



NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Place: ELEMENTS
Date and time: FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER 2006 at 1.00 p.m.

All SU Agendas and Minutes are available on www.BathStudent.com.
All papers are available on a selection of coloured paper.
If you require papers in an alternative format, please ask in SU Reception.

AGENDA

PAPER

- | | | |
|----|--|------------------|
| 1) | Register of attendance
[It is essential that all present sign one of the sheets so that a record of quoracy is available] | AGM2006/7 |
| 2) | Apologies for absence | |
| 3) | Notification of any other urgent business | |
| 4) | Reading, correction and acceptance of the minutes of the AGM held on Friday 25 November 2005 | 1 |
| 5) | Matters arising | |
| 6) | Questions to Officers | |
| 7) | BUSU Annual Report | |
| a) | Report from the Executive | 2 |
| b) | Executive team for 2006/7 | 3 |
| c) | Accounts for the year ending 31 July 2005 | 4 |
| d) | Budgets | 5 |
| e) | Affiliations | 6 |
| f) | Council decisions | 7 |
| 8) | Amendments to the Constitution | |
| a) | Additions to Election Guidelines, Appendix 3 | 8 |
| 9) | Any other business | |

[NB: Notice of the following items shall be made to the Chair at least 2 working days in advance of the meeting:

- Correction to the minutes
- Matters arising from the minutes
- Queries about decisions made by Union council
- Queries about the accounts or budgets
- Any other urgent business

The above items for discussion require the signature of at least two ordinary members of BUSU (except for Corrections to the minutes and Matters arising from the minutes) – BUSU's constitution, appendix 7, AGM10.3 & 10.4]



**University of Bath
Students' Union**

MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Place: ELEMENTS
Date and time: FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2005 at 1.15

All SU Agendas and Minutes are available on www.BathStudent.com.
 All papers are available on a selection of coloured paper.
 If you require papers in an alternative format, please ask in SU Reception.

Present:	Mark Atterbury Tamara Johnson Barrie Robertson Tara McNally Laura Davies Matt Rayner	Union Chair SU President VP Democracy & Communications VP Academic & Welfare VP Student Activities & Development VP Sport
In attendance:	John Morgan Alison Fleet	Deputy General Manager Executive & Management Assistant/Meeting secretary
Apologies:	Ian Robinson	General Manager

Action

1) Register of attendance

Sheets for members to register their attendance were at the door. These sheets are available upon request. Over 150 members were present.

2) Apologies for absence

None had been received.

3) Notice of any other business

None had been received.

4) Reading, correction and acceptance of the minutes of the meeting held on Friday 20 May 2005

These were accepted.

5) Matters arising

There were none.

6) Questions to Officers

- a) The Union Council Placement Students' Rep asked if he could have a mailing list of placement students as he had no means of communicating with the students he was representing. The VP DC said that he was trying to look into ways of identifying on BathStudent who was actually on placement now but at the moment it was only possible to identify a placement course. He would contact the Placement Students' Rep if he succeeded in solving the problem. It was hoped that the University would supply this information next year.
- b) There were questions about the recent problems encountered with the emails sent through BathStudent. The VP DC explained that work was ongoing to resolve the problems. One reason was that a lot of students had entered their email addresses incorrectly. He asked that everyone check the email address entered on their profile.
- c) A user of the SU Transport fleet asked for clarification about the variances in transport charges. The SU President explained that when vehicles were hired the extra cost was spread over all users in the interests of fairness. The exact formula for doing this was still being discussed and would be set as policies. Another student group had had their booking cancelled in favour of a booking which had been made later than theirs because there were too few permits. The SU President apologised for this as it should not have happened.
- d) A member of MAUS asked for clarification about VAT addition as the society felt that they were being charged VAT twice. The VP DC requested that the student speak with him and the Deputy General Manager to explain the specific problem after the meeting.
- e) One society had been told that they were not able to promote event on a Monday, Wednesday or a Friday as they would compete with SU events. They wished to know if this applied to all events or only drinking events. It was confirmed that this embargo did apply only to events with alcohol. Non-alcohol events could be promoted.
- f) Some students who claimed they had joined a club or society at the fairs were not on BathStudent. It was not know, therefore, whether they had paid their membership fee or not. Would it be possible to add these members manually? The VP DC confirmed that the membership lists on BathStudent were being slowly checked and he invited anyone who wished to speak to him on a specific issue to do so after the meeting.

