



Open University  
Students Association  
**Frankfurt Branch**

## Minutes of Annual General Meeting

**11th November 2006 at 18.00 hrs**

**Present:** Faustina Madukanya  
Ian Megraw (Social Officer)  
Joachim Meyn (Chair)  
Peter Moses  
Ioannis Papapontelis  
Andreas Schosser  
Beverley Tkalcec (Secretary)

**Apologies:** Tina Keil (Treasurer)  
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The meeting was opened at 18.00 hrs by the Chair (Joachim Meyn) who welcomed all members.

### **TOP 1: Report of the Officers:**

**Chair:** Joachim introduced OUSA to all new students. He explained how to obtain a student card and that he was available to issue them after the AGM if desired. He further explained that ISIC cards (more recognized internationally) can be obtained by contacting the ISIC website ([www.isic.de](http://www.isic.de)) and sending a copy of your student academic, a photo and 10 Euros.

**Treasurer:** Ian represented Tina as treasurer and reported that this year's accounts have now been submitted to OUSA Headquarters and that UKP 43.18 had been spent this year. The current balance in our account is UKP 108.33.

**NERF:** In the absence of our present NERF (Northern Europe Regional Forum) representative, Daniel Stadtmüller, Beverley outlined briefly the functions of NERF. She informed that that the Frankfurt branch conference on FirstClass (which up to now had been a closed conference to which each student had to apply for access individually) can now, if desired, be either totally opened to all students, or open to all students with a closed section for special issues, or remain closed as it is now. This was then officially voted on and unanimously agreed that the Frankfurt branch office conference on FirstClass it to be totally open to all students. It was asked whether a moderator would be necessary.

*NB: This unanimous result has since been officially reported to OUSA headquarters and the Frankfurt branch conference is now open to all students. No official moderator is necessary at this point.*

### **Social Officer**

He reported that the Frankfurt branch dinners are generally held on a 2-monthly basis and will be continued.



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#### **TOP 2: Frankfurt' Motions to Conference:**

It was agreed that a request would be posted on both the Frankfurt branch website and also the Frankfurt branch conference (FirstClass) in order to collect ideas for motions for submission by the Frankfurt branch to the 2007 OUSA conference,

#### **TOP 3: Activity Planning for 2007**

Ian informed us that the questionnaire (currently posted on the Frankfurt branch website), asking for ideas and thoughts about what social events or study-help events would be desired in future, will be left on the website for a few more weeks. It is hoped that a few more students will give their opinions in this regard.

It was mentioned that the Frankfurt motion was carried at the 2006 conference asking that, upon registration, new students are asked if they wish to be contacted by their local OUSA branch (in which case the OUSA branches would then automatically receive contact details of new interested students). Once this motion is implemented, it will be much easier to contact students directly to invite them to any social or study events.

#### **TOP 4: How to improve the forum on our website**

In order to encourage more active participation on the forum, it was suggested and agreed that there should be only one or two forum sections available, instead of the numerous sections currently available.

It was also suggested that a link be made between the Frankfurt branch conference on FirstClass and our website.

It was further suggested that more material (eg. study materials, old TMAs (if permitted) and info about European subsidies, etc.

#### **TOP 5: Miscellaneous**

Beverley explained that there are still some vacancies for Central Representatives on various committees (consisting of representatives from students, tutors, administrators, OU-staff etc) which hold meetings about 3-4 times per year. If anyone is interested they should contact her for the application form.

Joachim thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting officially at 19.30 hrs.

20<sup>th</sup> November 2006  
Beverley Tkalcec