



Open University
Students Association
Frankfurt Branch

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

27th January 2007 at 14.30 hrs

<u>Present:</u>	Christian Huhn Eva Issa Rainer Krauß Anne Lellinger Faustina Madukanya Ian Megraw (Social Officer) Peter Moses Joachim Meyn (Chair)	Viktor Oswald Adrian Petty Carole-Ann Rundquist Beverley Rudd Martin Schlichting Beverley Tkalcec (Secretary) Barbara Zopf
<u>Apologies:</u>	Viola Dschenffzig Tina Keil (Treasurer)	Daniel Stadtmüller (NERF)

The meeting was opened at 14.30 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 also introduced the current officers and informed that new elections needed to be made during this AGM.

Secretary: Beverley outlined briefly the duties of secretary and mentioned also that all branch officers support each other well in their tasks.

Treasurer: In Tina's absence Beverley reported that the 2007 grant had been paid to OUSA Frankfurt this year and that the current balance in our account is UKP 198. Last year the main expenditure had been on webspace for our Frankfurt branch website.

NERF: In the absence of our present NERF (Northern Europe Regional Forum) representative, Daniel Stadtmüller, Beverley outlined briefly the functions of NERF. Responsible for all northern Europe OUSA branches, NERF acts as the centralized information and support resource both from OUSA to the branches and vice versa. It holds regular on-line meetings to which all branch NERF delegates attend and during which any matters, problems, suggestions are aired and information is passed on to the branches.

TOP 2: Frankfurt' Motions to Conference:

Joachim and Beverley explained that each branch is entitled to present motions (of improvement to the present systems and policies of the OU or the OUSA) to the annual OUSA conference which are then voted on during the conference.



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This year Frankfurt will not be submitting any of its own motions, but will support those motions submitted by the NERF.

TOP 3: Election of Frankfurt's delegate to OUSA conference

Two candidates were nominated and seconded to stand for election as the Frankfurt branch delegate to conference (to be held on April 13-15th at Warwick University, Coventry).

Voting proceeded with the following results: 13 members were entitled to vote. 12 votes were cast, 1 abstention

Eva Issa: 8 votes Rainer Krauß : 4 votes

Therefore Eva Issa will represent the Frankfurt branch as delegate to this year's OUSA Conference. Eva accepted the delegation and was thanked by Joachim accordingly.

TOP 4: What's in for 2007?

Ian informed that the Frankfurt Branch organizes regular dinners for our members to meet and discuss issues and get to know each other. There was a general agreement that such dinners should be continued during the coming year. Also, if desired, a summer barbecue/picnic was suggested as a possibility this summer. Faustina informed us that she would be celebrating her 50th birthday this summer and would be pleased to arrange a barbecue/picnic to be held on the last weekend in July in a park near Mannheim accordingly. Members and their families would be welcome. Details will be given at a later date.

TOP 5: Election of the officers

The following officers were all nominated, seconded, unanimously elected and accepted their positions, which they will hold for one year until the AGM in January 2008:

Chair:	Joachim Meyn (reinstated)
Secretary:	Beverley Tkalcec (reinstated)
Treasurer:	Viktor Oswald
NERF representative:	Faustina Madukanya
Social Officer:	Adrian Petty

TOP 6: Miscellaneous

It was confirmed that the Country Link list of OU students would be sent out by Bettina Schwerdtfeger to all students on the list as soon as it is completed.



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TOP 9 : Student ID cards

Joachim informed about the advantages of having a student card and explained how to obtain one. OUSA cards could be obtained directly by Joachim after the AGM. ISIC cards (which are more recognized internationally) can be obtained by contacting the ISIC website (www.isic.de) and sending a copy of your student academic, a photo and 10 Euros.

Joachim closed the meeting officially at 15.30 hrs.

31 January 2007
Beverley Tkalcec