

MINUTES OF OU STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
BIENNIAL CONFERENCE 2022

A Record of the Proceedings

Conference Business

The Business element of Conference took place online in the fortnight proceeding Conference weekend. All documents were published online on 17 December 2021. Questions were invited to a dedicated forum from 5 January 2022. Voting closed on 19 January 2022. Casting a vote in Conference Business was a pre-requisite for attendance at the weekend programme.

Conference 2022 Business Resolutions: results of the voting.

Number of eligible voters		240
Votes cast online:	170	
Total number of votes cast:		170
Turnout:		70.8%
Number of votes found to be invalid:		0
Total number of votes to be counted:		170

RESOLUTION A: Replace the biennial Conference with an Annual General Meeting

RESULT	No. votes	% of valid votes
Approve	94	56.97%
Not approve	71	43.03%
Abstain	5	

RESOLUTION B: Implement the recommended changes to the composition and appointment of the Board of Trustees

RESULT	No. votes	% of valid votes
Approve	96	60.38%
Not approve	63	39.62%

Abstain	11	
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RESOLUTION C: Replace the Central Executive Committee with a new student leadership and representation structure featuring a Student Leadership Team and a Student Forum

RESULT	No. votes	% of valid votes
Approve	116	70.73%
Not approve	48	29.27%
Abstain	6	

RESOLUTION D: Implement the recommendation of a new Scrutiny Panel to hold the Student Leadership Team to account

RESULT	No. votes	% of valid votes
Approve	119	72.56%
Not approve	45	27.44%
Abstain	6	

RESOLUTION E: Implement a range of minor and consequential changes to the Articles

RESULT	No. votes	% of valid votes
Approve	125	85.03%
Not approve	22	14.97%
Abstain	23	

RESOLUTION F: Approve the minutes of the previous Conference 2020

RESULT	No. votes	% of valid votes
Approve	158	99.37%
Not approve	1	0.63%

Abstain	11	
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RESOLUTION G: Receive the report of the Board of Trustees

RESULT	No. votes	% of valid votes
Approve	159	98.76%
Not approve	2	1.24%
Abstain	9	

RESOLUTION H: Receive the report of the Central Executive Committee

RESULT	No. votes	% of valid votes
Approve	159	98.76%
Not approve	2	1.24%
Abstain	9	

RESOLUTION I: Receive the Association's 2019-20 and 2020-21 Accounts

RESULT	No. votes	% of valid votes
Approve	159	99.38%
Not approve	1	0.62%
Abstain	10	

RESOLUTION J: Approve the appointment of the Association's External Auditors from August 2022

RESULT	No. votes	% of valid votes
Approve	154	96.86%
Not approve	5	3.14%
Abstain	11	

RESOLUTION K: Approve the continuation of the Association's membership of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) and the Charity Finance Group (CFG)

RESULT	No. votes	% of valid votes
Approve	163	99.39%
Not approve	1	0.61%
Abstain	6	

RESOLUTION L: Approve the discontinuation of the Association's affiliation with London Nightline

RESULT	No. votes	% of valid votes
Approve	140	92.11%
Not approve	12	7.89%
Abstain	18	

In respect of the above results, resolutions E, F, G, H, I, J, K and L have met the 75% quorum required and have been duly approved by Conference delegates.

Conference programme

Conference 2022 was held online due to the continuing effects of the Pandemic. The programme is outlined below:

Friday 21 January 2022

4 – 4:50pm Welcome to the Conference 2022, Business Results and our 50th Anniversary

5 – 5:50pm Wellbeing toolkit

5 – 6pm What the Association can do for you

6:30 – 8pm Quiz

Saturday 22 January 2022

9 – 9:50am DIY study-space tips

10 – 10:50am The OU and the BBC

11 – 12pm Policy and Innovation in the nations: a panel discussion with the OU
nation Directors

11 – 12pm Coffee and Consultation – Sustainability

1 – 1:50pm Key speaker: Jackie Weaver

2 – 2:30pm Evaluating facts: memes and current events: knowing what to trust
online

2 – 2:30pm Desk yoga

2:30 – 3:20pm Key speaker: Jasvinder Sanghera

2:30 – 3:20pm Coffee and consultation: Digital World Connectivity

3:30 – 4pm Lightning talks with Nick Braithwaite

3:30 – 4pm Mindapples

4:50pm Question time with the Vice-Chancellor

5 – 6pm University Challenge

7 – 8pm Virtual pub

Sunday 23 January 2022

9 - 9:50am Exams at the OU: what is the future?

9 – 9:30am Virtual café

9:30 – 10am Meditation

10 – 10:50am Life as a Postgraduate Research student

10 – 10:50am Coffee and consultation: Inclusivity

11 – 12pm Student Insights – Exploring EDI

11- 12pm Association societies – what do I need to do

1 – 1:50pm Women in STEM

1 – 1:50pm Coffee and consultation: Student finance

2 – 2:30pm My student experience

2 – 2:45pm Coaching for Success

2:30 – 3:20pm Study tips

2:30 – 3:20pm In conversation with Politicians: Baroness Garden of Frognal & Daniel Zeichner MP

3:30 – 4pm Thank you for joining us!

Presentation of Honorary Life Membership

The Students Association presents Honorary Life Membership to those students who have played an active role in the organisation and who have gone over and above what is expected to represent and support fellow students.

Patrick Johnson

Patrick's dedication has been matched by his flexibility, happily stepping into additional roles to help ensure that students continue to have a voice where it might otherwise be lacking.

Patrick's passion for volunteering shines through and is a great example to those newer to the roles.

I can't think of anyone who is more deserving, he genuinely has been an asset.

Seeing Patrick learn and grow from interacting with such a diverse range of students from all areas of the world; and working to enable them to feel welcome and involved is a skill I have admired in him.

Honorary Vice-President

Wendy Burrell

Wendy is kind, unflappable, organised, efficient, approachable, smiling, sympathetic, helpful...I cannot think of a more suitable and worthy person to become an Honorary Vice President.

Wendy has time for everyone, no matter what role they perform...she is widely considered to be a font of wisdom and kindness by all students and staff.

Wendy has been a superb member of staff for as long as I have been involved with the Association. Wendy has always been the very epitome of diplomacy and tact and such a wordsmith...always full of sage advice and always willing to listen.

