



APPG for International Students

AGM Minutes 2019

17 July 2019 8:30am

Committee Room G, House of Lords

Attendees:

Lord Bilimoria
Paul Blomfield MP
Alison Thewliss MP
Adrian Bailey MP
Lord Willetts

Apologies:

Baroness Warwick
Nicky Morgan MP
Baroness Uddin
Geoffrey Robinson

1. Welcome

The meeting began at 8:45am and was declared quorate by Co-Chair Paul Blomfield MP

2. Minutes 2018 AGM

The members reviewed the minutes from the 2018 AGM

Minutes Approved

3. Report of Activity 2019

The Co-Chairs presented a short report on the activity of the APPG from the past year including an outline of the financial contributions and expenditures of the APPG. They noted that the majority of APPG activity has been completing the Inquiry: *A sustainable future for international students in the UK*.

The secretariat noted that due to the value of in-kind contributions to fund the inquiry, the APPG will have to submit an income and expenditure statement.

Paul Blomfield MP asked for the report to be approved.

Approved

4. Approval of Income and Expenditure Statement

Paul Blomfield asked members to approve the Income and Expenditure Statement which would be published on the website and submitted to the APPG Registrar within 28 days of the AGM.

Approved

5. Election of Officers:

Eight Officers were nominated to roles with the APPG:

Co-Chair (named contact): Paul Blomfield MP (Lab)

Co-Chair: Lord Bilimoria

Secretary: Nicky Morgan MP (Con)

Treasurer: Baroness Uddin

Vice Chair: Alison Thewliss MP (SNP)

Vice Chair: Baroness Warwick

Vice Chair: Lord Willetts

Vice Chair: Geoffrey Robinson MP (Lab)

All Officers were elected.

The Members requested the secretariat approach Sam Gyimah MP to see if he would like to join the APPG as a Vice Chair.

Paul Blomfield noted that as per communication from the APPG Registrar, another General Meeting would need to be held with quoracy to elect a new officer for the group. Should Sam Gyimah agree, such a meeting would be organised for members to elect him.

6. Approval of Secretariat

The Members approved the re-appointment of the Secretariat – Independent Higher Education.

The Members noted the higher funding provided by Independent Higher Education in the 2018-19 year and resolved to support the secretariat by looking at ways to raise greater funds to support the work of the APPG.

The Co-Chairs asked the secretariat to circulate a note on concerns over funding and options to improve funding for the work of the APPG.

Members agreed that the Co-Chairs would send letter out to all universities, colleges, and schools, to highlight the supporter scheme and the options some supporters have taken to make donations in-kind.

7. AOB and Close

The secretariat passed on requests from the British Council APPG to hold a joint event in October or November around a report released on European higher education programmes including study abroad. The secretariat will circulate a note of recent requests for meetings and events. The officers will look to confirm a full programme of events in September.

The members noted the upcoming meeting of the APPG Advisory Group in August which Lord Bilimoria will be attending on behalf of the officers.

Co-Chairs Lord Bilimoria and Paul Blomfield closed the meeting at 9:00am