

THE UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE UNION AT DURHAM

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of DUCU held online at 1 p.m. on 24th June 2021

Present: The President, Sarah Elton (in the Chair) and 98 members.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Iain Lindsey

2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2020

The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 3rd July 2020 were accepted as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

4. President's Report

Sarah Elton, President, gave the President's Annual Report which contained the news that negotiations for Grade 10 recognition were nearly complete and that the new rates of pay occasioned by the casualisation claim had been implemented. Members thanked the President for a very comprehensive report. She thanked those members of the Committee who were retiring from office.

5. Formal Proposal to Amend the Local Rules

Siobhán McGrath outlined the changes made to the Local Rules which were adopted by 83 votes to none with 5 abstentions.

6. Treasurer's Report

Peter Craig, Hon. Treasurer, presented the accounts for 2019-20 which were approved by the meeting.

7. Election of President for 2021-22

Sol Gamsu, proposed by Francis Pritchard and seconded by Sarah Elton, was elected

8. Election of Vice-President for 2021-23

Jon Warren, proposed by Sarah Elton and seconded by Marek Szablewski, was elected

9. Election of Hon. Secretary for 2021-23

Francis Pritchard, proposed by Sarah Elton and seconded by Cheryl McEwan, was elected

10. Election of Hon. Treasurer for 2021-22

Thomas Renström, proposed by Les Reinhorn and seconded by Laura Marsiliani, was elected

11. Election of Equalities Officer for 2021-23

Siobhán McGrath, proposed by Francis Pritchard and seconded by Cheryl McEwan, and Sara Uckelman, proposed by Sarah Elton and seconded by Francis Pritchard, were elected jointly.

12. Election of Pensions Officer for 2021-23

Iain Lindsey, proposed by Francis Pritchard and seconded by Sarah Elton, was elected.

13. Election of Ordinary Members of the Committee for 2018-19

The following were elected by virtue of Rule 10.4:

Laura Campbell proposed by Francis Pritchard and seconded by Sarah Elton
Mike Costello proposed by John White and seconded by Marek Szablewski
Peter Craig proposed by Francis Pritchard and seconded by John White
Stefano Cremonesi proposed by Peter Craig and seconded by Madalena Lemos
Caleb Day proposed by Francis Pritchard and seconded by Hope Docherty
Eleanor Glenton proposed by Sarah Elton and seconded by Sara Uckelman
Karen Jones proposed by Rosie Ridgway and seconded by Marek Szablewski
Lewis Mates proposed by Sol Gamsu and seconded by Francis Pritchard
Chris Morris proposed by Francis Pritchard and seconded by Stefano Cremonesi
Tim Packer proposed by Sarah Elton and seconded by Francis Pritchard
Peter Riley proposed by Sol Gamsu and seconded by Daniel Hartley
Neil Tunstall proposed by Francis Pritchard and seconded by Sarah Elton
Marek Szablewski proposed by Cheryl McEwan and seconded by Douglas Halliday
Dominique Carlini-Versini proposed by Sarah Elton Francis Pritchard

14. Election of Honorary Auditor

David Flower proposed by Sarah Elton and seconded by Francis Pritchard was elected. The Hon. Secretary on behalf of DUCU thanked David Flower for his work in the previous year.

15. Representatives to the UCU Congress for 2021-22

Francis Pritchard, proposed by John White and seconded by Marek Szablewski, and Marek Szablewski, proposed by Francis pritchard and seconded by John White were elected.

16. Any Other Business

- a. Siobhán McGrath reported that a claim to give more support for the University's migrant workers, and make the University a welcoming environment, would shortly be submitted.
- b. Sol Gamsu, as incoming President for 2021/22, made a short address.
- c. The meeting agreed wholeheartedly with a proposal from Jenny Terry that best wishes for a strong recovery be sent to Kirstin Oloff who is recovering from a serious medical condition.

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June 24th 2021