

SUSS-EX CLUB
Notes of the 65th Steering Group meeting
Friday 21st April 2023, online

1. Welcome

Paul Tofts chaired the virtual meeting, hosted by Charles Goldie using Suss-Ex's Zoom subscription. Also present were Colin Finn, Jackie Fuller, Tony Moore and Helen Walker.

2. Apologies for absence

Ross Dowsett and Sara Hinchliffe.

3. Minutes of the 64th Meeting, of 13th January 2023

Approved.

4. Matters arising not covered elsewhere

- **Steve** reminded the Group that his meeting before our Christmas Party with Alan Spencer (Finance Director) had been very positive. At the Christmas Party, Pro-VC Kelly Coate had been impressed, not least by how many came. Besides further meetings with Alan Spencer, Steve will seek a meeting with Chief Operating Officer Tim Westlake, with the intention of reinstating the former custom of regular meetings with the University's Registrar. With support from the University, Suss-Ex could be useful for its fund-raising efforts.
- We have held a meeting with each VC during their term of office, and **Paul** and **Steve** will therefore seek a meeting with new VC Sasha Roseniel, after agreeing with her office what sort of meeting would be useful.

5. Finance

Jackie reported that the credit balance remains as before. The income from the Christmas Party had been received.

6. Questionnaire to members

Hard work by **Jackie** and **Ross** has resulted in a questionnaire with good content and formatting. To reduce the likelihood of difficulty in saving or submitting it by inexperienced or unconfident recipients, Jackie will pilot it to the Steering Group. Incorporating any final adjustments, it will then be circulated by DARO to our mailing list, and via Facebook to our Facebook members. The questionnaire has to be answered online (no option for submission on paper) and returned to Jackie. Responses will be in the first instance assembled in a spreadsheet.

7. Future of Suss-Ex

Agreed no decision until the questionnaire responses are in. The Christmas Party, our flagship event, we must surely continue with. Meanwhile the ambition is to put on one or more easy-to-organise events.

8. Membership

(a) Steering Group

Ross, now half-relocating abroad, is stepping back from the Steering Group. **Paul** will thank Ross on behalf of the Group for her exemplary service.

(b) Mailing list

Charles reported that leavers from University employ are added at a rate of around a dozen a year.

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(c) Facebook

Any member can post to the Facebook group, but there have been no posts since January.

9. Other business

Noted that anyone on the Steering Group, or indeed not on it, can suggest a drop-in event.

10. Next meeting

Friday 7th July 2023 at 4.30 pm *in person* on campus, aiming to find a suitable space in the new Student Centre (on the site of East Slope).