



MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Place: ELEMENTS
Date and time: FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER 2006

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Registers of attendance

Present:

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

Union Council

Stuart Clapham	LGBT Rep
Adam Laird	Race Equality Rep
Frederik Dalman	PG Students Rep
Mark Atterbury	Placement Students Rep
Phil Gammond	Access Rep
Peter Walker-Smith	Academic Council Rep (Science)
John Bawcombe	Academic Council Rep (Engineering & Design)
Chris McCorquodale	Societies Exec Rep
David Michaelis	Media Exec Rep
Paul Rochester	Arts Exec Rep
Dave Austin	Open Place Rep
Helen Thomas	Open Place Rep
Mark Farrington	Open Place Rep
Jie Zhao	Open Place Rep
Kristy Shayler	Open Place Rep

Clubs

Kirsty Cellin Sam Bruce Sam Rayner Erica McIntosh	SA Exec
Chris Gammond, Chair	American Football
Holly Thomas, Chair Mark Brennan, Social	Archery

Secretary	
Chris Saville, Chair	Athletics
John Hunt, Chair Rich Woods, Treasurer	Badminton
Giles Medd, Chair Dave Middleton, Social Secretary	Basketball
Ben Charles, Captain Simon McAleese, Secretary	Canoe Club
Dominic Bunning, Secretary Alex Vakil, Chair	Cricket
Adam Taylor, Chair Adam Pittendreigh, Secretary Michael Selig, Treasurer	Fencing
Dennis Lam, Chair Daniel Clarke, Social Secretary Greg Tucker, Info Secretary Jean-Philippe Sylvester, Treasurer	Floorball
Jack Deeth, Membership Secretary Ian Molesworth, Treasurer	Gliding
M. Latchford, Secretary	Golf
Hayden Arrowsmith, Secretary Lorna Stokes, Treasurer	Hockey
Nicholas Olesen, Treasurer	Ice
Armand Edwards, Events	Jitsu
Michael Parritt, Chair	Kite/Windsurfing
Dominic Bunning, 2 nd team Captain James Courtenay, Men's Captain Alex Pett, Chair	Lacrosse
Frederik S. (Schrempp), Beginners Rep Emma Sutherland, Social Secretary Sorrel Bichley, Chair Carolina Garcia-Cox, Beginners Rep	Latin and Ballroom
R. Armstrong, Chair	Lifesaving
Ben Charles, Treasurer Denis Gorman, Chair	Motorsports
Tim Morgan, Chair	Mountain Bike
Helen Alderson, Chair Simon Hall, Walking Sec	Mountaineering
Theresa Royles, Secretary Sally Fin, Chair	Netball
Roger McCracken, Chair	Rugby

Lottie Richards, Women's Captain Greg Kinsey, Chair	Rowing
Amy Barham, Chair Josephine Parkinson, BUSA Captain	Riding
Adam Pittendreigh, Chair Tom Baker, Secretary & Equipment Officer Anita Newbery, Captain Peter Elliott, Treasurer	Rifle
Ed Atkins, Chair Nick Hart, Social Secretary	Sailing
Helen Wiles, Secretary Francis Reardon, Chair	Skydiving
Lyndsey McKie, Secretary	Squash
Charlotte Davis, Secretary Peter Elliott, Equipment Officer	Sub Aqua
Johnny Royce, Chair Paul Whittaker, Trip Organiser	Surf
Hannah Thompson, Secretary Maria Kendal, Safety Officer	Tai Chi
Russell Woolwright, Chair Andy Butcher, Fixtures	Tennis
Steve Walsh, Captain	Trampoline
Jen Douch, Social Secretary Ed Tucker, Treasurer Ange Wilkinson, Captain	Ultimate Frisbee
Rom Emery, Chair	Volleyball
Becca Brooke, Chair Adrian Hood, Media & Comms	Water Polo

Societies

Mark Farrington, Station Manager	1449 AM URB
Michael Ogirdele, Chair Daniel Spencer, IT	ACS
Patrick Onyeyiri, Chair	Airsoft
James Backhouse, Secretary Callum O'Neill, Vice Chair	Amnesty
Robert Grover, Chair	A&E
Nic Lee, Treasurer Colin Paxton, Social Sec Adam Clarke, Chair	Backstage
Adam Gundry, Secretary	BANG
K.S.Low, VP Sudesh Jeganathan, Chair	BAMSA

