



FXU Union General Meeting (UGM)

Falmouth Lecture 1: 23/05/2017 4pm

1. Welcome, Introductions, Apologies

Present:

AW Alexa Webster (FXU President, Community and Welfare)
ACC Amanda Chetwynd-Cowieson (FXU President, Student Experience)
TMR Tom Murray-Richards (FXU President, Exeter)
MRB Matt Blewett (FXU Student Voice)
GP George Perry (FXU Student Voice)
BR Ben Rowswell (FXU Student Voice Director)
14 students (quorate of 50 not reached)

Apologies:

CS Chris Slessor (FXU President Falmouth)

2. Impact

Amanda introduced the FXU Impact report and explained how it is an interactive pdf with pictures and links to external sites. This will be sent out next week, so this is a sneak preview rather than the final document.

BR: This is the first time we've seen it, and there is loads of potential for featuring work done by the leadership team next year. Think about how you document your work next year.

3. Padlet

Is there a way to anonymously contact student support if I am worried about a friend?

Yes - email Tell.Me@fxu.org.uk who will give you advice, support, and can contact student support as well.

AW – also everything you send to [Tell me](#) is anonymous.

TOM just wanted to say thanks for the work you've done for exeter students in Cornwall this year. I genuinely feel that the uni are now more aware of our work and achievements and the fact that we are just as important as people at the other campus!

TR – thanks that's very kind

Amanda

Thank you for all the work that you've done these past two years. At times it feels like you're all that has held our union together, and I thank you for that. You have showed leadership when we truly needed it, organised campaign after campaign, represented us at the highest level, managed to hire a new CEO, and somehow managed to have time to be a wonderful friend. You'll be sorely missed - thanks for making FXU a better place to be :)

ACC – So glad we have finally hired a new CEO. Geoff is coming from Bournemouth which has a great Student Union so we are thinking this is going to be great. It is a nice comment, thanks.

Can we see the presidents more in our lectures and around campus next year?

I feel like they're only around during freshers and the elections

TR – We need to make a choice whether to represent students at university meetings and meeting directly with students. I would love to spend more time talking to students, but I get more done when I represent students in Exeter University meetings, and feel I am as visible as I can be.

ACC – There was a suggestion to go in at the end of term, but there is a case for not annoying lecturers, who get asked for people to speak to students all the time.

AW – we did speak to more classes during elections, and that we aim to improve this next year. But it is difficult to do what we do, and to go around to every cohort takes an entire week.

Tom

Props to the best FXU Exeter President we've ever had!!! I don't know if people know just how much work you do for us every day but thank you so much - especially for driving the however many miles between here and Exeter a thousand times a week.

TMR – thanks. Exeter is 99.5 miles from my house, and I have been there 100 times, making 19,900 miles travelling for this job.

Are you still gonna stream this if the network is down,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, and can you make it not go down so much plz

ACC – I'm afraid not. IT are working on and it has really impacted our work this week. [It is out of our hands](#). There has been more investment in IT this year but as we understand it the current failure was not due to our IT systems themselves, but on physical systems that impacted IT servers.

Will the hustings still be going ahead if the GE campaign has been suspended?

ACC – all campaigns are not doing anything for 24 hours. We will get final confirmation tomorrow morning. We are planning for it to go ahead.

houses

why is the uni increasing student numbers again and building some ugly flats... the computer generated images for the new build look really ugly and dull... do we not have some budding architects on campus who could design some better looking buildings?? like nice victorian style?. I don't think anyone wants fal to look like it is built of those ready-made houses that were put up after WWII:)) can you ask whoever's in charge please

AW – Thanks to ACC, students were able to give their input into this process.

ACC – I will feed that back to project board. We have argued for students to be included at every stage of the development process. Following the last consultations, plans have been developed from everyone's input and now you can [comment](#) on their developments on Thursday 25 May, 12-2pm and 5-7pm in Exchange Green

Exeter President and elect

What policies will Dean be taking on from Tom officially next year?

TMR – I will tell Dean what I have done, but it is important for Dean to take on what he wants to do. You only have 12 months to do what you need to do, so Dean will be under no obligation.

DP – We have broadly continuity, but there are some things that I will treat slightly differently – like campus visibility.

My friend asked...

"Why is Falmouth "free speech" but it ignores everything they don't like"

ACC – This is a little bit unfair; there are not many universities whose Vice Chancellors will sit down and listen to students' issues.

Why are there not many things on here? And why do things have to be approved? You should just allow everything. We are all adults not children. And stop blocking porn on reset please.

Unfortunately, these posts require approval now because there are personal abusive comments being posted. They were not moderated until abuse was posted.

LB – a few people ruin it for everybody.

4. Introduce Leadership Team 2017 / 2018

BR – this is a notoriously difficult time of year, so it is good to see some people here from our [new Leadership Team](#):

Oliver Mas – Student Voice Chairperson

Harrison Mclady – Community Officer

Abbie Banner - Environment and Ethics Officer

Hannah – Louise Davies – Sports Officer

Sarah Redman – Societies Officer

Lydia Allegretto – Volunteering Officer

5. AOB

LB – congratulations to everyone from leadership team here and making these meetings less awful, and congratulations to everyone nominated for FXU awards – good to know that what you are doing is getting noticed.

Apologies to V-Team – Kristy was ill today but aims to meet with you tomorrow.

To the new Leadership Team you can log these meetings as volunteer hours.

ACC – tomorrow is [SLIP and SLIDE!](#)