deenah Ahsan - Course Rep

Deepan Gabriel James - Course Rep

Didi, Jasmin T.T. - Peer Mentor

Dilara (Guest) - Course Rep

Eddie - School Rep

Elaine Bickerstaff - Peer Mentor

Eleanor Bailey - Course Rep

Emily Bavellas - Course Rep

Emma Healey - Peer Mentor

Enes - Course Rep

Eniola Adenuga - Course Rep

Miriam Chika Ezinwa - School Rep

Faithia Ajiboye - Course Rep

Farzad Azimbeik - Peer Mentor

Fatihme Maarawi

Favour Igwe - Peer Mentor

Fearnley, Ash H. - Course Rep

Osinimu O. Femi-Adedayo - Course Rep, Peer Mentor & Natural Sciences Society

Abigail Fernandes - Peer Mentor

Maxime M. Flaunet - Peer Mentor - Enactus Leicester & Leicester Glee Club

Gabrielle Morris - Course Rep & Peer Mentor

Esther O. Gbadebo - Course Rep

Nidhi Goel - Course Rep

Hannah B. Gonzalez Das Neves - Course Rep

Izzy Gooday - Course Rep

Goodwin, Oliver - Course Rep

Grace Freeman - Course Rep

Gurkamal Dhaliwal - Peer Mentor

Hafsah - Peer Mentor

Hardik Cumandrai - Course Rep

Haroon Khalid - Peer Mentor

Harriet Warden - Peer Mentor - Voices (Gospel Choir)

Harsimran Dhaliwal - Course Rep Peer Mentor

Hay, Faith N. - Course Rep

Heather Nuttall - Peer Mentor

Hirani, Davina - Peer Mentor

Hogan, Celeste J. - Course Rep

Huma Ahmed - Course Rep Peer Mentor

Humairaa Daud - Course Rep

Islam, Ramsha - Peer Mentor

Jegade, Mercy M. - School Rep Peer Mentor

Jéssica Beatriz Manuel Paes - Course Rep

Jessica Ryan - Course Rep & President of 93% Club

Jiarong Tian - Course Rep Scrutiny Committee Member

Jordan Amos - Course Rep

Kanisha Sarkar - Peer Mentor

Kaur, Nav - Course Rep

Kavita Rani - Course Rep & Women's Officer

Kayode Disu - Course Rep Peer Mentor

Keith Mungai - Peer Mentor Student Network Rep

Kenza Belakziz - Peer Mentor & Secretary of 93% Club

Khethiwe - Course Rep

Kobina Armah-Tetteh - Course Rep - Boxing Society- social secretary

Kraujutaityte, Edelina - Course Rep, School Rep, Peer Mentor & Biological Sciences Society (BioSoc)

Krystian - Course Rep

Labhesh Devendra Nikam - Peer Mentor

Lauren Mayor - Course Rep

Lewis Bernardo - Peer Mentor

Lucy Arnill - Course Rep

Lujain Kazamil - Course Rep

Lulu Saunders - Peer Mentor

Maarawi, Fatihme - School Rep

Maisie Bolton - Peer Mentor

Malika Gill - Course Rep - BSc Economics Society

Marija Bogevska - Treasurer of 93% Club - Treasurer of 93% Club

Marta Baluczynska - No - Women's Network member

Matharu, Amrita - Course Rep

Max Leach - Course Rep

McGarry, Christopher J. - Peer Mentor

Meghana Reddy Ayyadapu - Course Rep

Melissa Field - Course Rep

Mgawe, Erick E. - Peer Mentor - Peer mentors

Michael J Curtis - Peer Mentor

Michaela Coles - Course Rep

Misao Sato - Course Rep - University of Leicester Fencing Club

Moodleyr - Course Rep

Morgan Havard - Course Rep

Mothay, Medini - Course Rep

Mozaffarian, Zahra - Peer Mentor

Mrinmoy Deka - Course Rep

Mundra, Harsh - Course Rep

Munshi, Sana - Course Rep Student voice project worker

Natt, Anya K. - Course Rep

Navpreet Kaur

Njapdounke, Rabiadou Aliyu Njapdounke A.

Norman-Brown, Eleanor G.

Nur Fitriah Zakiah Binte Misnal

Nuttall, Heather A.

Oghenemega Phido

Oliver Hensman

Olusanya, Deborah D.

Oluwaseun Orimogunje

Opoku, Bethel Opoku

Orr, Benjamin

Osei Antwiwaa, Claudia

Prabhjot Mand

Rabiadou Aliyu Njapdounke

Rachana

Rajan Chaturvedi

Rani, Kavita

Ravela, Asha

Rehana Chandy

Renée Samra

Riley Gee

Robin Over

Ruikang Zhang

Saarah Bhalwani

Saher

Saleem, Lareb

Samra, Ikpreet

Samuel Fashola

Sapkota, Shristi



Sara Sooku

Sarah Peters

Sheena-Millie Munnien

Shelly Dhaliwal

Shona Gillespie-Wallace

Shruti Upadhyay

Sia Lebbie

Simrit Bahia

Siyanusa Sivajeyam

Sophie Owen

Sukhai, Corina

Sulaiman Hakim

Sushena Pandit, Srushti

Sushina Gabriel

Sylvester, Vanessa A.

Tanvi Waghela

Teny Maria Shaji

Theo Blankley

Thomas Hayward

Tom Simpson

Uatii Hengari

Usman, Abdulkadir S.

Vaida Gegieckaite

Vardy Pentakota

Velina Janes

Victoria Boulton

Wambura Moenga

Wila, Konrad

Barry Yang – Scrutiny Committee

Yeshwanth Nathan

Zayba Hassem

Zoe

Zunaira Akbar