

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Friday 15th of February 2024, Level 1 Paisley Students' Union

Chair: Uchechi Agbaraji (Chair and President of UWS Students' Union)

Attendance: Attended by 157 Students, UWS and UWS Union Staff.

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

2. Guest Speakers

Invited guest speaker Professor James A. Miller, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of the West of Scotland, spoke to students. Followed by Jim Dickinson, Associate Editor, Wonkhe.

The Chair thanked both guest speakers.

3. Societies

The following societies delivered a short presentation.

Midwifery Society

Siobhan Callaghan, Michelle Martinson and Magdalena Bremner spoke about the variety of activities they had organised throughout the year to help students support each other and gain as much as they can from their university experience.

Ayr Student Film Festival Society

Chris Kelly and Shannon Gough spoke about the planning and hosting of the Ayr Student Film Festival in the Ayr Town Hall.

4. A year in review

Sinéad Daly, CEO of the Student's Union provided an overview of some of the key achievements of the Students' Union over the past year.

5. Finance Update

Romina Scott, the Deputy CEO at the Students' Union made the following points

- We finished the year with a deficit of £45,561 due to a fall in sales across both Ayr and Paisley commercial venues.
- Our total income was £900,724

- £768,507 – Donations & Legacies
- £129,432 – Other Trading Activities
- £2,785 – Investment Income
- Expenditure: £946,285
 - £899,100 - Charitable Activities
 - £47,185 – Raising funds

6. Approval of lists of affiliations: National Union of Students (UK & Scotland) and Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations

Both affiliations were approved at this meeting.

7. Presentation of Honorary Lifetime Membership of the Students' Union

Maeve Cowpar was presented with an honorary lifetime membership for the support she has given to the Students' Union and UWS Students throughout her disguised career.

8. Approval of Last Minutes.

The minutes from the Annual General Meeting held on February the 10th 2023 were approved at this meeting.

9. Student Representative

Shelleon Mujabi spoke about their experience and successes as a student representative.

10. Questions to the Trustees by Student Members

No questions were asked by attendees.

11. Close

The Chair closed the meeting and thanked everyone again for their attendance.