

minutes

Meeting of:	Trustee Board
Place	Alexandra Ciardi House
Date and Time:	22 nd April, 2010 4pm
In Attendance:	Wes Streeting, Susan Nash, Aaron Porter, Daniel Randall, Sean Rillo-Raczka, Amandla Thomas-Johnson, Emily Rowe, Dame Karlene Davies, Kate Davis, David Fletcher
Apologies:	Jacqueline Davies, Martin Jopp, Richard Budden, Rebecca Gordge
Staff:	Matt Hyde, Chief Executive; Emma Cox, Director of Member Development; Jim Dickinson, Director of Campaigns and Strategy; Henry Solomon, Interim Head of Finance; Nick Smith, Democratic Services Co-ordinator; Jan Sowa, Consultant; Heather Jones HR Consultant

1. Introduction and Administration

1.1-3 Apologies were noted. There were no conflicts of interest to declare and the minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true and accurate reflection, save that Emily Rowe and Amandla Thomas-Johnson had sent their apologies.

1.4 The action point was noted and the Cycle of Business would be updated.

1.5 There were no other matters arising.

2. Reports

2.1 Matt Hyde (MH) presented the Chief Executive's Report. Daniel Randall (DR) asked whether the work with Coca-Cola had been properly considered in relation to the policies passed by NUS Conference. MH reported that all funders/ suppliers of NUS projects were in line with NUS policies with appropriate break clauses were appropriate, The current policy on Coca-cola was one of constructive engagement.

The report was approved.

2.2 Wes Streeting (WS) reported that the NEC had been cancelled due to the Durham referendum.

2.3 A verbal update was given on the National Conference held 13th – 15th April at Newcastle Gateshead. David Fletcher and Kate Davies had been reappointed by the conference and Kainde Maji, Fabian Neuner and Karl Hobley were appointed as Student Trustees. Overall the conference had been very well received, especially the relocated venue.

3. Strategy

3.1 The Board *approved* the report on progress against the Key Performance Indicators. Susan Nash (SN) asked if some of the indicators on Further Education issues could be included the board handover in June and there will be further consideration of the KPIS by the Board for 2010-11.

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3.2 Jan Sowa updated the board on the HQ relocation which was *approved*.

3.3 Heather Jones presented the paper on the staff survey and associated plan. It was noted that diversity and training and development were the areas that staff believed NUS most needed to improve in. Actions were already in place to deal with these issues, supporting both staff and managers to approach them and the response from staff has been positive. The report and action plan was *approved*.

4. Finance and Resources

4.1 The Board *noted* the Audit, Risk and Remuneration minutes from the 1st of February.

4.2 The Board *noted* the verbal update on the Audit, Risk and Remuneration committee on 22nd April. There was some discussion about the risk register which included discussions about the role of politically autonomous campaigns, It was noted that productive discussions has been had with some of the Liberation Officers and the Chief Executive and that a day was planned to consider how the organisation might better support Liberation Officers in the future. It was clarified it was not the Board's role to interfere in the political aspects of such matters but that it was the role to identify potential risks to the organisation and notify NEC as appropriate working with all interested parties.

4.3 The Board *approved* the March accounts and end of year forecasts which showed we were on target for a small surplus and thanked Henry Solomon for his work.

5. Collaborations and Corporate Governance

5.1 The Board *approved* the update on *Surfing the Wave* paper..

6. AOB

6.1 Concern was raised by Kate Davies about a blog that had been written by Daniel Randall (DR) which she said contained inaccuracies and DR agreed to correct any errors. DR re-stated to the Board the context and circumstances of his election. Wider concern was raised about the content of some of the blogs. WS said he would be raising the matter with the NEC.

