## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

# THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021, VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS, 5PM

Chair (Jacob Thorne, Chair, Union Council) welcomed attendees to the meeting.

#### 1. Ratification of minutes of previous AGM

No questions were received.

Minutes were approved.

#### 2. Receiving the Report of the Trustees 31 July 2020

Simeon Orduen (President of Education) highlighted key points of the Trustee report.

- The final months of the year were quite challenging due to Covid-19 and this has continued into this academic year.
- Prior to the pandemic we made changes and decisions as a Board. These
  included declaring a Climate Emergency in October 2019, as part of this we
  had a Climate Strike and joined with wider campaigns and strikes within the
  city around this.
- The Board set the strategic direction of the organisation and launched the work to develop our next strategic plan. We involved colleagues and members to shape and develop the plan.
- As part of the strategy work, and following a review conducted by the President of the Students' Union in January 2020, a decision was made by the Board and Union Council to put students into our name. The brand name of the Charity group is now Hull University Students' Union (HUSU).
- Events had to be cancelled due to Covid-19 and we had to move our services online which was a challenge for the organisation, but engagement from members remained high.
- The University invested £250,000 to improve Student Central, creating improvements to Asylum, our outdoor space, and refurbishing the first floor for members.

No questions were received.

The report can be found within the financial report of 2019/20 here: <a href="https://hulluniunion.com/about-us/governance">https://hulluniunion.com/about-us/governance</a>

#### 3. Receiving the Financial Statements 31 July 2020

Simeon Orduen presented the financial statement for the financial year 2019/20 and highlighted the following;

- Our sales were down due to Covid-19, prior to pandemic we performed well commercially and this helped us to weather the storm of lockdown and the furlough of staff.
- We have been receiving funding from the government Job Retention Scheme for staff on furlough.



- Despite reductions, we have had healthy NET gain.
- We are above our red line which is positive despite the challenges and are looking forward to reopening. Sanc is now open which is the first step to reopening the building to students.

The Hull University Union Financial Statement for 2019/20 is available on the Hull University Union website here: <a href="https://hulluniunion.com/about-us/governance">https://hulluniunion.com/about-us/governance</a>

No questions were received.

### 4. <u>Appointment of the auditors</u>

Jacob Thorne presented the recommendation that the auditors Armstrong Watson be reappointed.

Auditors were approved.

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

Jacob Thorne asked if members were happy to approve the list of affiliations.

Affiliations were approved.

List of affiliations can be found here

#### 6. Open questions to the Trustees

No questions were received.

#### 7. <u>Any Other Business</u>

No other business was discussed.

Jacob Thorne thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed.

