



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019, SCOOP, 2PM

Chair (Jessica Clunan, Deputy Chair, Union Council) welcomed attendees to the meeting. It was noted that the meeting was inquorate.

1. Ratification of minutes of previous AGM

No questions were received.

Minutes were approved.

2. Receiving the Report of the Trustees 31 July 2018

Nicholas Wright (President of Sport) highlighted key points of the Trustee report.

- We developed a new vision and brand that you have hopefully seen in our communications, new website and in the building.
- Our Advice Centre provided advice and support to 1824 students.
- We ran 66 GIAG events with almost 2000 attendees.
- We elected and engaged with over 450 academic representatives, launching a new impact reporting approach to showcase their work.
- 2880 students joined Hull University Union societies and 1896 joined Hull University Union sports clubs.
- In the National Student Survey - 57.01% of students said that Hull University Union effectively represented their academic interests. This was 3.82% higher than last year and above the sector average.
- We introduced a new Pulse Survey for students which showed that overall satisfaction with the Students Union was 63%. The top 3 words students used to describe us were helpful, friendly and fun. Only 30% of students believed that they could influence decisions at Hull University Union.
- The key risk to Hull University Union continued to be the financial sustainability of Hull University Union in an ever changing Higher Education environment. We also reviewed our policy and processes for Health and Safety.

No questions were received.

The report can be found within the financial report of 2017/18 here:

<https://hulluniunion.com/about-us/governance>

3. Receiving the Financial Statements 31 July 2018

Nicholas Wright presented the financial statement for the financial year 2017/18 and highlighted the following;

- Hull University Union made a deficit of £86k compared to a surplus of £665k last year but this was an unusual year with the recovery of £582k a fraud discovered in September 2015.
- The University continued to support us and provided £300k of additional subvention. This arrangement is in place until the end of July 2019.
- Sales in the shop increased by £108k on 2017. Drinks sales in the student bar and nightclub saw a small increase of £19k. Catering and coffee sales decreased by £84k.
- Attendance at the end of year ball fell to 2211. We managed to break even on the event but it's clear that options need to be looked at for future events.
- We held £1.6m of free reserves which is a healthy position despite the financial challenges we have faced. We need to ensure that we manage these reserves well over the next few years.
- The strong relationship we have with the University is extremely important to us but it's a unique relationship where we are also able to challenge them when students want to see change.
- We will continue to strive to ensure that we have a strong, independent and fit for purpose Union that represents all students studying at the University of Hull.

The Hull University Union Financial Statement for 2017/18 is available on the Hull University Union website here: <https://hulluniunion.com/about-us/governance>

No questions were received.

#### 4. Appointment of the auditors

Jessica Clunan presented the recommendation that the auditors Armstrong Watson be reappointed.

Auditors were approved.

#### 5. Approving the list of affiliations of Hull University Union

Jessica Clunan asked if members were happy to approve the list of affiliations.

Affiliations were approved.

List of affiliations can be found here [https://cd0245b3ce8070c3f0c4-06d3ab5db7610e0484c331fad6388570.ssl.cf3.rackcdn.com/Affiliations\\_2018.pdf](https://cd0245b3ce8070c3f0c4-06d3ab5db7610e0484c331fad6388570.ssl.cf3.rackcdn.com/Affiliations_2018.pdf)

#### 6. Open questions to the Trustees

No questions were received.

#### 7. Any Other Business

No other business was discussed.

Chair thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed.