



## University of Lincoln Students' Union Minutes of the AGM 2013

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2013 12:00-14:00  
The Engine Shed

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Christopher James Birch

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Christopher Reid

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Jordan Shields  
Jordan Smith  
Joseph Alan Gretton  
Joseph Cooke  
Joseph Michael David  
Pearson  
Joseph Pickering  
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Kirstie Hudson  
Kristina Halsall  
Kyle Aaron Carson  
Lara Jolley  
Laura Buttrick  
Laura Giles  
Laura Hardwick  
Laura Kenna  
Laura Mack  
Laura Murray  
Laura-Jayne Fox  
Lauren Harris  
Lauren Olga Greeves  
Layla Jade Holland  
Liam Milroy  
Liia Prihodko  
Linford Leslie Butler  
Louise Howard  
Lucy Ellen Hackett  
Lucy Melton  
Luke Hussey  
Luke Thompson  
Marcell Grant

Marcin Wawrzyniak  
Marcus Frederick Jacoby  
D'Lancret De L'Askam-  
Yates  
Marcus Ripley  
Mark Antony Clare  
Martin Thomas Harrison  
Martyn Alan James  
Bignell  
Martyn Hollinshead  
Matthew Christopher  
Poore  
Matthew Dazeley  
Matthew Edward Marston  
Moore  
Matthew Fido  
Matthew Foxwell  
Matthew Hockley  
Matthew Hoyle  
Matthew James Roe  
Matthew Luke Rogerson  
Matthew Melvin  
Matthew Richard Holmes  
Matthew Slater  
Matthew Smeeth  
Megan Graham  
Megan Tuckwood  
Mercedes Williams  
Michael Fox  
Michael Griffin  
Michael Jackman  
Michael Latham James  
Ruddick  
Michael Orridge  
Michael Stephen Arthur  
Watts  
Mohammadreza  
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Molly Barnes  
Molly Wragg  
Nancy Lismore  
Naomi Helena Yehezkel  
Natalie Brooks  
Natalie Claire Cooper  
Natalie Louise Mumford  
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Peter Lightbody

Philip Cockell  
Philip Sweeney  
Philippa Sanders  
Piotr Psuty  
Pollyanna Rogerson  
Rachael Fothergill  
Rachel Dodds  
Rachel Harper  
Rachel Helen Turner  
Rachel Neill  
Rebecca Dowling  
Rebecca Fowler  
Rebecca Joinson  
Rebecca Mae Hawkins  
Rebecca Mccall  
Rebecca Wilkinson  
Reece William Horsley  
Rhiannon Ami Woodhall  
Rhys Clarihew  
Richard Brady  
Robert Evans  
Robert Liam D'Arcy  
Robert Simpson  
Rohan Krajewski  
Rory Nicholas Iain  
Cameron  
Roseanna Romaine Smith  
Rosemary Godiya Kelly  
Rosie Pennicott  
Rosie Pennicott  
Ryan Thompson

Sam Gilbert  
Sam Strickson  
Samantha Evelyn Amy  
Morgan  
Samantha Storey  
Samantha Webster  
Samuel Alexander Allen  
Samuel Baggley  
Samuel Brewer  
Samuel Deakin  
Samuel Graham  
Samuel Joseph Robinson  
Samuel Winton  
Sandisiwe Beverley Mporu  
Sarah Louise Smith  
Sarah Rebecca Wantock  
Scott Helmkey  
Scott Raven  
Shanice Lewis  
Shannon Alex Baxter  
Sharon-Rose Sewuese Ten  
Shireen Timmis  
Shun Kamei  
Simon Luther Keeton  
Simon Ricketts  
Siobhan Garrigan  
Sofia Haider  
Sonny Drake  
Sophia Lillie Smyth  
Sophie Archer  
Sophie Elizabeth Bartup

Sophie Louise Reed  
Sophie Nash  
Spencer Shawn Nash  
Stephen David Wade  
Stephen Pollicott  
Stephen Waudby  
Steven Williams  
Tabitha Buckley  
Tasneem Ateiza  
Thomas Candy  
Thomas James  
Thomas Joseph Shaw  
Parkin  
Thomas Reed  
Tom Briggs  
Tom Larken  
Tshiabu Kayembe  
Vasyl Bondaryev  
Veronika Dergal  
Vesela Maslenishka  
Victoria Kia Mitchell  
Victoria Mai Waby  
Victoria Poole  
Will Minchin  
William Fry  
William Sawyer  
Yasmin Josephine Grace  
Coyte  
Yasmin Pannett  
Zoe Louise Bailey

Also in Attendance:

Professor Mary Stuart (Vice Chancellor)  
Professor Scott Davidson (Deputy Vice Chancellor)  
Dom Anderson (NUS Vice President Society and Citizenship)  
Roger Buttery (External Trustee)  
Jack Maddock (Student Trustee)  
James Loveday (Student Trustee)  
James Brooks (Chief Executive)  
Ian Johnston (Membership Services Manger and Deputy Chief Executive Officer)  
Hannah Coleman (Administrative Support Worker)  
Tracey Revill (Activities Co-ordinator)  
Dean Howard (Finance Controller)  
Lindsay Westgarth (Casework and Policy Intern)  
Sabine Gerlach (Communications Coordinator)  
Aidan Mersh (Student Voice and Representation Manager)  
Kirsty Barnes (Course Representative Worker)

## 1. Introduction from the chair

**Noted:**

- The Chair thanked and welcomed members to the AGM.
- Engine shed and the Union team were thanked for the preparation and organisation of the AGM.

- New voting cards were introduced to members as there was a potential of a secret ballot. The chair emphasised the importance of holding the cards high for counting.
- 2. Dom Anderson, NUS Vice President Society and Citizenship**  
**Noted:**
    - Dom Anderson discussed working in the local community and the story of his personal and career development proposing that everyone has a story to share regardless of who they are. Emphasis was placed on members to talk to the local community and that the vision of a leader is to inspire people.
  - 3. To confirm the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2013.**  
**Noted:**
    - Carmen Mbu name is spelt Alexandrya-Carmen Eyare Mbu.
    - Members reported that they did not receive papers for the Annual General Meeting.
    - Papers were circulated to the Members University email accounts.**Agreed:**
    - The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as an accurate record subject to the amendment being made.
    - To look into the process of the circulation of the papers for the meeting.
  - 4. Matters Arising**  
**Noted:**
    - Due to being time sensitive at the previous Annual General Meeting, agenda items were carried forward.
    - The election video and 'Stamp it out' Campaign video were distributed.
  - 5. Audit Accounts, year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013 (Financial Statements)**  
**Agreed:**
    - The Audit Accounts were received and agreed by the membership.
  - 6. Budgets for 2013/2014.**  
**Discussion:**
    - The spare £300.00 which is detailed on the budget is a drafting error. The £300.00 is for decorations for the Students' Union Awards and not spare.**Agreed:**
    - The Budgets for 2013/2014 were received and agreed by the membership
  - 7. Notice of the appointment of Auditors for the year 2013/2014.**  
**Agreed:**
    - The appointment of Wright Vigar as the Students' Union Auditors for the year 2013/2014 was approved by the membership.
  - 8. Notice of appointment of the Trustees of the Charity.**  
**Agreed:**
    - Notification of the appointment of Scott Davidson and Roger Buttery as Trustees of the Charity were received and agreed.
  - 9. Ratification of Affiliates for 2013/2014.**  
**Discussion:**
    - A Procedural Motion was put forward by a Member to remove National Union of Students (NUS) as an affiliate. The Member reported that for the past few years the service provided by NUS has been appalling and unresponsive and they failed to defend students against the rise in tuition fees in 2010. The Member believed that the Union spends £15,000 per year on membership to NUS.
    - The membership does not get to vote for who the President is of NUS.
    - If NUS were removed, students would still be able to purchase the NUS Extra card.

- The Students' Union Sabbatical Officers were praised for their level of service.
- It was reported that £22,000 is spent per year on membership to NUS. NUS are supportive of the student group initiative and £15,000 has been secured from NUS for Community Organisers. The Union also gets support from NUS Services Ltd NUSSL who can assist the Union's licensed and retail trade operations which means that drink/food prices could be subsidised if the Union were to run The Shed.
- A speech against the removal of NUS as an affiliate was made. Opportunities have been provided by NUS to go to various conferences including Women in Leadership and training which without the links to NUS would not be possible to attend.
- It was asked if there was anything NUS do that the Union can't do.
- The budget spent on membership to NUS is 2.75% of the Students Union budget.
- Removal of NUS would not affect participation in British University and Colleges Sports (BUCS).
- It was suggested that the money not spent on NUS if removed could be spent on Activities.
- Activities would not be affected by the money if it were to be redirected.
- The membership was asked how many of them knew who the President of NUS currently was by a show of hands. This was believed not to be a relevant question to the discussion by the Chair.
- A challenge to the Chair was made to allow the question to be asked.
- It was noted that the majority of the membership did not know who the President of NUS currently was.
- It was questioned whether the membership knew the Presidents names for the other affiliates being proposed.

