



Falmouth & Exeter Students' Union

FXU Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2017 Falmouth Campus, Lecture Theatre 2 16th February, 4pm

1. Welcome & Introductions

This meeting was [live streamed](#) on the FXU Facebook page

Introduced [FXU Presidents](#) with apologies from Jamal Clarke, President Student Experience

Introduced the [Leadership Team](#)

Present: 69 students, 1 staff – quorate reached

Rob Holmes – [Director of Finance](#), Falmouth University

2. Ratification of minutes of previous AGM

Proposed Sarah Redman

Seconded Lydia Allegretto

Minutes passed

3. Announce results of delegate elections

The Falmouth delegate is **Harry Bishop**

The Exeter delegate is **Sarah Redman**

They will join our ex-officio delegate, Jamal Clarke, to represent our students at [NUS national conference](#).

4. Video updates from trustees and CEO

[FXU President Exeter, Dean Pomeroy](#)

Q: Why was the dissertation stone timetable pushed back?

DP: It has been held up by logistics. It will be going up by the SERFS building

Q: How will you communicate future sustainability activity by University of Exeter?

DP: I will lobby Exeter to increase physical information on site.

Q: Will you be applying for a green impact award?

DP: That is an FXU aim for this year.

[FXU President Student Experience, Jamal Clarke](#)

Q: Are there plans to make club facilities more affordable?

Q: Where is Jamal's work around societies and the green campus?

Q: Are there any plans for expanding sports facilities on campus?

Q: Are any plans for accessible sports team/club on campus?

Jamal was not present at the meeting, so these questions will be put to him separately.

[FXU President Community & Welfare, Harry Bishop](#)

Q: What prompted the V Team awards to be part of the society accreditation scheme?

LA: To improve recognition for individual students, and better log student volunteer activities to recognise individual contributions.

Q: What other subjects will voices cover?

HB: If voices exists next year, we may cover Cornish students, mental health issues, and other widening participation subjects.

Q: Voices & inclusivity, what about people shunted into societies?

HB: Voices focusses on widening participation groups, if you want

Q: Are there any plans to take Voices to Streatham campus?

HB: That would be up to Exeter guild. Voices is expanding, so we need to stay ahead.

[FXU President Falmouth, Chris Slesser](#)

Q: Why does Falmouth put in 40% of FXU budget and Exeter only 18%?

CS: It is representative of the number of students in each university. See the [Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended July 2017](#)

5. Report of the Trustees on the Union's activities since the previous AGM

Student trustees Matthew Clarke & Grace Sodzi presented the [trustees report](#) that covers agenda items 5, 6, 7 & 8.

Q: How do groups access Falmouth funds?

RH: All groups are treated the same.

Q: Why not use the surplus to cover the £3 card minimum spend?

MC: Facilities are run by FXPlus. We do need our own surplus to run.

DP: Jamal is in talks to FXPlus about card fees.

RH: The card fee is there to cover cost of its administration, but we are talking to card providers.

Q: Is there any reason why there is no funding for Falmouth field trips?

RH: It is up to courses whether they subsidise trips. Some fund local trips only, but trips further afield tend to be self-funded.

Q: I don't want to see our fees go up £250 and massive pay rise to Vice chancellor.

DP: Next week there will be a [Question Time](#) event where you can ask your University's senior team about anything from studies, strikes, welfare provision, value for money, campus facilities, or more.

Q: When will the Vice Chancellor visit this campus?

DP: The VC does come down for some engagements here and in Truro.

Q: When was the last time VC had Q & A with Cornwall students?

DP: Q & A usually happens with deputy VC, and DVC Tim Quine does come down.

6. Receive accounts of the Union for the previous financial year

For	42
Against	1
Abstain	15

Passed

7. Appointment of the auditors

As set out in the FXU Constitution, the appointment of the auditors must be agreed at the AGM. These are Lang Bennetts Statutory Auditors (based at The Old Carriage Works, Moresk Road, Truro, TR1 1DG) have historically audited the financial statements of Falmouth and Exeter Students' Union and it is proposed that they are appointed for the preparation of the Financial Statements 2017-18.

