

The Board held its first meeting on 7 September. At the beginning of each meeting the Board will receive a presentation on an aspect of the Union's work. The purpose of this is to help the trustees better understand LUU and its work and therefore to make better decisions. The presentation at the first meeting was on the Students' Union Evaluation Initiative, a form of accreditation for good Students' Unions that LUU is working towards.

The Board discussed a number of issues. These included:

- A discussion about the Union Plan.
The original Union Plan was intended to run from 2006-09. However much of the 2006/07 academic year was taken up with background research into some of the areas within the plan (e.g. safety and diversity). There was a concern that if the Union were to start to undertake a strategic review in January then many of the initiatives now underway, such as the Knowledge campaign, would not have had time to have had an impact. The Board was asked to delay the strategic review by a year to 2009 and also agree to the current plan being expended to take LUU up to 2010.
- Setting up a trading company
LUU has exempt charitable status. This means that the Union has the same benefits as if it were a charity. In order to ensure that all profits made from LUU's commercial services go into services for students then it will be necessary to set up a trading company (charities with a trading arm, such as Oxfam, have one of these). The Board was asked to set up such a company. Whilst the Board agreed in principle there were some questions about the detail so these will be looked at and the Board will revisit this issue.
- Delegation of authority
In order to ensure that decisions within LUU are made at the right level a delegation of authority has been drafted and with some amendments agreed by the Board. This will ensure that body/person makes relevant decisions.

The Board next meets on 15 October.