VOTE: The Procedural Motion to remove NUS as an affiliate was **not passed**.

**Agreed:**

- All the affiliates for 2013/2014 were ratified by the membership.
- Information about the organisations who are affiliated with the Students' Union to be circulated to the membership.

**10. Special Resolution to change the Articles of Memorandum of the University of Lincoln Students' Union.**

**Noted:**

- The Articles of Memorandum details the objectives of the Charity. As an organisation, the Union is member led by students. The old Articles of Memorandum were reportedly not fit for purpose.
- According to NUS who contacted their law firm Bates Wells Braithwaite, Students' Unions were not representative and not free from liability as Byelaws and Constitutions were not good enough.
- Through consultation, the changes to the Articles of Memorandum will reduce liabilities and represent students properly.
- The process of opting into the Students' Union is being reviewed.

**Agreed:**

- The proposed Special Resolution to change the Articles of Memorandum of the University of Lincoln Students' Union was approved by the membership.

**11. Positions to be elected for the academic year 2014/2015.**

**Noted:**

- The positions proposed have not changed from the previous year.

**Agreed:**

- The positions to be elected for the academic year 2014/2015 were approved by the membership.

**12. Resolution to adopt the policy 'No to page three'**

**Noted:**

- Proposed by Olivia Hill 3<sup>rd</sup> year Art Restoration and Conservation Student and Seconded by Dan Sam President.
- A Motion to hold a Referendum to ask the question 'should the University of Lincoln remove newspapers with 'Page 3' type content from sale in all of its outlets until such a time as 'Page 3' is removed from the publications?'. This will provide students to have their say regarding the topic.
- It was proposed that the Sun Newspaper be banned from being sold in the University shop. Students would still be able to purchase the newspaper off campus.
- The proposer stated that 'Page 3' presents an unrealistic picture of a woman's body and shows women as unintelligent and passive.
- Lucy Holmes founded the Campaign 'say no to Page 3' as she believes 'Page 3' limits women and noted that the second picture of a woman after Jessica Ennis won Olympic Gold was of a 'Page 3'. The campaign believes that 'Page 3' encourages the objectification of women.
- A petition which will be sent to the Editor of the Sun Newspaper to remove 'Page 3' can be found online. The petition is not part of the Motion.
- Various celebrities are reportedly backing the campaign. Other Universities have voted in favour of removing the Sun newspaper from their campus.
- 'Page 3' has been dropped by the Irish Sun and the Scottish parliament has backed the campaign.
- Various Charities are also backing the campaign. Women should feel safe and protected, the current statistics show that 1 in 4 women experience domestic violence and 1 in 5 women experience sexual assaults.
- A quote from an ex 'Page 3' was read to the membership.

**Discussed:**

- It was noted that it was not just 'Page 3' which show distorted images of women.
- It was proposed it undermines the University and Union by selling publications which reference 'Page 3'. The Union has a zero tolerance on discrimination.
- 'Page 3' will still be available online but not in the Sun Newspaper. If or when the Sun Newspaper removes 'Page 3' then the Newspaper can be resold in the University shop.
- An amendment to the proposed Motion was put forward to not put the question to a Referendum but for the membership to decide immediately if the publications should be removed as it was suggested that the students who attended the meeting were the most engaged students. The previous Referendum reportedly failed to meet quota.
- The member who proposed the amendment to the Motion stated that those who suggest women should theoretically get 'back in their box' should be ones to 'get back in their box'.
- A speech against the amendment to the Motion was made. It was reported that many students could not make the AGM due to the timing so how can the membership vote for the remaining 11,000 students who could not attend for valid reasons. Students may learn off campus or part time, the Referendum would give these students a chance to have their say.
- There are pressures on men and women alike. Celebrities convey a certain image so it was unclear how the campaign would eradicate the problems.
- It was proposed that it is better to do something than nothing and that women's bodies should be celebrated but not in a newspaper.
- No abstention speech was made.
- The proposed amendment to the Motion was withdrawn as it was felt that the speech against the amendment raised a valid argument.
- It was suggested that AGM's are held in the evening to minimise the potential of students not being able to attend.
- A speech against the Motion was made. The topic was believed to be of a sensitive nature and that the Motion detailed a bias and emotive argument. There are other