Sharon Mittid, Chair Shaymah Shah, Treasurer	BASS
Emma Watson, Publicity Bokani Tshidzu, President	Buds
Amy Oliver, Secretary	Bunss
Callum Weaver, Publicity Geoff Owen, Chair	Beef
Heather Banyard	Bellringing
Borch (Borchen Du), President	Beta
Emma Carver, Secretary	Biosoc
Emma Millington, Chair Judith Owens, member	Blades
Robyn Vernon-Harcourt, Chair Chloe Gratton, Secretary	Bodysoc
Helen Liang, Chair Andy Tapping, Social Secretary Dennis Lam, member	Breakdancing
Tom Ratsakatika, Chair Rachel Spevack, Social Secretary	Bucas
John Rowe, Chair Mantas Sabanas, Treasurer	Buddhist
Louise Knight, Treasurer Tom Farrow, Chair	Bumcc
Dennis Lam, committee member	Bums
Matt Bailey, Treasurer Charlene Edwardson, Chair	Buncs
Kirstie Fleetwood, Social Sec Philomena Gavin, Social Sec	Bups
Mia Schiff, Social Sec	Busms
Tom Newman, Chair Emma Kirkham, Vice Chair	Bust
James Buchanon, Social Secretary Damien Allain, Webmaster BOKani Tshidzu, SVP	Cathsoc
Hazel Turner, Chair	Chamberchoir
Andrew Bate, Treasurer	Chess
Benson Day, President	CSS
David Keefe, Secretary Heather Bailey, Social Secretary	Chaos
Gavin Bishop, Chair Andrew Bale, Treasurer Florian Bay, Secretary	Conservative
Jon Bawcombe, Chair Tori Slee, Comms	Cosmo

Mike Selig, Treasurer	CTV
Alexis Kadis, Chair Despina Alexiou, PP Ioannis Panagiotou, Treasurer	Cypriot
Jonathan Cox, Member Sean Case, Chair	EWB
Faye Maher, Chair Armand Edwards, Treasurer Emma Weston, Secretary	Eurosoc
Emma Kirby, chair Sophie Maynard, Treasurer	German
Yusra Salman, Chair	Gasp
Jack Smith-Keegin, Chair Marinos Kelligas, Events Co- ordinator	Gravity Vomit
Laurence Cable, Sports Editor	Impact
Fatin Alias, Vice President Amina Elmi, Secretary	Islamic
Mia Schiff, Chair	Jewish
Chul-ho Bae, President Hwan Kim, Vice President Minwoo Koo	Korean
Ross Penstone-Smith, Secretary David Austin, Treasurer	Labour
Nicholas Coombes, Secretary Armand Edwards, Treasurer	Libdem
Xinyi Lin, President	Mandarin
Samantha Price, Sports Secretary Kirsty Wardlow, Secretary	Maus
Daniel Beale, IT Alex Snell	Music
Sean Case, Member	One World
Paul Selby, Chair James Davies, BPSA Rep	PSA
Niraj Sanghi, Chair	Photo
Bob Powell, Chair Vicky Davies, Treasurer	Physics
Paul Weaver, Chair Benjamin Hegson, IT/Publicity	Salsa
Marina Torres, Vice President Julian Bradbury, Chair	Suadade
Peter Gentzel, Marketing Coordinator Klabbe Tollstedt David Krooh, Treasurer Hans Christian Bull, Chair	Scandinavian

Nikki Doyle, Chair James Trimble, Treasurer Robin Davis	Sci Fi
Francisco Delaso, Chair Rocco Lupoi, Communications	Spanish & Italian
Caroline Ellis, Equipment Officer Allen Smith, Chair	Links
Jantapa Phitsanuvisayavat, Chair	Thai
Rhian Stacey, Social Sec Aled Jones, Sec	Welsh
Jenna Appleby, Treasurer Thomas Harrison, Junior Chair	Wine

Ordinary members

Maddy Hurd	Maths 3
Jonathan Hellem	Economics 4
Danielle Hancock	Aerospace Eng final year
Jack Nicol	Aero Eng 4
Leon Osborne	Physics 2
Matt Hayed	Elec Eng 2
Helen Reed	PWE
Chiok-Sing Li	Mech Eng 3
Mark Campbell	Maths Sci 3
Tara McNally	Economics 3
Jonathan Cockeram	Maths 4
Anna Stainforth	Maths & Computer
Tom Mgean	Maths 2
Katie Mabery	Physics
Amy Smith	Maths 4
Adrian Blanc	Politics 1
Charlotte Mulliner	Maths 4

In attendance:

John Morgan	Deputy General Manager
Alison Fleet	Executive & Management Assistant/meeting secretary

Apologies:

Union Council

Kat Southwell	Sport Exec Rep
Matt Rayner	Open Place Rep
Sarah Grant	Open Place Rep
Ian Robinson	General Manager

Clubs

Andrew Burton	SA Treasurer
Colin Pattison	Golf

	Fencing committee
Hakan Karaagak	Table Tennis

Societies

Matt Warner	BioSoc Chair
	Socs Exec

Action

1) Register of attendance

Registers were at the door for members to sign on arrival.