- g) One student said that he had written a letter last year to the SU when he had been a resident in Norwood House because he had been disturbed by Funky Guppy during exams. He asked if club nights would be run during the exam period this year. The VP DC confirmed that SCORE would not be run but there would Funky Guppy would be run in the final week. He invited comment.
- h) The SU President confirmed that she would be giving formal feedback on her meeting with First Bus following the complaints received at the Open Meeting.
- i) It was confirmed that Music Soc would be allowed to draw on the money they would make at the end of the year in the Battle of the Bands as long as their account was not in debt at the end of the year. It was confirmed that clubs and societies could apply to carry money over from one year to the next if they had a good and particular reason for doing so, such as the purchase of specific equipment.
- j) It was acknowledged that there had been problems at this year's clubs and societies' fairs owing to a new system being trialled this year. Solutions were being discussed for next year.

7) **Annual Report**

- a) The Accounts for the year ending 31 July 2005 were noted and **approved**.
- b) The budgets for the year were noted and **approved**.
- c) The affiliations were noted and **approved**.
- d) Council decisions were noted and **approved**.

8) **Amendments to the Constitution**

All amendments were **approved** by a majority.

9) **Motion to NUS Conference**

This item was taken next to accommodate those who needed to leave for lectures.

It was **agreed** by a majority to submit the motion to NUS Conference.

10) **Policy for noting: CSR Corporate Social Responsibility**

There was no time to discuss this or how to move forward as the meeting ran out of time.

BUSU Annual Report Report from the Executive

This report intends to highlight key changes and events that have taken place since November last year, the time of the last AGM. Given the fact that the current Executive have only been in office since July, there is a possibility that the reporting may be more in depth for the second half of the year.

We have consolidated our position as one of the leading Students' Unions in the country by being awarded the Club Mirror Students' Union of the Year Award, a tribute to every student, officer and staff member in the Union.

The biggest issue to have hit students in the last 12 months was the AUT strikes over lecturers pay. Following lengthy discussions amongst the University Senior Management, Heads of the AUT and the Students' Union, a deal was agreed and all exams took place in the end. The impact of the AUT strikes do not seem to have had too much of an effect on the performance of students last year.

The Student Liaison Committee has continued its work to improve town and gown relations. Initiatives have included the promotion of the Studentification guide produced by Universities UK that identifies best practice based on case studies as to how to deal with the increased number of students across the country and the effect they are having on local communities. The open meetings with local residents, involving local Councillors, University representatives and SU representatives have also continued, providing a forum for constructive debate over some of the issues that arise with students and long-term residents living alongside each other.

Sport continues to go from strength to strength, with Bath again being placed second in Britain for the 05-06 season, and closing the gap between us and leaders Loughborough. Highlights included reaching the national finals of both men's Football and Rugby, and incredible achievement. This season has already seen Badminton dominate the individual championships bringing home gold in three of five categories, and Sailing taking a Gold, Silver and Bronze at the Fleet Racing Nationals.

These BUSA successes do not distract the Sports Association from the huge number of non-BUSA sports going on, and this academic year saw the introduction of a considerable non-BUSA competitive budget. Sports such as Karting, Ballroom Dancing and American Football will be competing nationally throughout the year.

Participation in sport continues to rise, and this year the completely re-formatted Intramurals program has attracted an amazing number of teams.

It promises to be another incredibly successful year for the Sports Association.

