



## ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19 February 2015 at 5:15 pm in the Anson Rooms

### In attendance:

Alex Rees	<i>Chair of Student Council, Chair</i>
Hayley Hall	<i>Member of the Democratic Standards Committee, Chair's Aide</i>
Stacey Johnson	<i>Member of the Democratic Standards Committee, Chair's Aide</i>
Ayesha Khalid	<i>Member of the Democratic Standards Committee</i>
Chris Paphiti	<i>Member of the Democratic Standards Committee</i>
Ryan Bird	<i>UBU Staff, Chair support</i>
Ann O'Malley	<i>UBU Staff, AMM Lead</i>
Phoebe Smart	<i>UBU Staff, Minutes</i>
Amy Walsh	<i>UBU Staff, Minutes</i>
Kate Dawson	<i>UBU Staff, Steering Table</i>
Jemma Harford	<i>UBU Staff, Steering Table</i>

### Full-time Elected Officers

Jo Woods	Union Affairs
Alex Bradbrook	UG Education
Sorana Vieru	PG Education
Tom Phipps	Student Living
Alice Phillips	Equality, Access and Liberation
Alyx Murray-Jackman	Sport and Development

### 1.0 Welcome

The Chair, Alex Rees, welcomed everyone at 5.42pm and introduced himself and the Chair's Aides.

The Chair explained how the voting cards working and the safe space policy.

The meeting was not quorate so will need to be ratified at the next quorate Student Council.

### 2.0 Elected Officer Update

The Chair introduced the Full-time Elected Officers team. All of the officers outlined what they have been doing over the last year.

Highlights included:

- Alice organised Festival of Liberation and Reclaim the Night.
- Tom Phipps talked about the lettings agency, it saved students over 150000 in agency fees, Housing Month put student living to the top of the agenda.

- Sorana reviewing PG personal tutoring system, secured funding for PG network.
- Alex has been working closely with student groups – Course Reps and Faculty Reps and academic societies campaigning for more study spaces, securing personal tutoring, and earlier exam timetables.
- Alyx – new interim director of sport making good changes, making review of price of sports pass and UBU fee. Working with varsity series this year to encourage students who don't normally take part.
- Jo – 25000 bananas to students in UBU new study spaces, general election registration to vote, free tokens for the new bar opening tonight! Lots of social events.

### 3.0 Approval of affiliations

Jo Woods introduced the Union's affiliations (The National Union of Students, British Universities and Colleges Sport, Advice UK, Student Minds, Nightline, and Voscur).

The Chair called for a vote to approve UBU's affiliations for 2015; the affiliations were **APPROVED**.

### 4.0 STUDENT-SUBMITTED ITEMS

The Chair explained how voting works and how speaking for and against a motion works.

#### **Motion A: Supporting Student Housing Cooperatives.**

*Proposed by: Francis Myerscough*

*Seconded by: Tyrone Falls*

Francis Myerscough spoke for the motion.

No one spoke against the motion.

Francis clarified some of the points made in the background of the motion.

One question was asked by Charlie Brandon.

Proposer answered the question.

Students voted to VOTE NOW.

No speakers against.

The Chair moved to a vote.

The motion **PASSED**.

#### **Motion B: Support the Reinstate Alison Hayman campaign.**

*Proposed by: Zaki Dogliani*

*Seconded by: Frankie Quinn*

Zaki Dogliani spoke for the motion.

No speakers against.

Comment from PGR student.

Proposer answered the question.

Students raised VOTE NOW cards.

The chair moved to a vote.

The motion **PASSED**.

**Motion C: Change ‘log in’ codes, to reflect change of name.**

*Proposed by: Jamie Cross*

*Seconded by: Chloë Maughan*

Jamie Cross spoke for the motion.

No speakers against.

2 questions for the proposer.

Proposer answered both questions.

Moved to a vote.

The motion clearly **PASSED**.

**Motion D: Take an active stance against the replacement of Trident  
Replacement of trident**

*Proposed by: Tyrone Falls*

*Seconded by: Laura Alexander*

Tyrone Falls spoke for the motion.

No speech against the motion.

Two questions were asked.

Proposer answered the questions.

Vote to split the resolutions – FAILED

The motion will be voted on in full.

The chair moved to vote.

Manual count – 105 for, 62 against, 20 abstain

The motion **PASSED**.

**Motion E: UBU’s Commitment to Widening participation**

*Proposed by: Naomi McKay*

*Seconded by: Chloe Maughan*

The chair clarified that this motion would result in a change to the bye-laws so in order to pass would need a two thirds majority.

Naomi McKay spoke for the motion.

No speakers against.

Four questions were asked.

The proposer answered all questions.

Alice Phillips clarified the answer to the last question.

Move to a vote.

The motion clearly **PASSED**.

**Motion F: UBU should strive towards fairer pay**

*Proposed by: Zack Murrell-Dowson*

*Seconded by: Emma Gaspar*

Zack Murrell-Dowson spoke for the motion.  
No speakers against.  
One questions asked.  
Proposer answered the question.  
The Chair clarified a point  
Question: Alex Wilson, Maths.  
Proposer answered.  
Question: James Throup, Mechanical engineering.  
Proposer answered.  
Question: Sam Briggs, Chemistry PG – statement of support.  
Move to a vote.  
The motion clearly **PASSED**.

**Motion G: Change the name of ‘The Richmond Building’ to ‘The University of Bristol Students’ Union Building’**

*Proposed by: Hania Simons*

*Seconded by: Nicky Black*

Hania Simons spoke for the motion.  
No speakers against.  
Question: Hannah Ainsworth, Maths.  
Proposer answered.  
The Chair clarified what a referendum is.  
Sorana commented that there should be a referendum.  
Question: proposed to vote on the two resolves separately.  
Move to Vote to whether to vote on resolutions separately: **FAILED** – will not vote on in parts.  
Question: PGR student.  
The Chair clarified the question.  
The Chair called to move to a vote.  
The motion **PASSED**.

