



UCSA AGM May 14 2008 Agenda

Title: UCSA Annual General Meeting 2008
Ref: AGM_2008
Date, Time: Wednesday 14 May 2008
Location: The Mix Café, UCSA Building
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UCSA 2007 Half AGM Minutes

Title: UCSA half Annual General Meeting 2007
Ref: Half AGM_2007
Date, Time: Wednesday 25 July 12 noon
Location: The Mix Cafe

Present: UCSA Members and the UCSA Executive

Attending: Kate Farrell (minutes)

Belinda welcomes everyone who is attending

It is established that there is quorum for the accounts so they will begin with them.

Annual Accounts:

Brett MacDonald questions Page 11 where he notes that operating expenditure jumps to 17K in bad debts he asks the Chair what this is incurred to.

Belinda responds, explaining that the 2006 debts were mainly incurred from RDU; which at this point have mostly been recovered at this point.

Moved CHAIR

THAT the UCSA Financial Accounts for 2006 be accepted

Carried U

Abstentions

Sustainability Policy:

As the group waits for quorum, the Chair opens up discussion on the Sustainability Policy so that it can then be passed when possible.

Winnie, the Executive member who has been driving the policy is invited to speak. He explains that a lot of work has been put into it; it is a broad definition of what sustainability is- promoting recycling. The scope covers all operations that the UCSA has from paper use to other recycling. He goes on to explain that two drafts were submitted, one by Kate Hewson and one by Winnie himself. Winnie notes that Kate's has some amendments. Belinda suggests that it is a political commitment.

The chair calls for discussion

We are going to see as an outcome- starting from 0 so will be a 20 year process so the initial focus will be on fair trade, reduction in waste and recycling.

The sustainability portfolio on the exec- profile for what they would do next year.

Minutes from the AGM

After changes are made and recorded by the minute taker,

Moved CHAIR

THAT the Minutes from the UCSA AGM held 2007 be accepted as true and accurate record

Carried

Abstentions: 3

President's Report:

Belinda invites any questions

Moved PIPER/STEVENS

THAT the UCSA President's Report 2007 be accepted

Carried U

Abstentions: 5, Brett MacDonald

Order Paper:

Put out for discussion, it is noted that they are relatively self explanatory and should therefore be moved.

Belinda adds that the order paper has been made available for viewing for the required period.

Moved CHAIR

THAT the order paper and constitutional amendments as presented in 5.1.1 – 5.1.9 moved in full time by Millar be accepted

Carried

Abstentions: 2

Admissibility of Motions for the AGM:

Belinda reads the motion submitted by Tanya, item 6 in the papers and opens the motion for discussion.

Tanya is invited to speak to her motion and explains that as there are only two mass meetings such as this per year, they don't need to discuss obvious as it is a waste of time and not productive. Therefore, so long as it doesn't change the meaning of the constitution then the changes should be made where needed.

Brett MacDonald notes that for the purpose of point 6, in regards to time wasting this discussion is doing just that.

In response, Tanya notes that that may be the case but won't happen again as a result of this motion and is thus an invalid argument.

It is noted that so long as such changes are made readily available to students then there should be no problem.

Moved SCHWALM/WALLAS

THAT motions regarding the corrections of obvious spelling mistakes, punctuation or grammatical errors in the constitution, insofar as the intention of the constitution is clear in those cases, not be discussed as agenda items at AGMs or half-AGMS, but that these be quietly corrected in future copies of the constitution, with a record of any such corrections kept accessible to students on request, and any current changes distributed at each AGM.

Carried

Dissentions: 17

Abstentions: 7

Electronic Voting:

The Chair reads the motion, item 7 in the papers, noting that the target is distance students that the association has gained through the merger with CCE.

When opened for discussion, it is noted that it would be a fundamental change for how the elections are held and needs more time to assess the implications.

Belinda notes that it would not be implemented in 2007.

Brian O'Sullivan notes that it is a good idea but that there is already a provision in the constitution for special voting that cannot be on campus.

Tanya thinks it is a good idea to make voting more accessible to the students so she is in favour in principle.

Belinda notes that it would be the intention to make it available to all students

Moved CHAIR

THAT in the event the Executive decide to hold an electronic election, that the clause 1.2 of the Electoral Regulations regarding the placement of polling booths does not apply

For: 42

Dissentions: 11

Abstentions: 8

Carried

As the Sustainability discussion has taken place, the meeting moves to item nine.

The Chair speaks to this noting that it was clear that the students want a sustainability portfolio, after the forum earlier in the year.

The motion is read then opened for discussion

Kent notes that if the UCSA is made sustainable it will allow for the development of infrastructure.

It generally accepted as a good development by the meeting.

Moved CHAIR

THAT clause 4.2(i) of the Constitution be amended to read 'Activities' and an extra clause be inserted under this to read 'Sustainability', leaving clause (j) to become clause (k)

Carried U

Fair Trade Amendment:

Sam speaks to fair trade as a practice explaining that it guarantees a decent wage by co-operative rather than a limited market and therefore, money goes to the producers. Also, it is a better quality product which has added benefit for the environment.

Claire adds that sustainability policies, as a broad approach, allows the management to go forward with broader as it has larger practical issues.

It is agreed that passing this motion will be the beginnings of a political commitment to change within the UCSA.

Moved WILLYAMS

THAT the following paragraph be amended where appropriate to section 1.3.2 of the UCSA Constitution

“To support fair trade products on campus”

Carried

Dissentions: 3

Abstentions: 3

Election of the Finance Officer:

Frank is invited to speak as he presented the motion.

He notes that he didn't know it was going to be here and is no longer a student but as it stands, the Finance Officer is currently chosen by the exec after they are elected.

Belinda notes that it is on the agenda as it was outstanding business.

Sophie speaks to this explaining that it is a technical job so needs to be appointed the year before so that they can be trained by the current FO.

Michael Couch notes that it is a good change as there have been issues in the past with FO's.

Moved COUCH/PEIRCE

THAT paragraph 4.1.3 of the UCSA Constitution be amended to read:

“4.1.3 The President, Vice President, and Finance Officer shall be elected in the year prior to their taking office. The election of the Officers of the Association shall take place in accordance with Schedule 2 of this Constitution.

Carried

Dissentions: 2

There is a card call and quorum is gone.

Belinda thanks everyone for coming and participating.

The UCSA half-AGM closed at 12.55pm

8. Sustainable Food Products

Moved Sam Willyams

That Section 1.3.2 be amended with the addition of an object stating "To move away from the sale of intensively produced animal products. Such as:

- i) Battery farmed hen eggs*
- ii) Fisheries with a large by-catch"*

The students of the environmental taskforce prepared this amendment to section 1.3.2.

9. Representation of Executive Remuneration

Moved Michael Couch

That clauses 4.2.9b, 4.2.9d, and 4.2.9e be updated to reflect actual gross payment in 2008

This is just a simple update. While its nice to know that salaries are as they were in 1999 or 2003 plus CPI each year, it would be more informative to know what people are being paid in 2008. This will also make working out what people are being paid in 09, 10, etc, much easier to work out when reading the constitution.