Student activities have continued to grow this year. The introduction of online purchasing of memberships has resulted in a smoother sign-up process and participation numbers have increased slightly. Notable successes have included URB winning Gold for Best Marketing and Branding at the Student Radio Awards, the Student Enterprise Day organised by BANTER, which saw delegations from across the country attending and even

attracted a delegation from the University of Alicante. CTV has gone from strength to strength in the new academic year and is really starting to punch its weight, complementing URB and Impact's media coverage of all things Union.

The number of volunteers registering with the Volunteer Centre has increased once again with over 1200 this year. The Oldfield Park Project secured £4000 funding from the SLC to run an outreach youth project in the Oldfield Park area in partnership with Bath Spa University and the B&NES Youth Development Team. The project will involve volunteers engaging with young residents of Oldfield Park by shadowing outreach workers to find out what provisions they'd like to see in the area. They will also be researching venues to plan and run activities such as litter pick ups and cleaning alleyways. Members of Gravity Vomit have been working through the Volunteer Centre to run circus skills sessions with the Southside Youth Centre on a fortnightly basis. The skills are broken down into brackets so the young people can achieve various certificates along the way. RAG raised over £56,000 and has seen an increase in membership. The Students' Union has also signed up to the Investors in Volunteers (IiV) programme which is a benchmark and quality mark surrounding the area of volunteering.

The Academic and Welfare Advice and Representation Centre (AWARE) has continued to be a first point of contact for students on a range of issues. It has seen an increased number of academic appeals and the Students' Union has begun to work with the University on the reasons behind this. With the new post of VP Welfare and Campaigns attached to AWARE, the Campaigning side of the Union is now starting to become more structured and priority campaigns for the year ahead include buses, the environment and a number of academic campaigns.

The STARS office has been kept very busy with the Institutional Quality Assurance Audit on the horizon as well as less than satisfactory results from the National Student Survey (NSS) and internal Student Experience Survey. The STARS team continue to lobby the University on academic issues affecting students.

Over the summer, the Plug underwent the final phase of the 3 year, £500,000 pound refurbishment of the Plug and Elements, thus bringing the Plug completely in line with DDA requirements and freshening up the atmosphere and feeling at the centre of the student community.

The new NUS Extra card was launched with success at Bath with over 3,200 having been sold since the beginning of term. Thanks to the 4,800 people that voted, we won the Band on Your Campus competition and hosted the Dirty Pretty Things.

In the past year, BUSU has joined the first cohort of unions to try to attain the new Students' Union Evaluation Initiative (SUEI) benchmark. This is yet another example of BUSU leading the way nationally amongst students unions and will give us a real chance to evaluate our strengths and more importantly, to address our weaknesses.

It has been another great year for BUSU and thanks must go to every member, without whom the Students' Union would not exist. We look forward to an even better year next year and continued high levels of support for and participation in Your Union.

Paul Jagers
SU President
On behalf of the Students' Union Executive

Executive team for 2006/7

The following were elected by cross campus ballot which finished on 24 March 2006:

SU President	Paul Jagers
VP Communications	Peter Yu
VP Activities & Development	Rhiannon Moore
VP Sport	Richard Howell
VP Welfare & Campaigns	Jess Saunders
VP Education	Anni Wood

University of Bath Students' Union

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

for the year ended 31 July 2006

2005/06 has been a year of development and improvement for the University of Bath Students' Union (BUSU). We remain a leading Students' Union in the UK, and are recognised nationally as a centre of good practice in many areas of student support and development. We were, once again, awarded runners-up in the Club Mirror 'Students' Union of the Year' category.

The Union continues to play an active role within the local community, largely through our association with, and membership of, the Student Liaison Committee (SLC), whose remit it is to ensure relations between students and residents in Bath remain positive and mutually supportive.

The SLC offers grants for our student groups and societies to work constructively in the community, a chance jumped upon by many of our groups. This year, the SLC awarded a grant to enable our Volunteer Centre to recruit an Outreach Support Worker and Outreach volunteers to work in Oldfield Park, a community with a high student population. The Project is designed to identify and respond to issues affecting young people in the area and to deliver a range of events and taster sessions, in conjunction with local Youth Development Officers.

