

OPEN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

Central Executive Committee (CEC)

19 - 21 October 2018

CONFERENCE 2018 EVALUATION REPORT

The CEC is asked to:-

- i) **note** the evaluation report
- ii) **discuss** the issues to consider

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report presents an evaluation of Conference 2018, a Students Association event held over the weekend of 22-24 June. The Association was successful in achieving its key objectives of encouraging more students to get involved with the Association and to make Conference Business more prominent and accessible.
- 1.2 Delegate feedback was invited through two surveys, which inform the recommendations and 'issues to consider' included in this report.

2. Issues to consider

- 2.1 Improve awareness of the new Business Champion role, and how these volunteers can support delegates who wish to learn more about the Conference Business. Consider involving the Business Champions on the Association's online forums in the lead up to Conference, in order to encourage discussion around Conference Business.
- 2.2 Consider delegate feedback about earlier availability of the Business documents and better signposting to documents such as the Constitution and Bye Laws. This should include signposting students to past forum discussions pertinent to the Business resolutions (for example, the Rules Revision discussion forums).
- 2.3 Improve information about the voting process for Digital Delegates; highlight the availability of the recorded tutorial detailing aspects of the Online Conference as well as voting instructions.

- 2.4 Highlight the timing of shuttle buses for students arriving at Milton Keynes and improve information about getting from the train/coach stations to the hotels and the Walton Hall campus.
- 2.5 Consider scheduling extra time in the weekend programme to enable delegates to attend events held at different locations on campus, and ensure that the size of the venue can accommodate the higher attendance for popular events.
- 2.6 Explore ways of reducing non-attendance and continue to stress the importance of registered students informing the Association Office well in advance if they are unable to attend.

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