

All Student Member Meeting 2026

Thursday 22nd January at 5pm

Luna Lounge (City Campus) & SU Lounge (Walsall Campus)

Minutes

Attendance:

116 Students, 3 Sabbatical Officers and 2 SU Staff Members.

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Minutes of Previous All Student Members Meeting – *approved (116 for, 0 against)*
3. Articles of Association – *approved (116 for, 0 against)*
4. Presentation of Accounts – *approved (116 for, 0 against)*
5. Approval of Affiliations - *approved (116 for, 0 against)*
6. Report from Trustees - *approved (116 for, 0 against)*

Meeting start: 17:30

Welcome and Introductions

VP Academics Confidence Orewa (CO) welcomes and thanks students for coming to the AGM. CO explains what the AGMs purpose is.

CO explains how the AGM will function and introduces the agenda.

Minutes of Previous All Student Members Meeting – For Approval

CO invites students to scan QR code for the minutes of the previous AGM and welcomes questions.

No questions asked.

Vote: 116 yes, 0 no.

Approved.

Articles of Association – For Approval

CO invites CEO of the SU, Tom Clarke (TC), to speak about the Articles of Association

TC explains articles of association and apologizes to members for Articles not being reviewed since 2019.

TC explains the new trustee board to students and assures that processes will run smoothly now.

TC confirms that the draft was sent to the trustee board and reviewed and approved. It was then sent for student review from Friday 31st October to Monday 17th November. No

comments were received for changes to draft.

It was then taken to the University's Board of Governors on 26th November and was passed by the board.

TC explains that the draft was created using the NSS template and solicitors Bates Wells.

TC explains the position of student trustee.

TC explains change to the chair position, now being an external trustee.

TC welcomes questions surrounding the Articles of Association.

CO also welcomes questions for TC

Questions:

1. Student asks question about how the articles were shared with students for consultation.

TC explains it was shared on the SU website, social media and shared with student groups via email.

2. Students raises question about the student positions on the trustee board and if student staff can fill the position.

TC explains that there are two student trustee positions available, where one position can be for student staff. Explains board meets usually once every 3 months, but this can change. Position would be open to all courses.

3. Student asks question what the highest position is in the SU?

TC explains it is the Trustee Board.

Vote: 116 yes, 0 no.

Approved.

Presentation of Accounts – For Approval

CO calls Richard Walker (RW) to present

RW explains monthly figures. Explains what months were circulated and how the university provides about 80% of SU funding. Explains commercial endeavors. Explains most of the SU costs go towards payment of staff.

Explains there is usually a surplus and the SU can put this towards funding something students want.

Questions:

1. Student asks if table tennis can come back.

RW says this can be looked at.

2. Students asks which student positions are paid.

TC takes question and explains it is Faculty Reps that are paid, not Course Reps.

3. Student asks if students can get the sports hall back.

TC explains that this is not the correct person to ask.

4. Student asks about the construction of medical school happening near the Students' Union and if the Students' Union will stay open.

RW explains that the SU will be kept protected from construction.

CO asks if there are any questions from students watching from Walsall.

Vote: 116 yes, 0 no.

Approved.

SU Affiliations – For Approval

CO invites TC to present.

TC explains that a series of organizations provide support to the SU. Explains the importance of the NUS and how they support the SU.

Explains the Advice and Representation Centre (ARC) and how they are registered and insured by Advice UK and National Association of Student Money Advisors.

CO opens for questions from students.

No questions asked.

Vote: 116 yes, 0 no.

Approved.

Report from trustees – For Approval

Verbal report provided by IO and SK

A summary of actions, projects and campaigns that Sabbatical Officers have been involved in AY25-26:

CO invites sabbatical officers to present. Ikenna Okeke, VP Diversity (IO) and Samir Khatiwada, VP Community and Welfare (SK) introduce themselves.

IO invites students to look through reports to see what has been happening this AY and what officers have been working on.

IO explains the sabbatical officers' training. As well as explaining the meetings that the officers go to at other universities. Continues on to explain the officer's

involvement in recruitment panels, including involvement with panels for hiring student staff.

IO explains they've been to Manchester, Coventry and spoken with other officers and being able to project their image outside of Wolverhampton.

IO says they've been able to help students pay in installments (tuition payment plan)

IO talks about the AI issues within the university and engagement with the academic board and policies surrounding AI. Also explains involvement with board of governors, Vice Chancellor Group, Wolverhampton Leadership Group, the trustee board of the SU, People and Culture Committee, Access and Participation Plan Group, International Students Working Group and Health and Safety Committee.

IO gives breakdown of cases within the ARC. July 2025 – January 2026:

- 847 individual cases
- 790 individual students
- 224 academic appeal cases
- 79 academic complains
- 64 academic misconduct
- 15 cases where representation was requested at meetings

IO breaks down student staff: 9 Faculty Representatives, 4 Community Organizers

IO gives a breakdown of difference from liberation rep to community organisers. Explains there are also 195 Course Reps who have completed their training.

IO explains mental health campaigns for students provided by sabbatical officers, including a disability day in December

SK begins talking about student wellbeing and support for communities and societies actively able to support societies while creating new societies. 58 active societies, 561 society members, 8 new societies formed, 3 adopted. More than 50 society led events. Providing volunteering hours for students, 360 students logging hours, and 154 of these are new students.

Explains presence and support for events put on by societies.

Speaks about dyslexia awareness month, Movember and plans for women's mental health.

SK explains working on what the officers pledged in their manifestos.

CO speaks about Students' Union WhatsApp channel.

CO speaks about delivering and planning Faculty Rep training to strengthen academic

representation, also speaks about taking part in Speak week and class inductions.

Planning of placement program starting AY 26/27.

Ongoing engagement with university surrounding stricter feedback times and accountability when feedback deadlines are missed.

CO opens for questions from students.

Questions:

1. Student asks about the gender breakdown of the officers and where representation is.

IO explains that it is an elected position, and everyone can run for the positions available.

Vote: 116 yes, 0 no.

Approved.

CO opens for general questions about the SU

1. Student asks why Course Representative isn't a paid position

TC explains there are just too many for the SU to fund this. Explains the benefit of the volunteering program.

Meeting closed by CO at 18:13