Our 85 student societies have also been extremely active. The Arts Societies put on a range of live performances including the biggest selling student show ever, 'Sweet Chariot', and the annual 'Battle of the Bands'. They also ran a popular creative writing competition, which received a large number of entries and which was judged by the author, Jasper Fforde. The Arts Societies continue to work collaboratively with the ICIA and this year held a spectacular fundraising gala concert to help raise the profile of the planned new Arts/ Media complex.

Our Media Societies continue to go from strength to strength. URB, our on campus radio station gained six nominations at the Student Radio awards and picked up three awards on the night. Impact, the student newspaper, is supported by an ever increasing number of contributors, and increased the number of issues produced from 13 to 16 over the year. CTV, our student TV station, now covers most major events and regularly broadcasts across the Students' Union.

We continue to excel in our sporting pursuits, finishing second in the British Universities Sports Association national rankings. Highlights include all four netball teams finishing top of their respective leagues; 2 BUSA championship finals (Men's Football and Rugby 1st teams); and Badminton men's and women's 1st team becoming champions of their Premier leagues. This year, 240 students seized the opportunities offered by our Coachbase scheme, where students gain a coaching or officiating qualification in their chosen sport. Sport also continues to forge links with the local community, again this year continuing a partnership with the Keynsham Mencap Society.

The SORTED training scheme is now in its eleventh year. It continues to offer innovative training modules to students designed to improve their interpersonal and key transferable skills. In 2005/06, 200 workshops were run with over 2,000 attendees. In addition, our student trainers worked with local schools via the Widening Participation office, and delivered a number of workshops to over 300 pupils. Many of the workshops are developed by the students themselves and are adapted regularly in the light of the feedback given by participants and these are complemented by training provided by graduate recruiters, and local training organisations and businesses.

The programme has been extended to incorporate the development of business skills through the Students' Union's Enterprise office. This initiative, funded by the HE Innovation Fund, is designed to encourage students to become more entrepreneurial and gain valuable business skills as well as helping them to realise their business ambitions. BANTER, the student enterprise group, hosted the first UK wide student enterprise conference, which was attended by almost 200 students.

The Union's website, BathStudent.com, had a total hit count of over 42 million in 2005/06, with over 1 million visitors. Its online membership grew to 8,700 and members were able to use this medium to communicate with each other and to host their own activity web pages. The Union's e-shop forms a key part of enabling and improving access to services and products, with the majority of tickets for major events and for clubs and society memberships being bought online.

Electronic voting plays a major part in the Union's democracy strategy. Over 2,600 students (30% of those eligible to vote) voted online in the Sabbatical Officer elections held in March and the accessibility of elections generally, has led to increased turnouts in the other online elections held across the year.

The Academic and Welfare Advice and Representation Centre (AWARE) continues to be the central port of call for students needing welfare and academic advice, and has this year carried out some well-received campaigns. Over 3,700 student visits to the Centre were recorded throughout the year.

In conjunction with the University's Student Support Team, the AWARE team have developed a Mental Health Awareness guide to be widely distributed across the University in order to foster a culture of understanding about mental health issues amongst the student population.

The commercial services of the Students' Union have performed extremely well and provide a vital source of income to enable us to continue to provide the wide range of services, support and activity for our students. The values and ethos which run through the core of our businesses are based on providing a sense of 'community', whilst maintaining the highest levels of quality, value and customer service.

Financial Report

Overall, the Income and Expenditure Account for the Students' Union shows a pre-reserve allocation surplus of £216,869.

Turnover from the Students' Union directly managed trading operations for the year was £3,513,675 with net profit of £337,218. The vital income stream from all trading outlets assists in the development of many of our Membership Services and upkeep of our Union, with every penny ploughed back into the Students' Union's services and activity areas. For

the first time, the University Grant represents less than 50% of the Union's total budget, reflecting the continued success of our commercial and fundraising operations, and the increasing diversity of our funding sources.

