

Union General Meeting Agenda

10th May 2018, 4pm, Penryn Campus,
Chapel Lecture Theatre



1. Welcome, Introductions, Apologies

2. Matters Arising

Jamal Clarke

Sports committee

The nominations are now open for the FXU Sports committee. The Sports Committee Chair position has been filled, but other positions are available. The nominations close on 18th May, and voting open from Monday 21st May.

Stannary Extension – Have your say!

Presentation by Dominic O’Neil

Campus plans 2020

The 2019/2020 plan is sized for 7000 students on campus, with a floor area of 45,000 sqm being non-residential area development. The proposed plan for more shared social space is a link between the space of the Stannary and library. With an extension on the Upper Stannary area, there is more space to accommodate different social events and other uses.

In regards to academic space, there is a plan for more shared areas for study. Planning will begin during May 2018, and procurement during June 2018. Construction is due to begin from September 2018 onwards.

Questions and comments can be sent directly to campusplan@fxplus.ac.uk

Questions

Have you thought about incorporating ATM to it?

Answer: There is a window ready in the heart building for an ATM, so there is scope to create a new machine. Contracts need to be decided upon before such actions can be taken.

Will current commercial partner operating the stannary move over to operate it, or will it be open to others?

Answer: A catering retail manager has just been appointed, and there has currently been no decisions regarding the future of it for now.

Masters suite – is there one for Falmouth students?

It is currently in a transition year at the moment as a space for postgrads, and is on the Falmouth estates strategy.

Energy rating – is the new building going to be more than ESI?

The new building will have a better energy rating.

How is FXplus planning on communicating the changes?

Communication has been, and is a challenge. We rely heavily on communication channels of the Universities, so we do not directly communicate, but we will be working hard to get communication across. There is an email subscription you can check out on a website to get this information.

Woodlane: Will there be posters showing the new changes?

We will likely use both physical and digital methods to show any changes.

Regarding the Stannary: What is impact when it is under construction?

We will be doing what can we do during the summer months while most of the students are away. The breakthrough between the library and the Stannary are likely to be a separate project; the construction building outside first as breakthrough will be more disruptive. There are talks to the contractors in the coming week(s) to understand timings and what is going to be disruptive. There is also a plan to review what is on offer for food.

Furniture: Can a student be involved in the decisions?

Yes. It is really important for a student to be involved, as it is something you touch, feel, and work on/with. The furniture will be trialled.

What is capacity of the Stannary for events after new build?

The overall capacity will be a lot bigger, but there will also be space available for smaller events by dividing this area.

3. Motion Updates

Chris

The motion around Wednesday afternoons being free across the campuses has happened, and will be starting from September. The Workshop festivals have been a success this year, and there has been some drop-ins and discussion about diversifying the workshops on offer for the next events. There has also been discussion about departments committing to putting

these workshops on. Technical facilities have been moved around on Wednesday's and Thursday's, and Wednesday afternoon maintenance has been moved to Friday's. Finally the EC process has been reviewed, and a fund pot has been created to invest in Falmouth's course based societies, in order to blur academic and social bubbles.

Jamal

There was a mandate to reduce plastic consumption, so a coffee cup initiative is due to launch to tackle the use of plastic. There has also been more discussions on how to reduce the campus carbon footprint. The Meat free Monday meeting is yet to take place.

4. Questions for FXU Presidents & Officers

For everyone: what is biggest achievement and biggest regret?

- **Dean:** My biggest achievement would probably be reasserting the Penryn campus presence to the main Exeter campus. My regret would be that I would have liked a landmark event in Cornwall which would be available university wide experience.
- **Jamal:** My achievement would be organising activities ball, and regret that I am still not pleased with Stannary food.
- **Chris:** My biggest achievement is developing the academic representation with Falmouth, both course level and academic level. My regret is that I am a slow worker, so would have liked to have worked more on the mature and international student representation.

- **Harry:** My biggest achievement is working on voices, and my regret is that I came in on a strong policy regarding student support, which I have not done that completely. I am working with the Samaritans though related to that.

For all: Many people especially first year feel not enough sign posting on campus. An incentive to get checked, more drop ins. Is there anything you have looked at to incorporate it for this/next year?

- **Harry :** I haven't worked with external partners enough, and not referred to them properly. I am however looking to do a focus group regarding this on 21st at Falmouth campus, and 23rd May Penryn campus. Since the Sexibition and on-campus testing, I have created a sexual health working group, and am looking into doing an event.
- **Chris:** The student voice team and online user experience, to try to capture student opinion.

For dean: In previous LTM and working groups – big issue of attendance in lectures and seminars – any update?

- **Dean:** I don't think anyone has the answers. In my view it is seeing a student as a consumer. One of the areas that the university is trying is to create a sentiment that it isn't like that, more like a gym membership. I've been working with the university to establish tutor for entirety of university experience, and to focus outside of modules, in order to Look at you as a holistic human being. All this

would hopefully allow a student to have a one to one experience with the university, where things can also be flagged earlier.

For dean: will there be a possibility to boost student projects like the penryn monopoly?

- **Dean:** yes

Can you describe presidency in three words?

- Jamal – photographs, food, sport
- Dean – local, national, european
- Chris – interdisciplinary, legacy, draconian
- Harry – voices, voices, voices

5. Introducing the new FXU leadership team

- Mary Yemisi Shobowale – Student Voice Chair
- Bethan Hellier – Undergrad Education Officer (Exeter)
- Ryan Trantor (Falmouth) – Academic Officer Falmouth
- River Owsley – Brown – Academic Officer Penryn
- Mafalda Ribeiro – Open Officer (Exeter)
- Christopher Bigland – Open Officer (Falmouth)
- Francis Owusu - International Officer
- Kurt Ruby - Mature Student Officer

- Annissa Warsame – Faith Chair
- Kirsten Perkins – Liberation Chair
- Phoebe Coppell – Sports Officer
- Esther Wilson – Community Chair
- Fatuma Mohammed – Widening Participation Officer
- Elizabeth Streeter – Environment and Ethics Officer
- Iona Davis – Fundraising officer
- Henry Massimo – Volunteering Officer
- Branwen cleaver – Societies Officer

For further information about the Leadership Election results follow this link

<https://www.fxu.org.uk/news/article/6013/FXU-Leadership-Team-election-results/>

6. AOB Next meeting and Close

The next leadership team meeting is 15th May