

## **Undeb Bangor Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes**

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Time: 6pm

Location: PL2, Pontio

Attendance: 66 members

### **Welcome and Introduction**

Chair: Yakuba Jidda, President of Undeb Bangor

Yakubu opened the meeting by welcoming all attendees and introducing himself and the Students' Union. He thanked members for attending and emphasised the importance of collective discussion and deliberation on shared priorities.

Tash presented the meeting agenda, providing a brief overview of the key topics to be covered and explaining the significance of the forthcoming votes.

### **Approval of Affiliations**

Presenter: Mair Rowlands, Director of Undeb Bangor

Members were informed that, under the Education Act, Undeb Bangor must annually approve its affiliations with external organisations that support the Union's objectives.

Voting took place via QR code.

Outcome: Affiliations approved.

### **Approval of Articles of Association**

Presenter: Mair Rowlands, Director of Undeb Bangor

Proposed updates were presented, including:

- Simplified governance terminology.
- Minor name changes to improve clarity.

- Confirmation that students remain the majority representation on the Trustee Board.

Voting outcome: Approved by 54 members (over a two-thirds majority).

## **Priorities for the Year**

Members were encouraged to consider what the SU should prioritise in the coming year, with an open invitation for new ideas and initiatives.

Yakubu noted that students' input would guide decisions on how the Union allocates resources to best support the student body.

Attendees were divided into 16 groups (four members per group) to propose key priorities for the year ahead. Groups were encouraged to develop tangible and actionable ideas.

Themes Raised:

- **Accessibility:** Addressing challenges faced by disabled, neurodivergent, and international students.
- **Communications:** Improving digital engagement and information sharing.
- **Sports Provision:** Expanding access to sports and leisure facilities beyond current University-owned resources.
- **International Student Support:** Enhancing support for integration and understanding of UK academic systems.
- **Cost of Living:** Addressing financial pressures and timetable issues affecting students' ability to work.

Key Points from Discussions:

- **Accessibility:** Formation of a working group to identify and implement practical actions.
- **Communications:** Website improvement identified as top priority—particularly functionality for purchasing passes and supporting accessibility (mobile use, screen readers, navigation).
- **Sports Facilities:** Recognition of limited provision; discussions on lobbying for additional local leisure infrastructure.
- **International Student Support:** Calls for better onboarding, clearer guidance on systems (Blackboard, accommodation), and financial support considerations.

- Cost of Living: Concerns around timetabling and employment flexibility; the need for institutional awareness of the financial realities faced by students.

Summary of Top Priorities that Undeb Bangor will work on:

1. International Student Support – Enhancing induction and integration.
2. Accessibility – Creating a more inclusive learning and campus environment.
3. Communications – Improving website usability and engagement.
4. Sports Facilities – Expanding access and provision.

## **Annual Report and Strategic Overview**

Presenter: Steph Black (external trustee)

Steph presented the Undeb Bangor Annual Report and the organisation's financial overview.

### **Key Points**

- Undeb Bangor operates as a registered charity; the AGM provides an opportunity to present its annual report and financial accounts.
- The report is typically published in spring and includes both achievements and financial performance.
- Financial information, including income versus expenditure, was made available via QR code.
- The organisation reported a deficit, reflecting increased investment in resources in response to wider challenges across the UK higher education sector.
- A breakdown of the block grant (funding from the University) was provided, outlining how it supports student services and resources.

### **Strategic Achievements**

- Completion of Year 3 of the Strategic Plan (with a light refresh for 2024–25).
- Delivery of five HEFCW-funded projects.
- 21% election turnout for student elections.

### **Looking Ahead:**

- A new five-year strategy (2025–2030) has been developed following extensive consultation and engagement.

- The strategy defines Undeb Bangor's purpose, vision, values, and core commitments, ensuring that its direction continues to be driven by students.
- The strategy emphasises inclusivity, engagement, and the aim to "Make Bangor Proud."

## **Student Officer Role Review**

The proposal was presented regarding a potential restructuring of elected Student Officer roles.

The consultation period remains open, and members are encouraged to provide feedback via QR code.

The discussion focused particularly on the Student Communities Officer role, which is subject to the most significant proposed changes.

## **Meeting Close**

Yakubu thanked all attendees for their participation, input and constructive discussion. Members were encouraged to continue engaging with the consultation and to remain involved in shaping Undeb Bangor's priorities for the coming year.

Meeting closed: 7:30pm