magazines which focus on dieting and beach bodies. It was suggested that if individuals were to vote against the Motion then they may be viewed in a negative way due to the sensitivity of the subject. Male objectification needs to be recognised as well. If the Sun Newspaper is removed, other publications which show material similar to 'Page 3' will still be able to be purchased.

- A secret ballot will be held due to the sensitive nature of the Motion.
- It was proposed that men are not represented in the same way as women and that the argument against the Motion highlighted the problems with female representation in the media.
- It was felt that issues surrounding male representation should not be ignored on the basis that they are less apparent.
- Men are often represented in a positive way by the media for example as bosses where as it was felt that women are usually sexualised in some form.
- It is hoped that if the Sun Newspaper were to be banned then other publications could be looked at being removed from sale. There is a lot of media attention on this campaign which may put pressure on other editors to remove similar material from their publications.
- The Sun is a newspaper, magazines are different as they do not say they deliver news which is why newspapers are being debated not magazines.
- The Motion is not about censorship. It is a symbolic stand to show that Lincoln has joined the national campaign and endorse what the Union stands for.
- It would be more symbolic if all the publications featuring similar material of 'Page 3' were to be removed.
- If the membership wanted to discuss the removal of men's magazines then the Union would welcome this discussion.
- The Motion was not seem as an opportunity by the proposer to voice her own opinions by using the Union's byelaws.
- The Motion does not address point of choice; point of choice to buy the Sun Newspaper or for the women who choose to be a 'Page 3'. If the Motion was passed, these choices would be taken away.
- The proposer felt that it was not her personal choice to see 'Page 3' left open in a public place and suggested that there are other alternative places off campus which students could buy the material from.
- The success stories of three ex 'Page 3' models were shared with the membership showing that the publicity from doing 'page 3' was of benefit. The current President of NUS is a woman.
- It was suggested that the Sun Newspaper was more likely to be purchased by the non-student population.
- Students may choose to buy the Sun Newspaper to keep up to date with the news as it is cheap.
- An Abstention speech was made which reported that due to the sensitive nature of the subject it was felt that the Motion could not be openly discussed at Student Council. On one hand, the Motion is a symbolic gesture but on the other if the Motion were to pass then certain journalistic content featured in the Sun Newspaper would be removed as well.
  - The Motion stipulates that the Union will support the campaign as well as holding a referendum.

**Agreed:**

Secret Ballot: YES: 164 NO: 114 ABSTAINED: 43

**Motion passed.**

**13. Resolution to adopt the policy 'University of Lincoln: Don't turn the shed into office space. Instead give us the union bar that every other university has that we don't'**

**Noted:**

- Professor Mary Stuart Vice Chancellor attended the AGM to make a speech regarding The Shed. It was reported that the University have always wanted to save The Shed and were looking into the possibility of buying the lease of it. The University

are now in sole discussions and must be due diligent in pursuing The Shed. Consultation has started with employees and it is the University's intention to continue the running of The Shed as it is a good social space and are in favour of a student/staff communal space. The petition and Motion show that students and staff want to keep The Shed.

- The University are in discussions with the Union to have a Union bar.

**Discussed:**

- The University's intention is that the bar would be for students, staff and their guests.
- The Transfer of Undertaking (Protection of Employment) Regulations TUPE process which means the transfer of employees from one employer to another is being discussed and negotiated.
- The University welcomed more feedback from students of what The Shed should be, feedback received so far has been that The Shed needs upgrading as it is appears dated.

**Noted:**

- The proposer stated that The Shed should remain a bar regardless of if it is run by the Union or not.
- The petition to Save the Shed in over two weeks got 1200 signatures.
- A lot of students have reported that the University would not be the same without it.
- The Shed offers cheap food deals.

