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OPEN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ASSOCIATION>
Southend Branch.
Minutes of Meeting 4-January 2007.
Held at Alexander House, opp Southend Victoria Station.

Present.

**Michael Magarinos Chairman, Albert Beaven, Secretary.
Wendy Mayhew, Treasurer, Vivien Peck, Roland Darvell.**

•Chair's Opening.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.45pm.

•Apologies for absence

John Burke, Illness. Dave Goodwin, Employment.

•Minutes of meeting held on 7 December 2006.

**The minutes were Read, Approved, and Signed by the
Chair.**

•Matters arising. Not on Minutes.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

•Correspondence.

No correspondence. Received.

•Treasurers Report.

Treasurer's report distributed.

•Delegate to Conference

**Michael Magarinos was elected, to represent the Southend
Branch at the OUSA Annual Conference.**

•Social Meetings.

**After much discussion, it was decided to reorganize the
frequency of Branch meetings, as follows.**

**All Branch meetings with minutes to be held in January,
April, July, and November, which will be the Annual General
Meeting.**

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**The following months will become Social evenings February,
March, and May. June, August, September, October.**

December. The Students present will decide the Venue for these social evenings.

The First Social evening will be held at the Varsity, in Warrior Square, (Keddies old Store.) at 8pm on Thursday 1 February 2007.

Notice of these changes will be displayed on notice boards at Southend High School for Boys, (Tutors will also be given copies) Alexander House, the Central Library, also on the Branch Website.

•Any Other Business.

Vivien Peck will take over as Communications Officer, with the particular object of organizing the Newsletter , she will liaise with the Secretary, who will keep her in informed of any items of interest to the Students ,from the East of England, Regional Forum

Roland said that he had been looking into the question of open conferences, and was very surprised to see that O.U have many difference conferences, now renamed Forums, they cover all subjects . There is one, (OUSA instant chat.) and is, as the name implied used by Students to talk about their Birthday's, Holiday's Health problems. Subjects not associated with the OU/ OUSA, Roland intention is to pursue this matter, (open conferences) in more depth.

•Date and Venue of next Branch Meeting.

The next Branch meeting will be held at Alexander House on Thursday 5-April 2007 at 7-45pm.

•Chair's Closing.

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The Chairman thanked the Students for their attendance and said he hoped that the revised branch meetings, and indeed the introduction of eight Social nights, would encourage more Students to participate in the branch,

He wished all present a safe journey home, and would see them all at the Varsity in February.

He closed the meeting at 8-30pm.

Signature-----Chairman 5-April-2007.