In line with good practice, it is recommended that the auditors will be changed after the preparation of the Financial Statements 2017-18 as they have been appointed for more than 5 years in succession.

For	57
Against	1
Abstain	2

Passed

8. Approve the list of affiliations of the union

For	43
Against	9
Abstain	4

Passed

9. Motions

[Reduce single-use plastics for the ocean's sake!](#)

- Abbi Banner presented the motion
- No one spoke against the motion
- Abbie Banner spoke for the motion

For:	60
Against:	0
Abstain:	1

Passed

[Animals and the Environment Deserve Meat-Free Mondays](#)

- Abbi Banner presented the motion

- Spoke against, saying they would not disagree with aim, but the options available at the moment are not inclusive for people with dietary requirements so taking away one option that would make the lower Stannary less inclusive. Forcing that decision takes that freedom away from students.
- Abbie Banner responded: Thanks for raising point. Never heard of any diet requiring meat. By making just the hot food options does not mean you have to exclude other allergens from at least one or two, and you could still have those options in the shop and fridge, Koofi, AMATA and ESI so there are lots of places on campus. It's just one small way to make campus more sustainable. The least we could do is have one day a week to stop doing these catastrophic things

For: 35

Against: 15

Abstain: 7

Passed

Innovation Afternoons: Freeing Wednesday Afternoons From Teaching

- Chris Slesser presented the motion
- No one spoke against the motion
- Chris Slesser argued for the motion

For: 56

Against: 0

Abstain: 3

Passed

10. Question your FXU representatives (e.g. Trustees/Officers)

Q: Will FXU support UCU strikes, if not why not?

DP: We've formulated [a statement](#) which is on the FXU website. We support the cause, but not the action.

Q: What action are you taking on that decision? Are you talking to groups of people?

DP: We have met with Exeter and UCU in order to put in place mitigation processes for students who may be affected.

Q: Where can I get refund as we are not getting the lessons we paid for?

DP: Air your question at the [discussions](#) on Tuesday next week. The event description includes the strike subject. Peter Lanyon DDM 7pm – 9pm 20th Feb.

Q: Can we have FXU drag show; who would be RuPaul?

HB: Have proposed this to presidents, we have just won Jamal round. Chris will be RuPaul.

Q: Can we as students not be held liable for our fee as the strike will impact on us?

DP: That is one of the questions you can ask on [Tuesday](#).

Q: What is the salary for VC Exeter 2017 – 2018 £426k + Benefits

DP: That is one of the questions you can ask on [Tuesday](#).

Q: There are more halal options on campus, is there anything being done to increase Halal across both campuses?

DP: Jamal is talking to FXPlus to increase this provision..

Q: There is a compulsory trip in June during Ramadan when muslim students are fasting, can this not happen?

DP: Please raise it through the course rep system.

CS: We are putting together a cultural events calendar so that staff are aware when things like this are happening to avoid clashes.

Q: My choice to attend Falmouth was made because the letter I received addressed me by my preferred name, but on arrival my university card used my dead name. What makes my preferred name standard/default across university systems?

HB: There is a lot more both universities can do. There is a process called bailing / masking that needs to be enforced.

Q: What is bailing/masking?

HB: The dead name shouldn't show up, so everything student facing shows the preferred name.

Q: Why isn't Jamal here, and why wasn't he here for inclusivity event?

DP: He is working within FXU attendance requirements.

11. Announce Presidential candidates

The candidates for President Exeter are:

Sajjad Jabarkhel

Olly Smith

The candidates for President Falmouth are:

Callie Edwards

Noah Thompson

The candidate for Student Experience is:

Sarah Redman

The candidates for Community & Welfare are:

Harry Bishop

Pipkin Bee D'Albaic Riddough

Following the AGM, a [Question and Answer](#) session was held with all candidates.

12. AOB

No further business

Meeting closed at 17:57.