

Trinity Saint David Student Union Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held at 15 November 2018, via video conference across all three campuses

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GM181115-01 Welcome	RS welcomed everyone to the meeting	
GM181115-02 Apologies	Elis Alsop, Sean Morgan	
GM181115-03 Officer Reports and Q&A	<p>a) Rob Simkins</p> <p>RS presented their report.</p> <p>Highlighted Housing Campaign as a particular area of work. People's Vote stuff went well and continuing to work with NUS Wales. Academic Policies review continuing, be good to of hear issues from students. Mental Health work also a priority. PTO role review has been passed at Councils and here for review.</p> <p><i>Report accepted</i></p> <p>b) Charlie Jones</p> <p>CJ presented their report.</p>	

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	<p>Main work has been Safer Swansea. Ask for Angela campaign is launching and working closely with Swansea University and local council. Student Parents and MH work has been a focus. Working with clubs and societies as well. Lots of cross campus work.</p> <p><i>Report accepted</i></p> <p>c) Josh Whale</p> <p>JW presented their report.</p> <p>Highlighted Nightline and Big White Wall project. Arranged meeting with Student Services and PVC Student Experience. Keep Wednesday's Free/Participation survey has launched and urged students to share and complete. Putting through a campaign on this. Looking for a space in Lampeter for PTO's to use and want to work on opening the Union space in Lampeter even more. Also working on student mental health projects. Block teaching has been a major focus of the work – starting some research on this next week to highlight issues.</p> <p><i>Report accepted</i></p> <p>d) Becky Ricketts</p> <p>Bloody Hell has been a big focus of the work. Lots of volunteering project work happening, looking to get more going on Carmarthen. Mr X has started soon. Sustainability Inspire Interns have been recruited and trained. Attended NUS Wales Zone and elected to NUS UK Welfare Zone, so good opportunity to bring in experience and other work on our own projects.</p> <p><i>Report accepted</i></p>	
GM181115-04 Strategic Plan	<p>RS presented the strategic plan that was developed in consultation with students, including at the last GM.</p> <p>No questions were asked.</p>	<p>rs</p>

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	<i>Strategic plan accepted.</i>	
GM181115-05 Budget and Affiliations	<p>RS went through the Budget and updated students on the new three year budget cycle and the areas of growth, as well as the affiliations the Students' Union has.</p> <p><i>Budget was passed unanimously.</i></p> <p><i>Affiliations was passed.</i></p>	
GM181115-06 Ideas Debate	<p>a. Lobïo'r Brifysgol i gyflwyno cynlluniau talu rhesymol i ôl-raddedigion / Lobby the University to layout realistic payment plans for postgraduates</p> <p><i>Proposed by: Swansea, Carmarthen & Lampeter Campus Councils.</i></p> <p>Idea was presented.</p> <p>No speech against.</p> <p><i>Idea was passed unanimously.</i></p> <p>b. Newid cylllyll a ffyrc plastig yn y ffreutur am rai pren / Replace plastic canteen cutlery with wooden cutlery</p> <p><i>Proposed by Swansea, Carmarthen & Lampeter Campus Councils.</i></p> <p><i>Amended by: Swansea, Carmarthen & Lampeter Campus Councils: To replace 'wooden cutlery' with 'biodegradable cutlery' in the body of the idea.</i></p> <p><i>Amended by Lampeter Campus Council to widen the idea to read: 'For the Students' Union to lobby the University to replace plastic cutlery with biodegradable cutlery and introduce biodegradable food packaging and cups in all University-run food and beverage outlets. For the Students' Union to introduce the same standards in Lampeter and to lobby their</i></p>	

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	<p><i>commercial partner in Carmarthen to do the same.</i></p> <p>Amendment 1 was presented.</p> <p><i>Amendment 1 was accepted.</i></p> <p>Amendment 2 was presented.</p> <p><i>Amendment 2 was accepted.</i></p> <p>Idea as amended was presented.</p> <p><i>Idea was passed.</i></p> <p>c. Caniatáu i fyfyrwyr sydd â phroblemau gorbryder i beidio â chymryd rhan mewn c yflwyniadau dosbarth / Allow students with Anxiety Mental health issues to opt out of class presentations</p> <p><i>Proposed by Swansea Campus Council.</i></p> <p><i>Amended by Swansea Campus Council: to replace 'opt out of class presentations' to read "opt out of all course presentations and assessments (including Vivas)"</i></p> <p>Amendment was presented.</p> <p><i>Amendment had 5 votes for, 5 votes against. Another round of speeches was offered and taken.</i></p> <p>Swansea spoke for the amendment.</p> <p>Carmarthen spoke against the amendment.</p>	

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	<p><i>Amendment had 5 votes for and 6 votes against, with 5 abstentions. Amendment falls.</i></p> <p><i>Idea had 5 votes for, 6 votes against, 5 abstentions. Idea not passed.</i></p> <p>d. Lloio'r Brifysgol i neilltuo o leiaf 48-72 o oriau rhwng asesiadau olynol / To lobby the University to have at least 48-72 hours between consecutive assessments</p> <p><i>Proposed by Lampeter & Carmarthen Campus Councils.</i></p> <p><i>Amended by Lampeter Campus Council: To delete the text in the idea and replace with "To lobby the University to commit to ensuring that students have sufficient time between individual assignment deadlines and examinations"</i></p> <p>Amendment was presented.</p> <p><i>Amendment was passed.</i></p> <p>Idea was presented.</p> <p><i>Idea was passed</i></p> <p>e. Lleihau'r amser y mae'n ei gymryd i gael benthyg o lyfrau gan y llyfrgell / Decrease the amount of time it takes to request library books</p> <p><i>Proposed by Swansea and Carmarthen Campus Councils</i></p> <p>Idea was presented.</p> <p><i>Idea was passed</i></p>	

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	<p>f. Adolygiad o Gyngor UMYDDS / TSDSU Council Review <i>Proposed by Swansea, Carmarthen and Lampeter Campus Councils.</i> <i>Amended by Swansea Campus Council: To make students who had completed a semester abroad and who had experience of being an international student eligible to run for the International Student Officer positions.</i> <i>Amended by Swansea Campus Council: To alter the name of the 'Black Students Officer' to 'Ethnic Minorities Officer'.</i> <i>Amended by Swansea Campus Council: To re-introduce a Trans Officer position and to alter the eligibility criteria for the Reserved Space LGBT+ Officer for self-defining women only.</i></p> <p>Amendment 1 (International Officer) was presented.</p> <p><i>Amendment 1 was not passed</i></p> <p>Amendment 2 (Renaming Black Students' Officer) was presented.</p> <p>Rob Simkins spoke against the amendment.</p> <p><i>Amendment was not passed.</i></p> <p>Amendment 3 (Trans Officer) was presented</p> <p><i>Amendment was passed.</i></p> <p>Idea was presented.</p> <p><i>Idea was passed.</i></p>	

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	<p>g. Cynnal a chadw y tir / Ground Maintenance <i>Proposed by Lampeter Campus Council.</i></p> <p>Idea was presented.</p> <p><i>Idea was passed</i></p> <p>h. Cysgod beiciau / Bike Shed <i>Proposed by Swansea and Carmarthen Campus Councils.</i></p> <p>Idea was presented.</p> <p><i>Idea was not passed.</i></p> <p>i. Undeb Myfyrwyr y Drindod Dewi Sant (UMYDDS) yn boicotio dyletswydd PREVENT / Trinity Saint David Students' Union (TSDSU) to boycott the PREVENT Duty <i>Proposed by Swansea, Lampeter and Carmarthen Campus Councils.</i></p> <p>Idea was presented.</p> <p><i>Idea was passed.</i></p> <p>j. Gwell ffynhonnau dŵr / Better Water Fountains <i>Proposed by Swansea Campus Council.</i></p> <p>Idea was presented.</p>	

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	<p>Idea was passed.</p> <p>k. Gwella'r ysgoloriaethau/bwrsariaethau sydd ar gael i ôl-raddedigion / Improve the scholarships/bursaries available to Postgraduate students <i>Proposed by Swansea, Lampeter and Carmarthen Campus Councils</i> <i>Amended by Lampeter Campus Council: To insert 'International and English-domiciled' so that the idea reads: "Improve the scholarships/bursaries available to Postgraduate, International and English students"</i></p> <p>Amendment was presented.</p> <p><i>Amendment was passed.</i></p> <p>Idea was presented</p> <p>Idea was passed.</p>	
GM181115-07 Forthcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Big Vote, elected positions available, online nominations opens on 16th November b. Course Rep Conference, 21st November, Carmarthen Campus c. Big Plant events, 17th November, Swansea & 24th November, Carmarthen. d. Housing Fayres; Lampeter (28th Nov); Carmarthen (27th Nov) and Swansea (3rd Dec). e. 'Real Men *don't* Cry' Charity Football match, Friday 16th November, Phoenix Centre. f. 'Daddy and Me Tea', Swansea, Tapestri Coffee Shop, 4-6PM. g. Look out for our 'Bloody Big Brunches' happening in Lampeter and Carmarthen h. Volunteering Month is Now! Get involved here: 	
GM181115-08 AOB	<p>a) Campus councils week 3rd of December (Carmarthen Monday, Lampeter Tuesday, Swansea Thursday)</p>	