The operation of the 'Fresh' grocery store continues to offer real financial benefits to both the University and the Union, with a return to the University of £105,543 and Students' Union of £133,667 for 2005/2006. The store continues to benefit from a partnership with the Co-operative group and, as a result, the promotions and prices available to its own stores. This is a unique arrangement of which the Students' Union is particularly proud as it offers a single logistics solution and adds real value to the store's customers. Fresh also boasts heavy promotion of Fair Trade goods, something that the student population is actively promoting this year.

During the year the Union invested £129,243 in additions to fixed assets. The largest elements being the replacement of the till system in July 2006 for Bars Operations and the 'Fresh' Grocery Store and the refurbishment of the 'Plug' bar toilets and additional seating provision for the 'Pitstop'. These investments were financed from Union reserves.

Overall the Balance Sheet reflects a strong financial position for the Union maintaining its ability to respond positively to opportunities as they arise.

Paul Jagers
President
2006/2007

University of Bath Students' Union

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

for the year ended 31 July 2006

	Note	2006 £	2005 £
INCOME			
University grants receivable	2	979,282	951,123
Net trading income	3	337,218	347,836
Other income	4	168,413	168,238
Summer ball	5	21,999	19,938
Commercial fair	6	14,390	10,303
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		1,521,302	1,497,438
EXPENDITURE			
Central services	8	644,654	573,020
Societies and Sporting Clubs and Associations	9	229,708	225,044
Union activity	10	102,512	103,536
Representation	11	25,306	24,381
Freshers Week	12	(2,220)	(2,907)
Media and communications	13	59,983	68,741
Aware	14	53,209	53,085
Transport	15	31,273	31,540
Other membership services	16	171,123	173,722
RAG	17	(11,115)	22
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		1,304,433	1,250,184
		<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR BEFORE ALLOCATION TO FUNDS		216,869	247,254
		<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>

All items dealt with in arriving at the surplus of income over expenditure for 2006 and 2005 relate to continuing operations.

The Students' Union has no recognised gains or losses other than those included in the above results and therefore no separate statement of gains and losses has been presented.

University of Bath Students' Union

BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 July 2006

	Note	2006		2005	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Intangible assets	18		-		-
Tangible assets	19		651,078		734,322
Investments	20		661		661
			<u>651,739</u>		<u>734,983</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	21	107,527		94,639	
Debtors	22	179,175		179,531	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,064,092		866,845	
			<u>1,350,794</u>		<u>1,141,015</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	23	(620,904)		(617,276)	
			<u>729,890</u>		<u>523,739</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>729,890</u>		<u>523,739</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>1,381,629</u>		<u>1,258,722</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	24	(141,313)		(206,244)	
			<u>1,240,316</u>		<u>1,052,478</u>
RESERVES					
Depreciation reserve	28	39,521		68,552	
Development reserve	28	432,000		295,000	
Income and expenditure account	28	768,795		688,926	
			<u>1,240,316</u>		<u>1,052,478</u>
	:		<u>1,240,316</u>		<u>1,052,478</u>

Budgets

University of Bath Students' Union
Budget 2006/2007

	BUDGET 2006/2007 £
ANNUAL GRANT	(620,000)
CENTRAL SERVICES	
Sundry Income	(15,000)
Central Services	285,480
Reception	23,450
Information Technology	40,052
Union Expenses	6,100
Marketing	(9,335)
Events	(2,500)
TOTAL CENTRAL SERVICES	328,247
TRADING	(452,163)
MEMBERSHIP SERVICES	
Central Costs (including Personnel)	79,100
Sabbaticals	89,700
Academic Support / Representation	48,175
Web/Publications	44,672
Student Activities Support (incl. Transport)	37,700
Student Training and Development / Enterprise	15,210
Student Volunteering	24,000
Job Link / Earn & Learn	40,315
Media and Communications	20,100
Societies & Arts	62,290
Sports	171,330
AWARE	63,760
SUEI	1,375
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP SERVICES	697,727
NET RESULT	(46,189)

