

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2007**  
**4.30pm**  
**Lux**

**MINUTES**

1. Introduction to the Chair;
2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
3. Presentation of Union accounts
4. Trustees Annual Report
5. Council's Annual Report
6. Annual Reports from all Union Standing Committees;
7. Any Other Business
8. Close of meeting

**Present:**

Chris Yorke (Chair)	Ben Norman
Jodie Austin	Nick Chapman
Elle Gray	L Mansour
Mike Rayner	Jon Paget
Adrian Fraguera	Nicola Waight
Diana Langford	David Hands-Clarke
Rena Ellis	Robert Armit
Steve Baker	Matthew Blackall
Peter Hooley	Dale Smith
Alex Harries	Jess Wheeler
Richard Sneddon	Jo Bower (minutes)

**1. Introduction to the Chair;**

CY introduced himself to the membership. CY stated that he would be chairing this meeting in Andrew Machin (Union Council Chair) absence.

**2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting**

It was agreed that the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2006 were an accurate reflection of the matters discussed. CY duly signed them off.

**3. Presentation of Union accounts**

CY asked the membership to turn their attention to the spreadsheet marked University of Portsmouth Students' Union Budget for 2005/2006. CY noted that during 2005/06 the UPSU had budgeted to make a profit of £5,939 however at the end of the year it had actually made a profit of £49,060. CY advised the membership that the profit made had been reinvested back into the UPSU in particular areas of support and welfare.

**4. Trustees Annual Report**

**Presidents Report** – CY had submitted a written report, CY noted that the best way to describe this years sabbatical achievements would be with three words, professionalism, partnerships and profile. CY stated that the professionalism of this year's team has been outstanding and has gained

recognition from the UoP. CY noted that the team had worked in partnership with the UoP, UPEL and the local community this year. CY stated that UPSU had created a diverse range of relationships with the local community which would stand as a good foundation. CY stated that this year's team had hoped to raise the profile of the UPSU through its "smash apathy" campaign. CY noted that there had been a real growth in the UPSU this year resulting in a range of diverse events being run and a commitment to the UPSU charitable objectives.

CY stated that work ahead is to find out what exactly the UoP perceive the role of the UPSU is in the future. CY congratulated his team for all their hard work this year.

**Sports Report** – JA submitted a written report, JA stated that her main aim for her year in office was to build up participation. JA stated that she believed she had done this through linking with the local community with particular reference to disability in Sports. JA stated that a student at UoP will be representing Great Britain playing Botcha (a disabled sport) this year. JA stated that she had worked with the Royal Navy to create greater links between them and the UPSU so that the UPSU can use some of their facilities. JA highlighted the intramural programme which has been running. JA concluded that it had been a great year.

**Student Support Officer Report** – EG had submitted a written report, EG noted that fair-trade fortnight had been very successful. EG noted that she had met with the British Council regarding International Students at University, who had been very impressed by all the activities we do at the UPSU. EG noted that the UPSU had entered into the Sound Impact Awards and had done fairly well but there is room for improvement. EG stated that hopefully with the introduction of an Environmental Officer at the UoP this would take place.

EG noted that she and 11 other students had attended the NUS Conference this year and are working on adding a mini-site to UPSU.net discussing their experiences.

EG stated that the Amsterdam Hitch hike ran well with over 72 students taking part. EG stated that she hoped to raise between £4K and £7K for RAG with this event. EG thanked all UPSU staff who helped with this event.

EG highlighted that this week is RAG week and activities will involve an old school sports day, giant twister, RAG jail and a slave auction.

**Education and Representation Report** – MR submitted a written report, MR noted that he is working closely with the UoP on the Inter-professional Learning Student Liaison Group. MR highlighted that he has now been asked to be a member of UoP Working groups. MR noted that this is the first time a sabbatical office has been asked to sit on these groups and it is a reflection of how well this years sabbatical team had done. MR stated that he was working on modernising the UoP Appeals, disciplinary and complaints process. MR noted that he is looking at changing the organisation of the course rep system.

**Media and Publication Report** – AF submitted a written report, AF highlighted that the UPSU.net had been awarded best website at the AMSU

Conference. AF stated that Pugwash had also been entered into a number of competitions and he is hopeful it will win some awards. AF stated he is currently working on setting up the website with podcast of events etc.

**Student Activities & Development Officer** – DL submitted a written report, DL stated how happy she is with the direction her role has gone in the last two years and the development and growth within societies. DL noted that two years ago EG was president of People and Planet and next year she would be President of the Students' Union. DL stated that most societies are in the process of holding AGM and she is confident of strong handovers. DL highlighted that Societies Carnival will take place this Friday. DL noted that she had received more nominations for VIP Awards and letters would be going out shortly.

**5. Council's Annual Report**

CY stated he was pleased to report that Union Council is working extremely well this year. CY noted that attendance is up on last year. CY advised the membership that all the minutes and reports for Union Council over the past year are available to read or download from UPSU.net.

**6. Annual Reports from all Union Standing Committees;**

To be discussed under "Amendments to the Constitution", Schedule 8.

**7. Any Other Business**

**Amendments to the Constitution**

CY advised that due to the changes to the structure of the UPSU over the past couple of years. It had been apparent that the Constitution needed to be updated to reflect this. CY asked the membership to note Schedule 5 – Elections point 15.1. NUS Conference Elections. CY stated that the wording had been changed to reflect that NUS Conference Elections are held in exactly the same way as the Sabbatical Elections.

CY asked the membership to note Schedule 8. CY stated that this section had been tidied up to fall into line with Union Council processes.

CY asked the membership to note Schedule 12. This is equal opportunities guidelines which the Constitution has not included before.

**8. Close of meeting**

The meeting closed at 4.45pm.