

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Date: 22nd March 2005

Location: Main Auditorium, Franklin Wilkins Building, Waterloo



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1. **WELCOME**
 2. **CONSIDER** matters to be raised under Any Other Business
 3. **RECEIVE** the KCLSU Annual Report 2003-2004 (Presentation)
 4. **RECEIVE** the Audited Accounts of the Students' Union (Presentation)
 5. **APPROVE** the Recommended Auditors for the Forthcoming Year (Knox Cropper)
 6. **RECEIVE** the Report of the Student Representative Council (Presentation)
 7. **RECEIVE** a Report on KCLSU Campaigns 2004-2005
 8. **APPROVE** the Recommendations on KCLSU Policy due to Lapse (Presentation)
 9. **APPROVE** the List of KCLSU Affiliations (Presentation)
 10. **RECEIVE** the updated KCLSU Strategic Plan 2004-2005
 11. **DISCUSS** the KCLSU Governance Review
 12. **DISCUSS** Issues at King's College London Residences
 13. **DISCUSS** Catering at Franklin-Wilkins Building
 14. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
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1. Apologies

Emma Dovener
Saud Khawaja
Laura Norris
Michael Walsh

Present

Shahnan Bakth
Fionnula Barton
Kate Cleary
Georgina Davies
Francesca Doran
Peter Ellender
Seph Gillin
Laurence Glancz
Richard Horwood
Steven Howell
Chaminda Jayanetti
Rajesh Joshi

Ambroise Muchembled
Benny Ogidan
Roshani Patel
Lee Peterson
Ben Philip
Al-Kamal Rahman
Lauren Thompson
Kate Tomlinson
Rebecca Tregunna
Sam Williams
Ben Wiseman
Emma Wynne

In attendance

Rona Adam
Laura Bates (Membership Services Manager)
Alex Bone (Advice & Information Coordinator)
Gareth Boylam
Eleanor Coker (Deputy Membership Services Manager)
Pete Cuff (Deputy Membership Services Manager)
Philip English (Marketing Manager)
Gerald James
Omid Masoud
Vicky Morrisy
Matt Pusey
Rosa Razis
Peter Robertson (General Manager)
Aditi Sharma
Kathryn Skillings (Volunteer Coordinator)
Sneha Solanki
Bryan Taylor (Site Operations Manager)
Dan Summers (Democratic Services Coordinator) (Minutes)
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2. CONSIDER matters to be raised under Any Other Business

None.

3. RECEIVE the KCLSU Annual Report 2003-2004 (Presentation)

Presented by VPER.

Received without opposition.

4. RECEIVE the Audited Accounts of the Students' Union (Presentation)

Presented by VPER.

GERALD JAMES asked why the accounts show a surplus for last year, but budgets for this year predict a deficit.

GM: the budgets were based on requests, not actual allocations; commercial services are doing worse year on year; the depreciation of the Waterloo Student Centre

Received without opposition.

5. APPROVE the Recommended Auditors for the Forthcoming Year (Knox Cropper)

Approved without opposition.

6. RECEIVE the Report of the Student Representative Council (Presentation)

Presented by VPER.

BEN WRAY moved to censure P for non-attendance at this meeting and his continued failure to report, resulting in a censure at the last Executive Committee meeting.

VPSA opposed on the grounds that the failure to report was due to injury and non-attendance at this meeting was sanctioned by the Vice Presidents.

CHAMINDA JAYANETTI seconded the motion, accepting the fact that the VPs had sanctioned P's absence, but arguing they should not be placed in that position.

RICHARD HORWOOD seconded the opposition, stating that he is bored by the campaign against P, and that when he has seen him conducting Union business he has been professional.

Vote: 4 in favour, 16 against

GJ asked why the Strategic Plan only lasts a year and reads more like a mission statement.

VPER: it is in fact a 3 year plan; the full plan has not been provided as it is mainly operational

CJ asked if the VPSS has received any feedback relating to halls.

VPSS: Wolfson House Representative has produced a survey and hopes to distribute it; otherwise feedback comes in bits and pieces.

REBECCA TREGUNNA asked if the May ball had been cancelled due to the sale of Cobham.

VPSS: KCL & KCLSU still have access to the ground under the contract; there are currently discussions between John Grant and the May Ball Committee.

Received without opposition.

7. RECEIVE a Report on KCLSU Campaigns 2004-2005

Presented by VPER.

Received without opposition.

8. APPROVE the Recommendations on KCLSU Policy due to Lapse (Presentation)

Approved without opposition.

9. APPROVE the List of KCLSU Affiliations (Presentation)

OMID MASOUD asked why there need to be affiliations to FIAC, IoA and NACAB.

GM: these are historic affiliations that will be reviewed post this meeting, and probably will not continue, as the only advice offered now is academic.

BEN WISEMAN asked about the benefits of NUS and NUSSL affiliation.

VPER: NUSSL enables KCLSU to offer discounted food & drink to its members; NUS provide training, a powerful lobby, and 98% of students are represented by it.

SEPH GILLIN: will the subscription rise in the near future, ie to the level it should be at?

GM: all deals are to end soon, and next year it will probably be £60k.

FRAN DORAN asked if NUSSL support Fairtrade and supply products.

VPER: Yes

BEN WISEMAN asked about the shares in Friends Provident.

VPER: pension scheme

10. RECEIVE the updated KCLSU Strategic Plan 2004-2005

Presented by VPER.

GJ asked if there was any further information on the Strand redevelopment; will KCLSU be moving?

VPER: there are currently no plans to that effect.

SG: how will the governance review impact on the strategic plan?

VPER: the strategic plan led to the governance review; the plan is constantly reviewed

11. DISCUSS the KCLSU Governance Review

Presented by VPER.

The meeting broke into four groups to discuss four of the recommendations:

- i. KCLSU should restructure as a company limited by guarantee
- ii. Balanced Trustee board
- iii. Flexible Sabbatical officer posts
- iv. SRC should be reconstituted as some form of interim body

Feedback was noted and will be used to inform the Executive Committee's final recommendation.

12. DISCUSS Issues at King's College London Residences

Presented by BEN WRAY.

What position should KCLSU take on KCL residences and what can be done?

VPSS: IT provision should improve, with wireless access being rolled out.

CJ: an email requesting feedback should be sent to all students.

STEVEN HOWELL: we need to target KCL on a specific hall or problem, rather than just saying things aren't good.

BEN WRAY: KCLSU should encourage communication between all stakeholders, ie students, residence managers etc; perhaps forums should be set up

It was suggested that KCLSU look into offering more moving in support, in particular to those on courses that start at times other than September.

13. DISCUSS Catering at Franklin-Wilkins Building

Presented by BEN WRAY.

OM: it has always been bad; what can be done?

GM explained that KCL has a contract with Ecovert, rather than the other way round, therefore it is difficult to force any change in performance.

VPER suggested students could boycott Ecovert.

It was decided that something has to be done to mobilise students against the poor catering in FWB.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.