

Council
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Trustee Board Report
Council Chair – Paul Beaumont

Since the last meeting of Council, the Trustees have met for an “away day”, but no official meeting.

At the away day, the difficulties and challenges the Union faces going forward were discussed, including:

- An update on the Strategic Plan set in 2013 so far
- The next financial arrangement with the College
- Position and place within the College’s strategic plan
- The Union’s next strategic plan
- Dealing with reputational damage from subsets of the membership and the impact upon the organisation as a whole
- Reform of the Union structure to enable faster and a less bureaucratic experience for the membership with their Union
- How to improve Communication and engage with students better
- Risk Management across the organisation

New members of the Board met with the current Board (and had training on the organisation the afternoon before) for the first time. Points worthy of note (in my opinion, given their large impact on the organisation) were discussions around:

- The financial arrangement with the College going forward
- Potential/opportunity to restructure the Union’s democratic bodies to better server the members
- How to improve communication with the student body

A review of all of the metrics the Union set itself in 2013 going forward continues to look positive.

Giving a little historical background for those who weren’t here, the Union (although it has its faults) is in a much better, more sustainable, more vocal and more privileged position now than it was three, or even six years ago (that I can remember – some other members of Council may be able to remember back before me!)

I (or any of the Officer Trustees, or any of the other Trustees of course), are happy to be questioned on any points and I/we shall endeavour to answer them to the best of my/our ability.