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SU Trustee Board decisions to be made

17 messages

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29 November 2021 at 10:39

To: Alfie Makepeace <669675@soas.ac.uk>, Arianna Simonetta <546575@soas.ac.uk>, Ella Spencer <es32@soas.ac.uk>, Jacynthe Marie Roesch <672193@soas.ac.uk>, Grace Cathryn Weston <657562@soas.ac.uk>, Anna Lofstrand <696496@soas.ac.uk>, Valentine Godard <662426@soas.ac.uk>, Julia Soldrzynski <675409@soas.ac.uk>, Khadijah Ankunda <pa13@soas.ac.uk>, Anika Chauhan <677847@soas.ac.uk>, Ellora Singh <675705@soas.ac.uk>, Lena Koch <664749@soas.ac.uk>, Krizzle <669204@soas.ac.uk>, Neelam Aslam <694870@soas.ac.uk>, Hisham Parchment <hp19@soas.ac.uk>, Maxine Mallon <668298@soas.ac.uk>, Lucia Rodriguez Pedroso <lr29@soas.ac.uk>, Vasundhara Pandey <694862@soas.ac.uk>, Ayat El-Naili <678708@soas.ac.uk>, Mahek Arora <672337@soas.ac.uk>, Rbeeza Mobeen <671035@soas.ac.uk>, Felix Henson <669878@soas.ac.uk>

Hi - I hope you're all doing well and keeping safe & warm!

For those of you who have recently been elected to Exec I'm aware that we haven't yet done our Trustee Board training. We will be organising asap.

We do have some Trustee Board business that needs to be done, so that's what this email is about.

Under our rules (the constitution) the Trustee Board is allowed to make decisions without a meeting (via an email) where everyone is in agreement. This allows you to make simple decisions quickly, rather than having to wait for a meeting or hold a special meeting to do it.

We have just held a Union General Meeting in which 3 motions submitted were passed.

These have to be approved by the Trustee Board so that we can make them into SU policy and actions. The Trustee Board is responsible for the legal, financial and governance of the Union as a charity, which means that you need to consider whether there are any risks or implications in these areas from motions that pass.

We would usually wait til the next meeting to approve the motions, but 2 of the motions have short timescales and action needs to be taken asap.

The motions in full are attached - these was one amendment to the title of the motion about online tutorials to 'Extension of Online Tutorials for international students and students facing health vulnerabilities preventing them from joining in person'. Everything else was passed without change.

My advice is that there are **no significant legal, financial or governance risks related to motions 2 or 3**. The resolves of these motions ask the SU to lobby SOAS to make changes to their policies and practice. These are within the remit of the Students' Union, and don't have any particular financial/resource requirements beyond what officers would normally be required to do in the course of their jobs as representatives.

The resolves of motion 1 do need to be noted by the Board. The resolves of the motion itself do not present any legal risks, however it's worth noting that there has been concerns in the past about how Trustees of the SU have taken part in actions on a picket line. This led to the Charity Commission getting involved. I will produce a short briefing note about this to share with you all. I don't see this as a high level of risk but I think it's something you should be informed about.

The other area to note is that the motion proposes that the SU venues & offices are closed for the strike days. This is for 3 days at the end of this week.

Union staff will be working from home to continue to provide welfare and advice for students where needed, so we will be continuing to fulfil our obligations as an organisation. However, as the shop & bar will be closed during the day time there will be some loss of income.

We have contracts with our commercial staff that means we will continue to pay them, so that they do not lose their income as a consequence. This is something that we can afford to absorb for these three days. If there is further industrial action next term then this will need a more in-depth conversation with the Board as the consequences will be more difficult for the SU to manage.

On this basis I would recommend that there are no reasons to stop the Trustee Board from approving these motions.

To make this decision without a meeting (via email) we will need to be quorate (that means at least 5 trustees voting, one of them being a Co-President), and the decision of those voting will need to be unanimous. If anyone disagrees we will bring this decision to a meeting for further conversation.

The deadline for voting is tomorrow (Tuesday 30th) at midday. This is a short deadline however, we need a decision on the strike related stuff before Thursday.

You can vote by replying to this email and saying that you:

1. Approve all the motions
2. Don't approve all the motions and want this decision to come to a meeting

If you have any questions about this let me know.

Thanks

Anna Dodridge
General Manager

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Ella Spencer <es32@soas.ac.uk>

29 November 2021 at 10:41

To: Anna Dodridge <ad88@soas.ac.uk>

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Hi Anna,

Thank you for this, I approve all these motions.