Affiliations

NUS	£25,310.39
AMSU	£650.00

Clubs

American Football	BCAFL	£2000.00
Archery	£85 GNAS	£85.00
	£10 Somerset County Archery	£10
	£225 Insurance through GNAS	£225
Association Football	FA (Somerset)	£193.00
Athletics	£20 AAA (Midlands)	£20.00
	£40 Gwent League	£40.00
	£50 Avon Counties	£50.00
Badminton	Bristol Badminton League	£7.00
	Badminton Association of England	£116.00
Ballroom & Latin Dance	SUDA	£20.00
	IVDA	£25.00
Basketball	England Basketball	£350.00
Canoe	BCU	£110.25
Fencing	British Fencing Association	£40
Floorball	GBFF First Team Registration	£50
	GBFF Second Team Registration	£50
	Player Registrations	£700
Gliding	Bath Wilt & North Dorset Gliding Club	£1200.00
Hockey	Avon County Women's Hockey Assoc	£25.00
	West Hockey Association	£200.00
Jitsu	Jitsu Foundation	£300.00
Judo	British Judo Association	£50.00
Kite & Windsurf	Student Kite Surf Association	£50.00
	Student Windsurf Association	£25.00
Lacrosse	English Lacrosse Association (Women's team)	£115.00
	Mixed League	£40
	SEMLA	£275
Lifesaving	BULSCA	Free
	RLSS	£35
Mountaineering	BMC (including insurance)	£793.50
Mountain Bike	British Cycling	£60.00
Netball	All England Netball Association	£110.00
Rifle	NRA & NRSA	£185.00
Rowing	ARA	£710.00
Rugby	RFU & WRFU	£1,760.00
	Somerset County RFU & Ref Affiliation	£190.00
Sailing	RYA	£140.00
Skydiving	BCPA	£35.00

Snowsports	BUSC	£110.00
	Kings Racing League	£150.00
Squash	England Squash	£420.00
Surf	BSA	£300.00
Triathlon	£35 BTA	£125.00
	£80 BTA Insurance	
	£30 RTTC	
Waterpolo	ASA	£800
	South West ASA	£35
	Somerset ASA	£40
BUSA 2005/06	British Universities Sports Association	£15,605.80
SASA 2005/2006	Student Activities Safety Association	£10.00

Societies

Amnesty	Amnesty International	2005/6 £21
Buddhist Meditation	Amitabha Centre, Bristol	2006/7 £22
Backstage	Association of British Theatre Technicians	Jan – Dec 2005 £160
	Association of Lighting Designers	Jan 2005 for 2 years £20
BUFS	British Federation of Film Societies	Jan – Dec 2005 £45
BUGS	Student Scout & Guide Association	2005/6 £2 per person 2006/7 £2 per person
Cathsoc	Roman Catholic Church	Free
Cheerleaders	British Cheerleading Association	2004/5 £20 2005/6 None
Conservative Future	Conservative Future	Free (fee waived)
EWB	EWB-UK	Free
Lib Dem	Lib Dems	£1 for new members £4 for returning members
LINKS	St John Ambulance	Paid by St John Ambulance
PSA	British Pharmacy Students' Association	Free
PhySoc	Institute of Physicists	Free
SU:CS	Royal Society of Chemistry	Free

Media Group

URB	Student Radio Association	£60
------------	---------------------------	-----

Joblink

	National Assoc of Student Employment Staff	£100
--	--	------

Enterprise Unit/Marketing/Joblink

	Chamber of Commerce (Business West)	£134 + VAT
--	-------------------------------------	------------

Union Council decisions

Monday 28 November 2005

Policy 2004/5-7 CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) policy: Ethical and Environmental section passed

