



# AGM

*Annual General  
Meeting*

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**- STARTING AT 4:30PM**

# WHAT

## ACTUALLY IS THE AGM

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### **The Annual General Meeting**

An AGM is a meeting of members of an organisation at which the members can ask questions, get information and approve the accounts.

The SU must hold an AGM every calendar year.

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# WHY

DO WE DO THE  
AGM



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## As a charity...

- We have to report on our spending each year to the Charity Commission
- We have to only spend on things which directly meet our charitable purpose
- We should not be aiming to create a surplus at the end of the year without a defined purpose

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# HOW

## TO CAST YOUR AGM VOTE



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### How can you vote?

**For** - you agree with the motion and wish to see it carried forward

**Against** - You disagree and don't wish to see it carried forward

**Abstain** - You don't feel you have enough information to make an informed vote

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For approval, the Minutes of the  
AGM 2024.



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**OVERVIEW OF THE YEARLY FINANCES**

# HOW

## DO WE RECEIVE OUR FUNDING



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### **The Block Grant**

Largest proportion of our income comes from student tuition fees via a “block grant” from UoG

We are also a small commercial SU which means selling things to you and using these profits to put back into the work we do

Students who take part in clubs and societies pay for membership which we subsidise so this brings in income, but this is solely spent in this area

We have some commercial partnerships with external people which don't require you to pay (because access to you is what they want) - fayres, advertising, etc.

We have tried to grow non-commercial partnerships with external people who want to support our work – this is challenging

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# WHAT

## DOES OUR SPENDING

## LOOK LIKE

### “ Our key figures for 2023/24

Our total income was: £820,540

Our total expenditure was: £854,350

The amount of income which came from the Block Grant: £545,700

- If we assume 9,000 students paying £9,250 this accounts for 0.66% of total UoG tuition fee income
- £60.64 per student

Where we spent money:

- Biggest spend area was on 'student activities' - £568,261
- Overall the cost of employing people remains our largest spend - £415,698 (34 staff posts)

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# WHAT

## IS THE OVERALL

## PICTURE

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### **Some areas to note**

We maintain a healthy charitable reserve of cash, in line with our requirements (3-6 months of expenditure): £304,155

We continue to pay down an historic pension scheme deficit liability by approximately £30 - £35k per year for the next 14 years

Our opportunities to self-earn income are limited due to the nature of UoG (multi-campus, large commuter population, slow student number growth)

We are developing our ability to secure charitable partnerships which involve funding

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# WHERE

CAN YOU SEE  
THE FULL BREAKDOWN

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**For approval to appoint our auditors  
Cooper Parry for the next 12 months.**



**For approval of accounts for the  
year ending July 31st 2024.**



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**OFFICER UPDATES**

# BOBOLA

## WELFARE AND DIVERSITY OFFICER

### Campaign Achievements

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- ✓ Organised **Diversity Night 3.0**, promoting inclusivity among home and international students through performances, student showcases, university teams engagement, and SU officer campaigns.
  - ✓ Welcomed MP Max to Park Campus and raised key student concerns, including immigration policy, housing challenges, and employment barriers for international students.
  - ✓ Co-organised the **Voice It with the VC** event, enabling direct student engagement with the Vice Chancellor to foster transparency and address concerns.
  - ✓ Hosted a **Black History Month Movie Night** featuring a film on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., promoting reflection on civil rights and social justice.
  - ✓ Delivered a guest talk to Journalism students about the Students' Union, outlining responsibilities, challenges, and successes.
  - ✓ Created a support group for new intake students, offering guidance and directing them to appropriate university services for a smooth transition.
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# BOBOLA

## WELFARE AND DIVERSITY OFFICER

### Campaign Achievements

- ✓ Participated in the Undergraduate International Student Forum to understand student challenges and identify areas for improvement.
- “ ✓ Collaborated with the Careers & Employability Team and stakeholders to plan a major NHS careers fair and expand job opportunities.
- ✓ Participated in the Student-Led Staff Awards, recognising exceptional contributions to student success and wellbeing.
- ✓ Led engagement in the **Awarding Gap campaign**, collecting impactful student data to support equity in academic outcomes.
- ✓ Organised **Diversity Night 4.0**, a key social event celebrating cultural diversity and fostering community among students.
- ✓ Participated in **SHAG Week (Sexual Health Awareness and Guidance)** through the “Sexibition” event to promote student health and well-being.

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# BOBOLA

## WELFARE AND DIVERSITY OFFICER



### Campaign Achievements

- ✓ Co-moderated **Voice It to VC**, facilitating open dialogue between students and the Vice Chancellor.
- ✓ Met with MP Alex to discuss student housing concerns, resulting in regular follow-up meetings to track progress.
- ✓ Contributed to the APPG on student housing, advocating for policy changes around rent, guarantor systems, and housing rights at the Parliament.
- ✓ Partnered with Gloucestershire Police to host an informative session on crime reporting for international students.
- ✓ Co-hosted a **Job Fair** with strong NHS and employer turnout, enhancing student career prospects and local job awareness.
- ✓ Organised an international vs university football match to promote sports diversity and student integration.
- ✓ Supported the annual **Varsity 2025** with the University of Worcester, promoting team spirit and inter-university collaboration.
- ✓ Organised the **Bridging the Awarding Gap Symposium**, presenting student data and recommendations to support institutional change and inclusivity in education.





# NESS

ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES  
**OFFICER**

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## Priority Campaign Achievements

- ✓ Provided spike aware resources in SU spaces and events
- ✓ Carried out the SOSUK Drugs and Alcohol Survey with 162 respondents.
- ✓ Implemented the Student Wellbeing project group to review and develop policies on Student Wellbeing, such as the Student Charter, Code of Conduct and Drugs and Alcohol Policy.
- ✓ There is now a 5 year University and SU harm reduction plan in it's creation, collaboration and review stage.
- ✓ Carried out multiple mocktail events.
- ✓ Implemented Drugs and Alcohol training in Student Leaders Training.

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## Activity engagement

- ✓ Hosted Feel Good Feb and took part in multiple activities. This was well engaged with by Sports Clubs.
- ✓ Planned, supported and hosted Varsity series. Emphasised the importance of better marketing and opted for external venues again.
- ✓ Re-activated the SU TikTok Page – improving our audience reach.
- ✓ Implemented the HopeHouse and GDASS 'Fair Play' Campaign in Student Leaders Training.
- ✓ Implemented the Varsity 'Play Your Part' Campaign into the Varsity pledge signing.

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# KIT

## EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY OFFICER



### “ Campaign Achievements

- ✓ Completed 3/5 campaign goals; accountability surveys (establishing a framework), free alumni access to libraries and SU space, and ECs for religious observance.
- ✓ Promoted the use of learning analytics to identify students falling through the cracks, tailoring assessment and course content. Fed into CTP.
- ✓ In all meetings, promoted the idea that students should be more than partners in their education; they should be founders, co-creators and tailoring every student's journey.
- ✓ Transitional sessions for international students in UK academic writing are now being discussed/implemented across the board.
- ✓ Established a new framework for attracting SVAs, going to academics to see who they think would be best for the role, creating a sense of achievement for students and staff.

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# KIT

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY  
OFFICER



## “ Education Initiatives

- ✓ Supported officers in other parts of the country to tackle mental health.
- ✓ Raised awareness of canteen costs to both staff (becoming a topic in Speak week) and it became a much-talked-about issue during the year
- ✓ This led to an SVA campaign by Erika, who collected feedback and delivered a report to the catering board on my behalf, securing a permanent seat.
- ✓ Increased awareness of the Financial Assistance Fund.
- ✓ Organised connectivity events for students who may experience loneliness, and participated in diversity night.
- ✓ Advocated for student interests, defended the participatory fund against attacks, and represented students at various panels and meetings.
- ✓ Contributed to the Nova working group, moulding the final version.

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## EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY OFFICER



### “ Community Initiatives

- ✓ Engaged with refugee charities, NHS (Our Future Health), and School House café, personally contributing or running valuable focus groups.
- ✓ Organised SHAG week with the LGBTQIA society and wider partnership, which was the only event and will be repeated.
- ✓ Connected with the ‘third sector’ and attended key connectivity events at the racecourse to embed students.
- ✓ Elected as Vice-Chair of the Gloucestershire VCSE alliance, furthering student interests in employment.
- ✓ Worked with the council to promote Gloucester as a University City my priorities were keeping young talent in Gloucestershire and providing pro-student/student-run events at the BID

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**For the approval of distributing  
Honorary Lifetime Memberships to  
Bobola Ajibola, Kit Boulting-Hodge  
and Ness Garratt.**



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**MOTIONS**



# The Student Participatory Fund – Kit Boulting-Hodge







# Student Democracy Restructure – Kit Boulting Hodge



## Student Council

Education and  
Community  
Officer

3 BCSS  
School Reps

3 EHW  
School Reps

3 ACE  
School Reps

Welfare and  
Diversity Officer

All Welfare Reps

Activities and  
Opportunities  
Officer

4 Society Reps

4 Club Reps

## Sub Councils

Education Council - Chaired by  
Education and Community Officer

All Course Reps  
from School of  
BCSS

All Course Reps  
from School of EHW

All Course Reps  
from School of ACE

Welfare Council - Chaired by  
Welfare and Diversity Officer

Mental Health Rep

Parents and  
Carers Rep

Women+ Rep

Students with  
Disabilities Rep

Care Leavers Rep

LGBTQ+ Rep

Mature Students  
Rep

International  
Students Rep

Black, Asian and  
ME+ Rep

Activities Council - Chaired by  
Activities and Opportunities Officer

All Society  
Committee  
Members

All Club Committee  
Members



# Reinstatement of Facilities – Jeffrey Wielenga





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**Thank You**