



Student Members' Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday 13th January 2025
Time: 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Delivery: In-person, Devonshire House

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The [Guild's Articles of Association](#) outlines the requirements for an annual Student Members' meeting to be held as per Article 18.1:

18.1 The Guild must hold an annual Student Members' meeting once in each Academic Year which shall be called and held in accordance with the Byelaws. The annual Student Members' meeting shall be held at such time and place as the Trustees shall think suitable to allow the maximum number of Student Members to attend.

The purpose of the annual Student Members' meeting and the business to be conducted is outlined as per Article 18.2 and includes:

- ratification of minutes of the previous annual Student Members' meeting;
- receiving the report of the Trustees on the Guild's activities since the previous annual Student Members' meeting;
- formally presenting the accounts of the Guild to the Student Members;
- approving the list of affiliations of the Guild; and
- open questions to the Trustees by the Student Members

The Byelaws outline that the Board of Trustees will be responsible for calling the meeting and as per Article 18.1 ensuring that the meeting is held in a manner which ensures greatest opportunity for students to attend.

Meeting minutes

1. Intro to the Student Members' Meeting
 - a. The Chair welcomed the members to the meeting
 - b. The Chair noted that Trustees were present in the meeting and were wearing name badges, and that there will be a Trustee Q&A at the end of the meeting
 - c. The Chair noted that the Officer Trustees would take us through our impact, accounts and affiliations
 - d. The Chair noted the purpose of the Student Members' Meeting set out in our Articles of association and byelaws



- e. The Chair explained the process of voting in the meeting, and who could vote during the meeting. The meeting required members to vote on:
 - i. Ratification of last year's minutes
 - ii. Approval of our Affiliations
- 2. Ratify last year's Student Members' Meeting minutes
 - a. The Chair asked the meeting to ratify the minutes from the last Student Members' Meeting which took place on 4th December 2023
 - b. VOTE The meeting voted to ratify the minutes from the last meeting with the below votes
 - i. In favour of ratifying the minutes 19
 - ii. Against ratifying the minutes 6
 - iii. Abstained from vote 12
- 3. Impact Report
 - a. Elected Officer Trustees presented the impact report for 2023-2024 to be meeting including
 - i. How the Guild is run
 - ii. The Guild's year in numbers
 - b. The meeting noted the update
- 4. Formal presentations of the University of Exeter Students' Guild Audited Accounts For the year ended 31 July 2024
 - a. Elected Officer Trustees presented the Audited accounts for the year ended 31 July 2024 including
 - i. Summary of the year, and the role of the Guild as a Charity
 - ii. Guild Income – where the Guild gets their money from with a total income of £8,250,417
 - iii. Guild Expenditure – how the Guild spends it's money with a total expenditure of £3,038,847
 - iv. Society income – this slide showed the previous society balance, income and expenditure for 2023/24, and the end of year closing balance for societies
 - v. Overall financial position – In summary the Guild ended the year in a surplus position. When removing the SUSS pension lump sum



and artwork revaluations, the Guild were left with an in-year surplus of £63,493 which when added to reserves brought forward, brought the free reserves balance to £1,390,936

- b. The Chair then asked the meeting for any questions on the financial accounts
5. For approval – 2023-2024 affiliations for approval
 - a. The Chair presented the 2023-2024 affiliations for approval being NUS UK and NUS Charity
 - b. The Chair gave an update on what an affiliation is
 - c. The Chair gave an update on what NUS UK and NUS Charity's purpose is
 - d. The Chair asked the meeting for any questions on the Affiliations
 - e. The Chair asked the meeting to vote to approve the Guild's affiliations.
VOTE The meeting voted to approve the affiliations with the below votes counted:
 - i. In favour of approving affiliations 26
 - ii. Against approving the affiliations 2
 - iii. Abstained from vote 4
6. Q&A for Trustees – open questions to the Trustees by the Student Members
 - a. The Chair invited 3 Trustees up to the front of the meeting
 - b. The Chair asked members for open questions to the Trustees
7. Meeting closes 7.25pm
 - a. The Chair thanked members for attending the Student Members' Meeting
 - b. The Chair highlighted to members that Trustees would be around after the meeting for any other questions