

TRUSTEE BOARD

Minutes of a meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June on the Belfast Campus.

PRESENT:

Mark Bell (Overall President), Jane Murphy (Sports President), Malachy McCrudden (VP Belfast), Jim Coyle (External Trustee),

IN ATTENDANCE:

Emmett Mullally (General Manager), Avril Honan (Student Engagement Manager),

Overall Executive Elect: Sarah Curran, Declan Shiels, Micky Quigg, Colum Mackey, Sarah Gordon

APOLOGIES:

Robbie Banham (VP Coleraine), James Copeland (External Trustee), Aoibheann Fearon (External Trustee), Chris Murray (VP Jordanstown), Jemma Dolan (VP Campaigns and Communications)

This meeting was convened to discuss one item of business; all other matters will be referred to the next meeting of the Trustee Board.

#### 14.24 STUDENT COMPLAINT

The Overall President stated that this meeting was convened to discuss the correspondence from a part time student, who is also a recent ex-employee of UUSU. The correspondence relates to the governance of UUSU and alleges several breaches of the UUSU constitution.

The Committee noted that the issues raised by the student had been identified by UUSU and measures had been implemented during the academic year 13-14 to resolve these, in particular employing a Democracy & Campaigns Coordinator, and supporting this person to review and implement a new system of governance.

The Committee discussed the appropriate response to this correspondence. It was agreed that legal counsel should be sought, as there were allegations of UUSU acting *ultra vires* which required a considered response.

Moving forward it was agreed that a governance working group should be formed to develop an implementation plan for governance reforms in time for the new academic year.

It was further agreed that any further correspondence which was received should be channelled, as far as possible and appropriate, through one UUSU spokesperson – the Overall President.

#### 14.25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed.