

**Bangor University Students' Union
Extraordinary General Meeting
Monday January 28th 2008, 7pm**

Present

List kept on file.

Apologies

*Mark Jessett chairing, Xanthe Larcombe taking minutes.
Meeting opened at: 19.00*

1. Chairpersons Opening Remarks

The chairperson outlined the meeting

2. Applications for Speaking Rights

There were two applications for speaking rights:

- Ann Parry – Students' Union General Manager
- Daniel Turner – Previous Student

These applications were accepted by majority

3. Changes to the Agenda

It was announced that following this agenda point, there would be a presentation to clarify the changes proposed by the Governance Review.

4. Governance Review Presentation

Sam Burnett (Students' Union President) gave a presentation outlining the Governance review and the changes it would bring about if passed and ratified.

5. Motions

i. Constitutional Amendments

a) Articles of the Students Union Constitution

Speech For: Sam Burnett (Students' Union President)

A point of order was raised for a check of quoracy, it was deemed that the meeting was still quorate with 164 members present.

Speech Against: Ian Douulton (Independent Councillor)

Q: Both speakers touched on getting increased involvement in the Union. Do you feel that cross-campus ballot will increase involvement?

A (Speaker for): We believe that it will increase involvement in the Union.

A (Speaker against): I believe that it is a good way to increase involvement also.

Q: In the height of student apathy, how do you think that increasing the number of positions to 38 will improve the situation when its difficult to fill only the 15 now?

A (Speaker for): This aims to increase involvement and we do hope to fill all of these with people who really do wish to represent you, not just those who are well known.

Q: Do Socialist Students have any other issues except for the creation of the board?

A (Speaker against): The board is the main thing as we believe that external people should not be on the board as it is suppose to be a Students' Union.

A (Speaker for): This is a misunderstanding of what the board is. It is there to take on the trustee responsibilities.

Q: Who do you think the board lay trustees would be?

A (Speaker for): *An explanation of the board of Undeb (Trading) Cyf (Students' Union trading facilities associated company). was given.* People from external organisations bring extensive knowledge and business experience to the board. They also have legal compliance of being a board member to ensure legal compliance and the Union as a main matter.

Q: Under the new system would it be increasingly difficult to go bankrupt

A: It would be difficult

Q: Why would it be difficult?

A: Because the current executive committee lacks the training and experience of being board members.

Summation: Sam Burnett (Students' Union President)

The articles passed with:

FOR: 141
AGAINST: 22
ABSTENTIONS: 6

The meeting closed at 20.15