**Discussed:**

- It would be up to the membership what the Union does regarding The Shed's future if the University takes over it and not the Union.
- The Manager of The Shed asked the membership if they liked The Shed as it is and suggested that it should not change to exclude guests. Furthermore, the Manager asked if The Shed should be run by students and if the membership thought that the same people who ran the AGM could run The Shed.
- The Chair advised the membership that this was not the correct place to discuss what the Manager had asked.
- Dan Sam President explained that events/ social came out high of what students wanted the Union to do from the strategic review which was undertaken. This year, Course Reps have been further developed as well as the student buddy scheme but this can only be sustained through resource. If the Union were to run The Shed, profit made would be reinvested elsewhere within the Union. The Block grant received from the University is not sustainable enough.
- Attendees were reminded that only the membership can ask questions.
- An employee of The Shed believed that the Motion is right but it should not be a Union bar as The Shed wouldn't be the same which he proposed is what students want.
- The Union are ready if applicable to run The Shed.
- Sabbatical Officers run the Union on the membership's behalf but would not solely run a Union bar. The Union currently employs staff who have extensive commercial backgrounds and expertise.
- As the Union is affiliated with NUS it can use NUSSL purchasing power to buy products cheaper as do Engine Shed/Tower Bars. There are implications attached to the current leaseholder of The Shed which mean that they cannot offer student prices.
- It would be up to Engine Shed what actions they take from any impact of having a Union Bar.
- The membership were reminded that it was not the Union who put forward the Motion but a student.
- The Union would want The Shed to be student friendly.
- The staff of The Shed were praised for their level of service which was believed to not be same from the Staff at Engine Shed.



- It was suggested that if the Union were to run The Shed then this would require more leaders which may spread the staff too thinly as they are already undertaking a lot of work.
- It was felt by a member that Dan Sam President was being nonchalant regarding the task of running The Shed.
- Dan Sam President stated that he was not nonchalant, proposing that the effectiveness of the Union is determined by its members and if there is the demand for the Union to run a bar then the Union need to supply it. The Union has already budgeted to run a Union Bar in their Strategy.
- The Union's representative structure, activities and welfare and community have improved. It was suggested that the Union's priority should be improving areas which still need to be made stronger.
- It was claimed that The Shed is to shut at Christmas, being closed on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2013.
- The Union could lobby the University to not close The Shed but they require the support of students to do so.
- It was reported that The Shed is to stay open during the transition period if the University or Union take it over.
- The Union has a reserves policy and other contingencies if The Shed were to make a loss under their running but it was felt that it was too early to discuss a loss at this stage and that risk is always attached to business plans.
- James Brooks Chief Executive explained that the Union has set up a Limited Company to operate commercially and that the liability would be very minimal if anything were to go wrong. The questions being asked were academic ones with the fundamental one being if students want the Union to run a bar on campus. The financial statements of The Shed have yet to be seen.
- It was clarified that the Union were not involved with the University's plans for The Shed.
- It was reported that a Facebook Poll showed that students unanimously said that The Shed should stay as a bar. A member disagreed with this statement as they believed other options for The Shed's use could be explored.
- The University held the Facebook poll not the Proposer.
- The statistics used within the Motion were from the Union's Strategic Plan.
- Procedural Motion was put forward to vote due to being time sensitive which was agreed.
- No amendment was made to the Motion.

**Agreed:**

VOTE

Yes: Majority vote.

**Motion passed**

## **14. Annual Reports**

### **14a. Board of Trustees**

**Noted:**

- Dan Sam President gave a PowerPoint presentation (circulated) about the Union's Strategic Plan and a research update of what and why the Union are prioritising and the direction its heading.
- Communication was detailed as a weakness of the Union from the Strategic Review.
- Research was conducted prior to Sabbatical Officers being elected.
- Course Reps have improved as a result of the Strategy.
- The AGM has seen one of the biggest turnouts which shows the changes which the Union are undergoing and have done to improve service to members.

### **14b. Executive Committee**

**VP Academic Affairs:**

**Noted:**

- Reps were commended for the work they have undertaken so far in the year.

- More Course Reps are being trained.
- Subject and College Committees have occurred and positive feedback from the University has been received regarding Reps input into these.
- Senior Reps will be feeding into the National Student Survey plans.
- Publications of academic and representation issues and how the Union are resolving them will be featured on the website.
- One Rep Forum has occurred which was positively received with more planned.
- The Student Staff Conference had to be postponed but is due to take place in February.
- Feedback and Assessment are being campaigned about to improve both areas for students.

