



13th Annual General Meeting

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The Annual General Meeting (AGM), one of the most prominent events under PMUBD was held on 19th February 2020 at the Main Hall of Universiti Brunei Darussalam's Chancellor Hall. This year's AGM marks its 13th edition. The event was attended by Dayang Hajah Rubiah binti Haji Yacub, Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Corporate and Administration) of UBD as the Guest of Honour, members of the UBD Student Representative Council, UBD officers, Dean and Directors of faculties and offices as well as PMUBD members; which consists of UBD students.

PMUBD stands for 'Persatuan Mahasiswa/i Universiti Brunei Darussalam', whereby it is the official students' association of UBD led by members of the Students Representative Council. With the motto "Run by the students, for the students", it aims to fulfill the needs of all PMUBD members and lead them towards human excellence. Henceforth, AGM is held in order to allow PMUBD members to be aware of its happenings and future plans by reviewing the administration, financial affairs and activities of PMUBD. In addition, it also serves as a platform for PMUBD members to voice out any concerns or suggestions regarding PMUBD matters.

The 13th AGM commenced with the singing of the national anthem led by the UBD Choir. Following that Muhammad Izzuddin bin Haji Nor Hisham, Head Executive of Religious and Spiritual recited the Surah al Fatihah. Then, to begin the event, the President of PMUBD Muhammad Alaf bin Haji Redawan delivered his opening remarks in which he emphasized on the importance of unity to cause a positive change in UBD. Not only that, he also highlighted that the role of the student association is to ensure every student of the university is represented, and to achieve that, participation of PMUBD members in its events is crucial to make an impact and allow PMUBD to be a sustainable association.

This year's AGM was then officiated with three strikes of the gong by the Guest of Honour. Next, the meeting formally began with a review of the Annual Report for the 2018/2019 period presented by the former Secretary-General, Fatin Raihanah binti Haji Md.Ali and Siti Nurzaimah Nazhirah binti Haji Zaim, former Deputy Secretary-General. Contents of the report included the list of general events for the 2018/2019 academic year, challenges and achievements faced by PMUBD and a summary of the previous AGM. Following that, Fathen Hj Abdullah, former Honorable Treasurer of the Student Representative Council presented the budget expenditure for

the year 2019. A budget forecast for 2020 was then presented by the current Honorable Treasurer and Deputy Honorable Treasurer, Nur Syaimaa' binti Haji Selamat and Siti Mariam Fakhriah binti Haji Yunos. Muhammad Khairin Izzan bin Haji Bolhassan, the Secretary General of the Student Representative Council explained that these were all efforts by the Student Representative Council to ensure transparency with PMUBD members.

Next, the AGM proceeded with a question & answer and discussion session. This was where PMUBD members had the opportunity to voice out any thoughts and concerns, issues raised ranged from academic matters to the suggestion of awarding incentives to PMUBD members that contribute actively and GIS website. Consequently, voting for two matters were conducted; one for providing all PMUBD members with an official shirt and another one for increasing the flexibility of sponsorship amount for PMUBD members representing the university with terms and conditions. Other issues raised by an officer included proposing that a portion of PMUBD funds will be used to rent a building so PMUBD has its own building, provision of shuttle bus services around the campus and to make water dispensers available in UBD.

As with the previous AGM, this year's had its challenges and limitations. Muhammad Khairin Izzan bin Haji Bolhassan, the Secretary General of the Student Representative Council commented on the disappointing attendance by PMUBD members, which was a problem for last year's AGM as well. He, along with all members of the Student Representative Council hope that more PMUBD members will play their part by being present in future AGMs because it takes the involvement and unison of everyone, not just the Student Representative Council to achieve success. In the words of Mattie Stepanek, "Unity is strength. . . when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved."