

TLSU AGM 28.07.2022

Attendees:

Stephen Stanley (SMS) – President

Adriana Garcia Pinilla (AGP) – Vice President of Dance

Fenella Lawrence (FL) – Disabled Students' Officer

Natasha Hall (NH) – Musical Theatre Officer

And four other members of TLSU.

The meeting was declared quorate, and minutes recorded via Zoom transcript.

Annual Report

SMS welcomed members to meeting and presented TLSU Annual Report (as circulated to Trinity Laban's Board of Governors earlier in July), outlining the successes and struggles TLSU had faced over the 2021/22 academic year.

Report Q&A

AGP asked if TLSU sustainability measures were out of genuine desire for change or merely convenience. SMS explained multiple factors (environmental, economic, and social) behind sustainability drives, with environment at forefront. NH asked what tangible sustainability drives SMS had carried out; SMS cited recent net-zero carbon plan (as drafted by Sustainability Committee, which SMS sits on) and a recent meeting with Phil Harding (Estates and Facilities) and AGP to provide more bins on campus.

AGP stated that report had not contained any acknowledgement of Eleanor Daft's work as Vice-President of Welfare during Term 1; particularly concerning given ED left role due to a perceived lack of appreciation from leadership. SMS apologised for this oversight, and acknowledged ED's contributions.

AGP asked why Slack had been included in "positives" section of report given the issues software had caused for the team. SMS acknowledged that it was far from perfect but pointed out that it had allowed for compartmentalisation which had improved efficiency in certain areas.

FL asked if numerous issues with disabled access on campuses (particularly King Charles Court) had been included in written report. SMS acknowledged that these were not in written copy, but they had been in verbal report to Board of Governors.

NH asked if further discussions with Joseph Wengraf on issues with consent were scheduled to happen. AGP confirmed these would and, welcomed NH's contributions to future discussions.

SMS called for 5-minute recess before voting commenced.

Vote on proposed amendments to constitution

Four amendments proposed and discussed before vote was held.

2 amendments passed:

- Job descriptions (Appendix 1) – “All TLSU Executive Committee members may be invited to sit on any student disciplinary panel” to be added to all positions.
- Elections and Referenda (Schedule 1) 1.7.10: Requirement for hustings to be held “at least 5 days before voting opens” changed to “at least one working day before” (by-elections only)

2 amendments defeated:

- 5.11 (Officers of TLSU) – consider ruling out first-year undergraduates from running for president. FL and NH argued that this amendment was unfair if this did not apply to first-year postgraduate students, and it was voted down.
- Appendix 1, 4.1 – Remove requirement for Students Union Administrator to act as returning officer in elections. All abstained.

AOB

FL asked why meeting was so late in academic year and why executive committee had not received adequate notice. SMS explained that his recent case of tonsillitis had significantly delayed the meeting, and that notice had gone out well in advance. NH cited previous issues around delegation and expressed hope that next year’s team would not have the same issue.

SMS thanked Executive Committee for their work throughout the year, and welcomed AGP to her new role as President of TLSU.

Meeting ended at 18:55