2) Notice of any other business

There had been no notice of any other business

3) Reading, correction and acceptance of the minutes of the meeting held on Friday 25 November 2005

These were accepted.

4) Matters arising

There were none.

5) Questions to Officers

- a) Dave Austin, Union Council Rep asked the VP Sport why the Founders gym had been closed as it seemed a set back to the University and the SU in terms of service provision to students. He said that the structure of Sports provision lacked scrutiny and structure.
The VP Sport agreed that this was disappointing and said that he was working on the issue. He explained that the gym had failed a risk assessment which had meant that a member of staff would be required to attend at all times. Clearly, this would be extremely expensive.
The VP Sport agreed that there was no real accountability now on the part of the Sports Department since the committees to which it had previously been accountable were no longer in existence and so it could now do as it pleased.

- b) The BCSS Chair said that Southampton University had disaffiliated from the NUS and asked what the view on this was at Bath.
The SU President replied that the NUS was going through a major overhaul on fees and governance and there was a lot of dissatisfaction nationally. BUSU's Executive Committee was also questioning NUS but had no plans at the moment to disaffiliate. There was to be a presentation in January from the NUS on their restructuring and fee calculation, which the SU President would be attending and he looked forward to reporting back to the membership.

- c)** Dominic Bunning, Cricket club committee member, asked the VP Sport how the SU could justify not providing cricket nets given that cricket was Britain's national summer sport. He said that the SU had a surplus and so why could the Cricket club not have nets.
The VP Sport replied that the Sports Department was responsible for providing facilities for sports. The SA did not have the money to pay the £5,000 to £7,000 needed for the nets. He said he would take this up with the Sports Department. He added that there were several issues raised in Monday's impact which readers might find of interest.
- d)** The VP Communications was asked if anything could be done to enable students to remove themselves from mass emails such as those sent out by Jane Allen in University Careers. The VP Communications pointed out that this was not done by the SU on her behalf. He was aware that this was a source of irritation to quite a few students and he would do what he could to stop it.
- e)** Alex Vakil, OTC member and Cricket club chair, asked why the Bristol OTC had not been allowed a stall at societies fair but had had to pay for a stall at Freshers Fair and why they had been refused a stall in the past.
The VP Activities & Development replied that she had not received a request for a stall from any of the forces this year.
The SU President explained that the issue in the past had not been their presence but the way they conducted themselves. However, this year there had been no problems.
- f)** Adam Laird, UC Rep, asked the VP Welfare & Campaigns what campaigns were planned for the New Year.
The VP Welfare & Campaigns replied that two of the biggest would be about the buses and about social space. A student campaigns group had been set up to find out what the membership wanted. The VP Welfare & Campaigns would like to hear from anyone who was interested in being part of this group.
- g)** Jonathan Cox asked if there was any way to stop queuing on campus as he complained that the cash machine was never working and there was a charge to use one's card in fresh.
The VP Communications answered that he would speak to the relevant managers and added that the charge on applied if one spent under a certain amount.
- h)** Tim Newman, Arts Publicity Officer asked the VP Communications whether BathStudent's new look was a fundamental difference of just a new look as he had understood there was to be an overhaul.
The VP Communications answered that it was just a new look but that work was continuing with the service provider on a new product which it was hoped would be complete by March so that students would be able to build their own new websites from April ready for launch at the start of the new academic year.
- i)** Dave Austin, UC Rep, asked what the SU was doing to promote

turnout at local elections.

The SU President replied that this would start after Christmas with a presence on the Parade at least once a week, encouraging students to register to vote. He clarified that students could vote here and at home. There would be involvement from the political societies as well.