### **VP Welfare and Community**

#### **Noted:**

- As part of the Strategic Review, Community replaced Diversity in the Sabbatical Officers title.
- Local Residents were invited and attended the AGM.
- There were twelve student buddy's last year, this year there are eight trained with one transferring from last year.
- There has been three litter picks with up to twelve students attending each one. MP Karl McCartney attended the second litter pick and LincTv produced a video of the event.
- Make a difference day saw volunteers clear out the Brayford.
- Over 200 resident's and students attended 'Meet the Street' events in local venues of the Westend. Volunteer Shannon Baxter was commended for distributing the invites to the event.
- Governance documents are currently being worked on for the four liberation groups LGBT, Disabled, ISG and the emerging group Women's Group. A Motion will be put forward to Student council for the approval of the Standing Orders for each group. Positive feedback has been received so far and printed draft copies are available for Members wanting to see them.
- Business school wish to adopt the Buddy Scheme specifically for International students.
- A housing booklet has been produced and a four day Housing Horrors campaign took place. VP Welfare and Community will be attending a Landlords Forum later on in the week.
- A Community Organiser position has been created and funding secured to help encourage young people to take part in the General Elections.
- Lincoln food bank would like to use the Union as a referral centre. Students would be able to get a voucher from the Union which could be used at the food bank.
- Improvements to the University complaint procedure are being made following issues which the Union found in the procedure when a student wished to complain over harassment. The amendments to the policies are due to be made by 2014/2015.
- VP Welfare and Community who lives in the West End area has become secretary to the West End Residents Association.
- The Community Gala took place during Fresher Week.
- A Mental Health Campaign and Sexual Health Campaign are due to be run next semester.

### **VP Activities**

#### **Noted:**

- Lincoln beat Derby for the eighth time in Varsity.
- Last year there were 50 sports and 60 societies.
- Netball had 100% win run, Golf won the trophy cup and an individual BUCS competitor won in tenpin bowling and has gone on to represent Great Britain.
- On average, volunteers volunteered 50 hours each.

- There is no Director of Sport at the University. The School of Sport and Exercise Science, University Sports Centre and the Union's Activities department have produced a Sports Strategy to provide more direction to students. The Strategy will be taken to the next Student Experience Committee for approval
- 4552 people attended the Sports Fayre and 4474 people attended the Societies Fayre which is a 46% increase on last year.
- Varsity is due to take place on February 16<sup>th</sup> 2014 against Hull and is being called the 'Humbergames'.
- LincTv is a student led project which is being supported by the Union. LincTv is a student television station and has produced various videos for the Union, Engine shed and Sports and Societies.
- The Harry Potters Society Yule Ball is being supported by the Union; VP Activities is helping the society with their publicity and the organisation of the event.

#### **President**

##### **Noted:**

- The elections saw a record voter turnout of 27%.
- The Union has changed its branding and has improved its media presence.
- 13 Motions were put forward to Council.
- Stamp it out Campaign and extended Library hours were campaigned for and successful.
- The Strategy details that the Union will increase and improve its service provision which includes the running of a Union Bar either through collaboration or not.
- It is hoped that more referendums will be held and encourage wider participation.
- Finance has been internalised and there has been substantial recruitment within the Representation and Student Voice department. Finance, Activities and Web Interns are currently being recruited.
- The Union is there to lobby the University on behalf of its Members which can be done through Motions, petitions and being activists within the student community.
- The Union Staff were commended for the work that they are doing.

#### **14c. Student Council and Committee**

##### **Noted:**

- The membership received the report from Student Council and Committee.

#### **14d. Elections Committee**

##### **Noted:**

- The membership received the report from the Elections Committee.

#### **15. Any Other Business**

##### **Noted:**

- The Union is supporting the Oxfam Typhoon Appeal and donations can be made at Reception.
- The next Student Council is on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2013 at 12noon.

#### **Snowflake Ball**

##### **Discussed:**

- An update of Snowflake ball was actioned to be done by Student Council.
- There has been trouble securing a venue due to Christmas bookings.
- Engine Shed is not available on the date which it was scheduled for.
- There will be no Snowflake ball this year.
- It was felt that the event was not commercially viable. As a substitute, the Union will help support through assisting the organisation and publicity of other Activities events such as the Harry Potter's Society Yule Ball which is in December and a Societies Showcase will be held.

Unconfirmed