**Motion H: Lobby the University to provide half-price vegetarian food options in their cafés / food outlets on Mondays (‘Meat-free Monday’)**

*Proposed by: Sophie Gordon*

*Seconded by: Emma Jarman*

Sophie Gordon spoke for the motion.  
No speakers against.  
One question.  
Answered.  
Move to vote.  
The motion **PASSED**.

**Motion I: Students not suspects**

*Proposed by: Noha Abu El Magd*

*Seconded by: Sorana Vieru*

Noha Abu El Magd spoke for the motion.  
No speaker against.

Question: Kat, Medic.  
Proposer answered.  
Question: Music student.  
Proposer answered.  
Question: Harry, Politics and International relations.  
Proposer answered.  
Question: Alex Willis, Maths.  
Proposer answered.  
The Chair called for a vote.  
The motion **PASSED**.

**The Chair called for a break – Jo Woods introduced the democracy review.**

**Motion J: Tampons should be free. Period.**

*Proposed by: Sorana Vieru*

*Seconded by: Alyx Murray-Jackman*

Sorana Vieru spoke for the motion.  
No speakers against.  
Question.  
Proposer answered the question.  
Question: Hannah Ainsworth, Maths.  
Proposer answered the question.  
Question: 3 year psychologist.  
Proposer answered the question.  
Question - asked for clarification on the first resolution.  
Proposer answered the question.  
Students called for VOTE NOW.  
The chair moved to a vote.  
The motion **PASSED**.

**Motion K: First year students coming into halls should be able to opt in or out of paying for the Stoke Bishop bus pass**

*Proposed by: Zoe Backhouse*

*Seconded by: Anna Tiri*

Zoe Backhouse spoke for the motion.  
No speakers against.  
Three questions for the proposer.  
Proposer answered the questions.  
Demand for resolves to be voted on separately: **FAILED** – resolves will NOT be voted on separately.  
Question.  
Proposer answered the question.  
The Chair moved to a vote.  
The motion **PASSED**.

**Motion L: Neutrality on Abortion**

*Proposed by: Alexander Chau*

*Seconded by: Alexander Murray*

Alexander Chau spoke for the motion.

Speaker against: Chloe Maughan, Law student.

Questions were asked for both speakers and both would have chance to reply.

Q: Kat, Medic.

Q: Maths and Philosophy student.

Q: Chinedu, question for the proposer.

Speaker for: answered the questions.

Speaker against: answered question.

The chair called for another round of questions.

Question: Francis Myerscough.

Q: William Williams, Palaeontology.

Q: comment in support of the speaker against.

Speaker for: answered questions.

Speaker against: answered questions.

The Chair moved to a vote.

The motion **FAILED**.

**Motion M: Lobby to change the open units policy to enable all students at the University of Bristol to study a language if they choose**

*Proposed by: Alex Bradbrook*

*Seconded by: Tom Grant*

Alex Bradbrook spoke for the motion.

No speakers against.

Question: Jack Sharpe, engineering.

Proposer of the motion answered.

Question: Adela, Law.

The chair moved to a vote.

The motion **PASSED**.

**Motion N: A better stance against bullying and harassment**

*Proposed by: Francis Myerscough*

*Seconded by: Nicola Willis*

Francis Myerscough spoke for the motion.

No speakers against.

No questions.

The chair moved to a vote.

The motion **PASSED**.

**Motion O: This Union resolves to block the University from using any products or services provided or produced by companies that benefit from the Israeli settlements in the Occupied West Bank**

*Proposed by: Daniel Wernberg*

*Seconded by: Mia Thomas*

Daniel Wernberg spoke for the motion.  
 Speaker against: Hannah rose, Course: Spanish and Portuguese  
 The Chair called for a second round of speeches  
 Speaker for: Nathan Beasley, Course: History  
 Speaker against: Harry Ingram, Course: Politics and International relations  
 Take three questions for speaker for and speaker against  
 Question: Adam Coleman, chemistry for second speaker  
 Question: Hannah Gordon, German and Philosophy  
 Question: Tamar Winston, Medic  
 Speaker for: Daniel: answered the questions  
 Speaker against: Harry: answered the questions  
 Another round of questions  
 Q: Alex Bradbrook, UG Education Officer  
 Speaker against: answered the question  
 Speaker for: answered the question  
 One more round of questions  
 Three more questions were taken  
 Speaker for: Dan: answered the questions  
 Speaker against: Hannah: answered the questions  
 Last round of questions  
 Question: Stephen La Fanu  
 Speaker for: Daniel: answered the question  
 Speaker against: Harry: answered the question  
 Call for motion to be voted in parts on separate resolution: **FAILED** – will not be voted on separately  
 More questions  
 Question: Jack, Economics  
 Question: Sasha Brown, Drama  
 Question: Hannah  
 Speaker for: Nathan Beasley, History  
 Speaker against: Hannah Rose, VP J-Soc (Jewish Society)  
 The chair called for a move to a vote.  
 Move to manual vote.  
 For 83, Against 114, Abstain 42.  
 The motion **FAILED**.

## 5.0 NOTICES:

- Student Election Nominations close Monday – 23/2/15
- Meeting to discuss motions for national policy – Standing Committee – 3/3/2015 at 6:30pm – Gromit Room (4<sup>th</sup> Floor, UBU). Everyone welcome to observe and bring forward proposals. Standing Committee vote.

## 6.0 CONCLUSION

The chair called the meeting to a close at 8:30pm.

**NOTE:** As the AMM was inquorate, its decisions will need to be ratified by the next quorate Student Council.