- j)** Tara McNally, Economics, asked for an update on NUS Extra. The VP Communications said that over 3,000 had been sold to date. The NUS was still trying to negotiate more deals and a new set of discounts were to be released in January. When asked if there was a future for this card, the SU President agreed that it was a contentious issue. Dave Austin, UC Rep, asked how much the SU received and what the money was spent on. The VP Communications replied that the SU received about £4 from each card. This was spent partly on marketing the product and otherwise proceeds were reinvested in the SU's activities such as clubs and societies. He was asked later in the meeting why the NUS did not pay for this marketing with BUSU taking a smaller cut. The Officers replied that NUS did provide some marketing but that it was very generic and BUSU wished to personalise the publicity. The SU President asked if the meeting would like to have a forum on BathStudent on NUS Extra to which the answer was affirmative. Jack Smith, Maths II, said that he felt that the campaign at the beginning of the year was overly forceful and that it should be made clear, especially to Freshers, that one didn't have to buy the card. Peter Walker-Smith, UC Rep, asked the SU President if the forum could provide concrete figures and the SU President said he would look into this. Another student said that she had bought an NUS Extra card but her flatmates had not but they got the same discounts as herself. The SU President said that businesses had been told that they should only accept an NUS card as proof of student status and NUS was contacting them again to reiterate this. Adam Laird, UC Rep, said that he was a fan of the Extra card and asked what level of sales were projected for next year. The SU President said that it was not possible to make such projections. Any further questions should be posted via the website (BathStudent.com) or by email.
- k)** The Officers were asked whether the Freshers Week pub tour had been cancelled for CSR reasons or profit so that the SU could make more money out of another campus event. The SU President replied that the decision to cancel it had not been to gain more profit nor entirely for CSR reasons. The sheer numbers in town were unmanageable and safety was a great concern. It had been felt that the SU had insufficient resources and manpower to keep this a safe event. He was asked if other similar events such as the Roman Romp were also being cancelled.

The SU President replied that that the numbers involved in the Roman Romp were some 50% less than those involved in the Freshers Week tour and indeed the whole event was different with smaller numbers arriving at different times in town rather than a huge crowd descending at the same time.

- l) The Officers were asked if the SU had any plans to work towards Fair Trade status.
The VP Welfare & Campaigns said that it was not something that had specifically come up so far but that Fair Trade issues were very relevant to the SU as, for example, the partnership of fresh with the Co-op. UC policy on Fair Trade products was currently under review by the Ethical and Environmental Working Group which the Union Chair chaired. Anyone interested in participating should contact him.
- m) The Officers were asked if they had Facebook accounts and whether it was an acceptable means of communication for them as it might increase visibility.
All the Officers agreed that they did have accounts but recommended that they were not contacted this way but through their sabbatical accounts or Ask-a-Sabb.

6) BUSU Annual Report

a) Report from the Executive

This was noted.

b) Executive team for 2006/7

This was noted

c) Accounts for the year ending 31 July 2006

Helen Reed, Politics with Economics, asked how the members were supposed to make any reasonable comments on the accounts when they did not have the notes.

It was explained that the notes ran to some 20 pages which would have been very expensive to reproduce and that what had been included in the agenda was the most relevant information.

Helen Reed explained that she was a trustee of a local charity herself and knew that this did not represent sufficient information to accept the accounts.

A vote was taken on whether to accept the accounts.

Against: 3

In favour: 22

Abstentions: 114

No decision was made.

The SU President said that he would take advice but thought it likely that there would have to be another Emergency General Meeting this year as a result.

d) Budgets

A vote was taken on whether to ratify these.

Against: 4

Abstentions: 26
In favour: the remainder of the meeting
The budgets were **ratified**.

e) Affiliations

A vote was taken on whether to approve these.
Against: 4
Abstentions: 16
In favour: the remainder of the meeting
The affiliations were **approved**.

f) Union Council decisions

A vote was taken on whether to approve these.
Against: 1
Abstentions: 16
In favour: the remainder of the meeting
The Union Council decisions were **approved**.

7) Amendments to the Constitution

a) Additions to Elections Guidelines, Appendix 3

Paul Rochester, Chair of Elections Committee explained the amendment which had been recommended by Union Council.

He was asked if it would be possible to look into other online activities. The Chair of Elections Committee replied that these were already under discussion but there were some things that Elections Committee and the SU had no control over.

There was a vote on whether to approve the amendment.

Against: 1
Abstentions: 2
In favour: the remainder
The amendment was **approved**.

Note:

After taking advice, the SU President can confirm that it will be necessary to call an EGM to receive and approve the accounts. Details of this meeting will be publicised in the New Year after exams.

All activities representatives are reminded that as it was mandatory for them to attend this meeting it will also be mandatory for them to attend the EGM.