Arts Students' Union

Minutes of: Arts SU Board of Trustees

Location: Via Zoom

Date and Time: 4pm Tuesday 6th May 2025

Members: Sayali Waghmare (Chair), Aya AlKaraki, Sanskriti Bacchu, Emma Boggins, Dawn Buchanan, Mayibongwe Chikiwa, Zainab Goriawala, Daisy Pile, Parul Shukra, Daryl Stenvoll-Wells, Yufei Yuan

Apologies: Andrew Morwood, Katwamba Mutale, Chihiro Tateno,

In attendance: Yemi Gbajobi, Chief Executive; Justina Cruickshank, Deputy Chief Executive (Operations & Services); Nathalie Grigorenko (item 5a)Nick Smith, Company Secretary.

	Initial Items
1.	To **note** Apologies, declare conflicts of interest and request additional items of business
2.	The board **approved** the minutes of the last Trustee Board and the Audit Trustee Board
3.	There were no actions taken by the Chair on behalf of the Trustee Board since the last meeting to report.
4.	The board **noted** the subcommittee minutes
5.	The board **noted** a CEO report including KPIs a) The union elections showed a 13.7% turnout versus a 12% target. This was higher than previous years. The board thanked NG for her work. b) An annual calendar for 2025/6 was being created with all of the major events for the year ahead. c) Students were being surveyed on their satisfaction rates The research would finish in June 2025. d) UAL had removed the guidance for how to support Trans staff without sufficient consultation with students. Guidance for Trans students remained. The board noted the need to support Trans and other students and the LGBTQA+ society was being engaged.
6.	The board **noted** the management accounts a) The numbers presented were to March 2025 before the reforecast position. b) Lower income was in part due to when students were on campus and the bar manager was considering the term calendar going ahead. c) A staff vacancy in the education team was being held until the team were clear on what was needed within the rule to support students.
8.	The board **approved** a reforecast budget a) Additional income sources would include pop ups for merchandise sales. Expenditure controls were also in place.
9.	The board **noted** an update on funding from the University. a) It was assumed that there would be a small increase for staffing related costs from the university but not on other areas. This means a real term cut when inflation was considered. b) An update was expected in the next few weeks but formal approval would be in July and senior leaders would engage with the institution in the coming months.
10	The board **approved** a Trustee Code of Conduct a) This should be advertised to election candidates.

11.	The board **approved** meeting dates for next year and agreed that they should start at 3pm in the next academic year.

Upcoming meetings Thursday 26th June