Oxford SU Transformation Committee

Friday 10th May 2024, 10:30am

Oxford SU, 4 Worcester Street, Oxford OX1 2BX.

Charity number: 1140687 Company number: 07314850



Members in attendance: Professor Martin Williams, Co-Chair (MW); Dr Saira Shaikh (SS); Dr Jane Hoverd (JH); Sir Malcolm Evans (ME); Danial Hussain (DH); Oluwaseun Sowunmi (OS); Ben Ward, Co-Chair (BW); Fay Shorter (FS).

Non-members in attendance: Lauren Gale (LG); Nikki Smith (NS); Emilie Tapping (ET); James Tibbert (JT).

Minutes: Melanie Duncan (MD).

| | Item | Actions |
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| 1. | Apologies | |
| | - No apologies received. | |
| | - OS will be attending the meeting late. | |
| 2. | Introductions | |
| | The committee members introduced themselves prior to the first meeting and spoke about what they would like the committee to achieve. | |
| 3. | Conflicts of Interest | |
| | - No conflicts declared. | |
| 4. | Matters arising from previous meeting | |
| | Committee noted the updated Terms of Reference. Reporting lines confirmed to Oxford SU Trustee Board & University Education Committee. | |
| | Committee noted the Committee Co-Chair positions as Professor Martin Williams and Ben Ward. | |
| 5. | Intro to SU governance and legal framework | |
| | ET delivered a presentation on the Oxford SU governance and legal framework. | |
| | The Committee noted the presentation. | |
| 6. | University Governance overview | |
| | SS delivered a presentation with an overview of the University governance structure. | |
| | The committee noted the presentation. | |
| 7. | University priorities for student consultation/representation | SS to propose a list of committees for |
| | The Committee to discussed where the Students' Union should be prioritising | Sabbatical Officer |
| | resources during the transformation period. | attendance next academic year. |
| | The Committee agreed that representation by Sabbatical Officers should be prioritised on the higher University committees, and particularly on the education- | |

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| 8. | focused committees during the transformation period. This would align with the Sabbatical roles which are in post next academic year. SS was tasked with proposing a list of committees for Sabbatical Officer involvement. SU Review final recommendations The Committee was asked to note the final report from the SU Review chaired by Baroness Royale. The Code of Practice between the University and the Students' Union has been approved at Education Committee. The Committee agreed that the recommendations from the review are reasonable. The Committee noted the report. | |
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| 9. | Transformation Plan ET presents an update on the transformation plan including the key priority areas for the project. The Committee are asked to approve the key priority areas. OS joined the meeting. The Committee discussed student engagement & the consultation process, how the SU will represent the student voice, and the role of Students' Union Campaigns. The Committee identified the Advice Service as a 'red-line' essential service of the SU. The Committee approved the key priority areas outlined by ET. | ET and JT to liaise re. the university survey team assisting the SU all student survey. |
| 12. | AOB The committee discussed Sabbatical handover and induction schedule. There will be a below the line paper at the next meeting. | ET/NS to bring Sabb handover/induction plan to next meeting as a below the line paper. |
| 13. | Date of the next meeting The next meeting will be held online on the 10 th of June at 2pm. | • |