



**Annual Members Meeting 2017/18**  
**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018, 5:30pm**  
**The Venue, Edge Hill Students' Union**

Agenda Item		Action
<b>Welcomes &amp; Introduction from the Chair</b>		
Meeting chaired by EHSU VP Welfare, Rosie McKenna (RM). RM welcomed members to the meeting and outlined AMM protocol. With fewer than 100 members in attendance at the time the meeting was scheduled to start, RM declared the meeting inquorate. After 30 minutes, quorum had still not been reached. At this point, the meeting proceeded with the members in the room constituting a revised quorum of 34, in line with Bye-Law 5 of EHSU's constitution.		
<b>1</b>	<b>2016/17 AMM Minutes</b>	
Minutes from the 2016/17 AMM, which took place on [INSERT DATE] were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.		Minutes Approved
<b>2</b>	<b>2016/17 Financial Statement</b>	
EHSU VP Activities, Daniel Bocharnikov (DB) presented EHSU's financial statements for the preceding year, detailing how EHSU generates incomes and how it is spent. Total income for 2016/17 was £1,391,000, while expenditure was £1,518,694. As a result, a deficit of £128,000 was recorded. DB noted that figures reflect investment in a new Policy & Campaigns team and a Subway franchise. No questions followed. Meeting noted the financial statements.		Financial Statement received and noted
<b>3</b>	<b>Affiliations</b>	
RM provided a list of organisations EHSU is affiliated with. The list of affiliations was as follows: National Union of Students; British Universities and Colleges Sport; Advice UK; Child Poverty Action Group; National Homelessness Advice Service; UK Council for International Student Affairs; and National Association of Student Money Advisers.  RM proposed that EHSU continue to be affiliated with each of these organisations. Affiliation were approved.		Affiliations Approved
<b>4</b>	<b>EHSU Annual Statement</b>	
EHSU VP Academic Representation, Luke Myer (LM), delivered EHSU's annual statement, detailing governance review, focusing on key activities from the		Statement received and noted.

	preceding year. Topics covered in the report included: new strategic plan; EHSU's corporate rebrand; investment in Policy & Campaigns department; investment in Subway; creation of a Hate Crime Reporting Centre; an increase in the number of students accessing the EHSU Advice Centre; increased representation for marginalized students; timetabling improvements; increased funding for sports team; and an increase in the number of Give it a Go events organised.	
<b>5</b>	<b>Strategic Plan and Student Council</b>	
	EHSU President, Ben Whittle, updated members on EHSU's new 2017-2022 strategic plan, before detailing proposals for a Student Council to improve accountability of elected officers, while also providing an opportunity for more students to shape EHSU policy directly.	Report received and noted
	<b>Motions</b>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Have Members Meetings More Often</b>	
	Motion proposed and presented by Joseph Bradford (JB), who noted that AMM is currently the only opportunity for students to vote on EHSU policy. JB argued that, as a democratic organization, more opportunities to influence policies that will affect them. Chair offered opportunity for students to speak for and against. One student spoke in favour of the proposal, nobody spoke against. Chair put motion to vote.	Motion passed
<b>7</b>	<b>Mental Health Working Group</b>	
	Motion proposed and presented by Molly Houghton (MH). MH noted that with increasing numbers of students reporting mental health problems, MH stated that a mental health working group should be convened, which would coordinate campaigns and organise forums for students to shape EHSU's work in this area. Chair offered opportunity for people to speak for or against the motion, before proceeding to vote.	Motion passed
<b>8</b>	<b>Team Edge Hill Membership</b>	
	Motion proposed and presented by DB. DB noted that, in previous years, Team Edge Hill Members, had received discounted sports centre membership and argued that this should be restored. Motion also resolved to lobby the university to provide indoor training facilities for Edge Hill sports teams. Chair provided opportunity for members to speak for or against the motion, before calling for a vote.	Motion passed
<b>9</b>	<b>Student Council/Senate</b>	
	Motion proposed by Jack Fields (JF). JF withdrew motion in light of Agenda Item 6 being passed.	Motion withdrawn
<b>10</b>	<b>What does a Sabb do, anyway?</b>	

Motion proposed and presented by LM. LM stated that it is vital that members are aware of the work their elected representatives do, noting that in December 2017 and January 2018 he and DB had undertaken outreach work, visiting lectures to describe what the SU had been doing in the preceding months. LM proposed that this outreach should be a fixed annual event in the EHSU calendar and should be supported by specific marketing strategies to improve the visibility of elected officers. Chair offered opportunity for members to speak for and against, before proceeding to vote.		Motion passed
<b>11</b>	<b>Environmental &amp; Ethical Committee</b>	
Motion proposed and presented by DB. DB argued that all decisions made within the SU should take into account environmental and ethical considerations, informed by student feedback. As a result, motion proposed electing a committee to oversee and organise sustainability campaigns. Chair offered members the opportunity to speak for and against the motion, before allowing members to vote on the proposal.		Motion passed
<b>12</b>	<b>Part-Time Officers</b>	
Motion proposed and presented by JF. JF proposed that more Part-Time Officers positions be created to reflect the student population at Edge Hill. Possible new roles suggested by JF included: Commuting/Travelling Officer; Housing/Accommodation Officer; Accountability Officer; and an Equalities Officer. JF also proposed creating relevant committee associated with any new officers' roles. Speeches made both for and against the motion by members, before vote was taken.		Motion did not pass
<b>Motions Submitted via 'Your Ideas' Page</b>		
<b>13</b>	<b>Kettles &amp; Microwaves</b>	
Motion proposed online by Saffah Mahmood who was not in attendance. Proposal noted that other universities have equipment such as kettles and microwaves around campus that students have access to and called on similar facilities be made available to Edge Hill students to help them save money. Chair opened up the idea for discussion, before vote was taken.		Motion passed
<b>14</b>	<b>Society Celebration Day</b>	
Motion proposed on Your Ideas page of the EHSU website by DB calling for the creation of a day celebrating the work of SU societies. DB presented motion, noting that the aim would be for a collaborative event with other unions that would, in time, be a non-sporting equivalent of Varsity. Chair offered members chance to speak for and against proposal, before calling for members to vote on the motion.		Motion passed
<b>15</b>	<b>Reduced Accommodation Costs for Postgraduate Students</b>	
Motion proposed via Your Ideas page by Adam Jones (AJ). AJ was not in attendance at the meeting to present the motion. The motion proposed that		Motion passed

	EHSU lobby for discounted accommodation for postgraduate students. Chair offered the chance for students to respond to proposal. Members noted the differences in student finance access for postgraduate students and the additional financial burden this can cause. Chair called on members to vote on the proposal.	
<b>16</b>	<b>Turn the Old Library into a Students' Union space</b>	
	Motion submitted via Your Ideas page by Hannah Jones (HJ). HJ was not in attendance to present the proposal to members. The motion called for the university's old library building to be converted into a social space for students. Chair offered members the opportunity to discuss the idea. It was noted that the university had already formulated plans regarding what to do with the old library following the completion of the Catalyst building. Chair called for a vote on the motion.	Motion did not pass
<b>17</b>	<b>Clear Vegan Food on Campus</b>	
	Motion submitted via Your Ideas page by PJ Croad, who was not in attendance at the meeting. Motion called for there to be clearly labelled and uncontaminated vegan food options to be available on campus. Chair invited members to speak for or against motion. It was noted that the SU shop has clearly labelled vegan options. Discussion followed by vote being taken.	Motion did not pass
<b>18</b>	<b>Allow Sports Teams to Design Own Sports Kit</b>	
	Motion submitted via Your Ideas page by Adam Jones, who was not in attendance to present the idea to members. Motion proposed allowing sports teams to design their own kit. Chair invited members to speak for or against the motion. DB noted that the university is tied to a three year contract with a kit supplier, but teams are able to create own badge to add to kit. Chair called on members to vote on the motion.	Motion passed
<b>19</b>	<b>A Non-Playing Sports Membership</b>	
	Motion submitted via Your Ideas page by Daniel Thomas (DT) requesting that EHSU allow members to join sports teams on a social basis that would allow them to participate on a non-competitive basis and vote for and stand for committee places. DT not in attendance to present motion. Chair provided members with opportunity to speak for or against the motion, before asking them to vote on the idea.	Motion passed
<b>20</b>	<b>Cheaper Gym Memberships for Students Who Live Off Campus</b>	
	Motion proposed by Sam McAlpin calling for the cost of gym membership to be the same for students living off campus as those who live on campus. SM was not in attendance to speak to the motion. Chair invited speeches for and against the proposal, before calling on members to vote on the idea.	Motion passed
<b>21</b>	<b>Authorised absences from Wednesday lectures for sport</b>	

<p>Motion submitted via Your Ideas page by Adam Jones, who was not in attendance to present it. Proposal called for students to be able to miss lectures to compete in sport, with catch-up sessions provided to prevent students involved falling behind with their studies. Chair invited speeches for and against the motion. It was noted that current VP Academic Representation has been working with the university to keep Wednesday afternoon free for sport and other activities. However, it was noted that authorised absences would not be possible for courses with statutory attendance requirements or for students on work placements. Chair invited members to vote on the proposal.</p>		Motion did not pass
<b>22</b>	<b>Bring Back Karaoke Tuesdays</b>	
<p>Motion proposed via Your Ideas page by Adam Jones, who was not in attendance at the meeting. Motion called for karaoke nights in the SU bar to take place on a Tuesday on a fortnightly basis. Chair invited speeches for and against. It was noted that the SU Bar currently hosts a Karaoke night every Friday. Members invited to vote on the motion.</p>		Motion did not pass
<b>23</b>	<b>Better Facilities at Manchester Campus</b>	
<p>Motion submitted via Your Ideas page by PJ Croad, proposing improvements in catering and parking facilities for Edge Hill students studying at the St James campus in Manchester. Proposer was not in attendance at the meeting. Chair invited speeches for and against the proposal, before asking members to vote on the motion.</p>		Motion passed
<b>24</b>	<b>The Construction of an Ice Rink</b>	
<p>Motion submitted via Your Ideas page by Andrew Shaw, calling on the university to build an ice rink for recreational activities and sport. Proposer was not in attendance to present the motion. Chair invited speeches for and against, during which it was noted that this idea had been passed at the previous AMM. Members invited to vote on the idea.</p>		Motion passed

Details of active EHSU policy, including any progress that has been made in relation to ideas that have been passed by members, can be found at <https://www.edgehillsu.org.uk/student-voice/policy>.