



## Cambridge SU Trustee Board – 09.12.2020

Attendance	Absent
<p><i>Voting Members:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ambrose Chan - <b>AC</b> <i>External Trustee</i></li><li>• Aastha Dahal - <b>AD</b> <i>President (PG), Board Chair</i></li><li>• Alice Gilderdale - <b>AG</b> <i>Welfare &amp; Community Officer</i></li><li>• Andrew Salkeld - <b>AS</b> <i>Student Trustee (UG)</i></li><li>• Ben Margolis - <b>BM</b> <i>President (UG)</i></li><li>• Gemma Donaldson - <b>GD</b> <i>External Trustee</i></li><li>• Howard Chae - <b>HC</b> <i>BME Officer</i></li><li>• Laura Davies - <b>LD</b> <i>External Trustee</i></li><li>• Pauldy Otermans - <b>PO</b> <i>External Student Trustee</i></li><li>• Ryan Prestil - <b>RP</b> <i>Student Trustee (PG)</i></li><li>• Vanessa Chuang Zhen Xuan - <b>VCZX</b> <i>Student Trustee (UG)</i></li></ul> <p><i>Observers &amp; Guests:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rich Wiltshire - <b>RW</b> <i>CEO</i></li><li>• Gabbi Foreman - <b>GF</b> (<i>Minute taker</i>) <i>Head of Membership Engagement, Deputy CEO</i></li><li>• Christy McMorrow - <b>CM</b> <i>Student Activities Manager (Guest)</i></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• N/A</li></ul> <p><b>Apologies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• N/A</li></ul>

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1. Apologies	N/A	
2. Conflicts of Interest	None declared	
3. Minutes of the previous Board	The board approved the minutes of the last meeting.	
4. Matters Arising	N/A	
5. Student Activities Update	<p>CM presented the Activities Report, updating the progress the SU has undergone so far and the plans moving forward. The board welcomed the paper and the direction that student activities at Cambridge SU were going. The board thanked CM for their work done so far and the paper presented.</p> <p>CM left the meeting.</p>	
6. Update of SU's campaign and priorities	<p>Sabbatical Officer trustees gave a verbal update the campaigns taking place in Michaelmas term. The Sabbatical Officers launched the Demand Safe Cambridge campaign, focussing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leave to work away / study remotely</li> <li>• Ensuring a fair disciplinary procedure</li> <li>• University to do work around the student loneliness crisis</li> </ul> <p>There have been multiples successes so far, including: a statement from the university confirming that anyone who comes forward with an allegation of sexual misconduct would receive amnesty if it was done whilst breaking covid restrictions; secured a change for leave to work away; secured certificates for international students who</p>	

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	<p>are traveling home, saving them money on obtaining their own testing certificates.</p> <p>Non-Covid success:</p> <p>Cambridge University has divested from fossil fuels; this was a long-standing campaign of the former CUSU, and was worked on by a huge amount of student volunteer groups, including the Ethical Affairs campaign.</p> <p>The SU has also affiliated to Cambridge Defend Jobs Coalition that has helped stop redundancies in colleges.</p> <p>The board commended the sabbs on their hard work and thanked them for the verbal update.</p>	
7. Skills Audit	RW updated on the trustee skills audit, collated information to be shared by circulation.	
8. Policy for allocation of Freshers' Fair Stalls	<p>The board has been asked to approve a new policy regarding SU Freshers Fair stall rates.</p> <p>The board unanimously approves the paper as is and agrees to revise it next year if relevant.</p>	
9. CEO Updates	<p>RW presented the CEO update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a confirmed closing balance for the GU accounts</li> <li>• We delivered the virtual freshers' fair, budgeted to lose £5000, made £500</li> <li>• We have recently been successful in gaining funding from the university to run a research project into Postgraduate supervision</li> <li>• RW proposed to the board offering an addition £250 to staff to support with staff with the additional costs of working from home, as was offered in July.</li> </ul>	

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	The board unanimously agreed that to not provide an additional £250 per staff member to support the costs of working from home, the HR team are however researching a more cost-effective benefits package.	
10. CUSU Draft Year End Figures and Trustees Report*	Report was presented to note.	
11. Strategy Planning Update	The board was updated on the status of plans for the strategy process.	
12. Date of next meeting	Away Day in January 2021, Board meeting 27/01/2021 5pm - 7pm	

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14. AOB	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Trustee board is required to form a small subcommittee to discuss financial matters, this will include the Chair, Vice-chair, CEO and an external trustee. Group to be formed via circulation.  -RW &amp; LD left the meeting</li> <li>2. The board are updated that proposals are currently being submitted to run the consultation of the strategy, RW and LD have excused themselves from this discussion due to a conflict of interest. The board agreed to approve the final decision via circulation.</li> </ol>	RW to identify who is best placed to join this sub-committee when the skills audit is circulated.