Policy 2004/5-4 Creation of Student Departmental Representatives passed

Monday 6 February 2006

Constitutional Amendment: Additions to Elections Guidelines

Union Council approved amendments to the Elections Guideline, Appendix 3 of the constitution, to be brought to AGM for ratification (Agenda item 8, paper AGM2006/7-7)

Monday 20 February 2006

Policy 2005/6-5 The Students' Union's Position regarding Intellectual Property passed

Monday 6 March 2006

Policy 2005/6-6 Societies Affiliation passed

Policy 2005/6-7 Transport Area Operating policy passed

Monday 8 May 2006

Policy 2005/6-8 Social Events passed

The Gambling Working Group was mandated to write a policy that addresses how the Union conducts itself in all interactions with gambling activities.

Policy 2005/6-9 Give blood because we can't passed

Policy 2005/6-10 Amendment to Societies Capping policy passed

Mandate to amend Appendix 1 of the SU constitution, How the SU Works to include Academic Executive passed.

Amendments to How the SU Works, Appendix 1 of the SU constitution, sections entitled SA Executive, Societies Executive, Arts Union Executive, Media Group Executive, Combined Societies Executive, Volunteers Executive and Training & Enterprise Executive were all passed.

BUSU's stance on the AUT's action short of a strike agreed

The Constitution of University of Bath's Rag Charities Appeal was agreed on the proviso that it was taken back to Union Council for review in the first semester of 2006/7

Monday 30 October 2006

Constitutional Amendment: Amendment to How the SU works, Appendix 1, Academic Executive passed

This constitutional amendment was mandated by Union Council on Monday 8 May 2006

Policy 2006/7-1 BLOGs policy passed

Monday 13 November 2006

Limited Associate membership agreed for Norland College students to allow them to purchase Funky Guppy tickets (not Score) and attend other evening events to help them socialise with other students. (Not allowed automatic membership of clubs & socs to which they must apply in the usual way if they want membership.)

Monday 27 November 2006

Policy allowing non-budgeted societies passed

Policy amending the Societies Affiliation policy passed

Policy superseding policies UC2004/5-8 and UC2005/6-10 relating to Societies Capping and Code of Conduct passed

All policies are on BathStudent.com

Constitutional Amendment: Additions to Elections Guidelines, Appendix 3

Proposer: Felix Cohen Election Committee Chair/Open Place Rep

Seconder: Martyn Essery Election Committee Member/Open Place Rep

Students' Union Council Notes:

1. That last years elections had some troubles, due mainly to misunderstandings within the regulations and the lack of regulations governing incumbent sabbaticals standing for office.
2. Last year a candidate withdrew over use of emails

Students' Union Council Believes:

1. That a more rigorous, open procedure during elections will increase the confidence and turnout of voters.
2. That confusion must be minimised when an incumbent sabbatical stands again.
3. That there should be no competitive advantages for incumbent candidates.
4. That the policy governing the use of e-mail and online campaigning needs to be made explicit.

Students' Union Policy States:

1. Changes to be made to Election Guidelines as detailed below. Specifically, two parts, governing online campaigning and incumbent candidates to be added.

E10 Incumbent Candidates

E10.1 Incumbent Sabbaticals must declare paid holiday, and time in lieu taken during the campaign period to the Returning Officer before the Count begins.

E10.2 Incumbent Sabbaticals may not use any of the resources of their current position (publicity photos and material, working resources such as stationery or email addresses or any other resources that are not accessible to ordinary candidates).

E12 Online Campaign Publicity

E12.1 Candidates may not use e-mail mailing lists or group e-mails regarding the election for any other purpose than communication with their campaign team.

E12.2 Candidates are responsible for the actions of any member of their campaign team who uses mailing lists or group e-mails to promote a candidate.

E12.3 The decision as to the intentionality and impact of an e-mail regarding campaign materials will be decided by Elections Committee and the Returning Officer.

E12.4 Candidates who purchase domain names for the use of their campaign must include these expenses in their final expense report, unless they can demonstrate a previous use for the domain name they own.