Best,

Ella

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Krizzel Mapaye <669204@soas.ac.uk>
To: Anna Dodridge <ad88@soas.ac.uk>

29 November 2021 at 10:49

Hello Anna,

Thanks for this email. I hope you are also staying safe and taking care of yourself. I also approve the motions.

Have a great day!

Best regards,
Krizzel Mapaye

From: Anna Dodridge <ad88@soas.ac.uk>
Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 10:39 am
To: Alfie Makepeace; Arianna Simonetta; Ella Spencer; Jacynthe Marie Roesch; Grace Cathryn Weston; Anna Lofstrand; Valentine Godard; Julia Soldrzynski; Khadijah Ankunda; Anika Chauhan; Ellora Singh; Lena Koch; Krizzle; Neelam Aslam; Hisham Parchment; Maxine Mallon; Lucia Rodriguez Pedroso; Vasundhara Pandey; Ayat El-Naili; Mahek Arora; Rbeeza Mobeen; Felix Henson
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Maxine Mallon <668298@soas.ac.uk>

29 November 2021 at 10:50

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Thanks Anna
I approve all these motions
Will keep an eye out on the brief abt the charity commission
Maxine

On Mon, 29 Nov 2021 at 10:39, Anna Dodridge <ad88@soas.ac.uk> wrote:

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Lucia Rodriguez Pedroso <lr29@soas.ac.uk>

29 November 2021 at 11:00

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Hi all,

Thank you Anna for this email. I also approve all these motions.

Best,
Lucia Rodriguez Pedroso
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Hi everyone, all motions approved by me.

Solidarity and good energy,

Anika 🙋

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Hisham Pryce-Parchment <hp19@soas.ac.uk>

29 November 2021 at 11:24

To: Anna Dodridge <ad88@soas.ac.uk>

Thanks Anna - I approve all three.

Hish

On 29 Nov 2021, at 10:40, Anna Dodridge <ad88@soas.ac.uk> wrote:

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Valentine Godard <662426@soas.ac.uk>

29 November 2021 at 11:26

To: Anna Dodridge <ad88@soas.ac.uk>

Hi Anna

I approve all these motions!!

Best

Valentine

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Felix Henson <669878@soas.ac.uk>

29 November 2021 at 11:31

To: Anna Dodridge <ad88@soas.ac.uk>

Happy to approve all the motions

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Anna Lofstrand <696496@soas.ac.uk>
To: Anna Dodridge <ad88@soas.ac.uk>

29 November 2021 at 11:49

Hiya,

I vote to approve too!

Cheers,
Anna

On Mon, 29 Nov 2021 at 10:40, Anna Dodridge <ad88@soas.ac.uk> wrote:

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Hello Anna,

Thank you for your email.

I approve all the motions.

Best,
Ellora.

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Julia Soldrzynski <675409@soas.ac.uk>
To: Anna Dodridge <ad88@soas.ac.uk>

29 November 2021 at 16:35

Hi Anna,

If I don't agree with one of the motions does that mean all three of them won't pass?

Thank you,

Julia

On Nov 29, 2021, at 2:48 PM, Ellora Singh <675705@soas.ac.uk> wrote:

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Jacynthe Marie Roesch <672193@soas.ac.uk>
To: Anna Dodridge <ad88@soas.ac.uk>

29 November 2021 at 16:56

Hello,

I approve all the motions,

Jacynthe

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Julia Soldrzynski <675409@soas.ac.uk>
To: Anna Dodridge <ad88@soas.ac.uk>

29 November 2021 at 17:19

I forgot to put my vote with my last email, I approve of all the motions.

Thank you,

Julia

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Rbeeza Mobeen <671035@soas.ac.uk>
To: Anna Dodridge <ad88@soas.ac.uk>

30 November 2021 at 10:29

All motions approved by me as well ♡

On Mon, 29 Nov 2021 at 10:40, Anna Dodridge <ad88@soas.ac.uk> wrote:

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6 December 2021 at 13:20

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Hello,
thank you for the swift responses, and for taking part in the vote.

There were **13 votes in total**, which **meets the quoracy**. The votes **were unanimous and everyone approved**, which means in accordance with our Constitution this decision can be considered to be made.

What this means is that these motions will become SOAS SU Policy and the actions from the resolves will be taken forward.

Julia - in response to your question (although apologies that it's a bit late now!) it is possible to pass two of the motions and ask for a further discussion on one of them. In that case we would have brought that motion forward to the next Trustee Board meeting.

Also, for clarity the role of the TB is just to approve that the motions are policy that the SU is allowed to pass, that don't have adverse legal or financial implications. The Board can't turn down a motion if they just don't agree with what's said. It's about ratifying the decisions made by our members through our democratic process.

Thanks again everyone,

Anna Dodridge
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