



Date of Meeting: Tuesday 20th of January 2015
Location: 1L1 (Frenchay)
Registration: 17:20-17:30
Start of Meeting: 17:30

Chair: Jamie Jordan
Minutes taken by: Richard Hofheinz – Societies Coordinator

Present:

Airsoft, Anime, Assassins Guild, Astronomy, Bar School, Board Games, Bristol Architecture [BARK], Bristol Spatial Planning, Childhood Studies, Circus & Hoola Hoop, Comic Books & Sci-Fi, Conservative Future, Darts, Drama, Economics, English, EWB [Engineers Without Borders], Feminist, Film, Free Palestine, Good Food, Graphic Design, Hub Radio, Labour, Law, Linguistics, Live Music, Mathematics and Statistics, Occupational Therapy, Paintball, PAIRS [Politics & International Relations Society], Photography, Poker, Police, Product Design, Property & Planning, Psychology, Roleplay & Wargaming, SAGUWE, Space Exploration, Trading & Investment [UWETIS], Trading Cards, Western Eye [43]

Absent:

ACORN, Aero, Business, Chess, DJ, ENACTUS, Entrepreneurs, Forensic Science, Future Technology & Design, Geography, Green Party, History, LABS [Land & Animal Biology], Marketing, Medical Science, Midwifery, Paramedics, Philosophy, Pole Fitness, Quidditch, Radiotherapy and Oncology, Revolutionary Socialism, Sociology, Transcendental Meditation, Urban Sketching, Vet, Video Gaming [27]

Apologies:

LABS [Land & Animal Biology], Midwifery, Occupational Therapy, Pole Fitness [4]

Agenda Items

Welcome & Introductions

The meeting was opened and apologies made that the VP Societies and Communications could not be present due to illness. The Societies Executive introduced themselves and a reminder was also given that the agenda had been circulated prior to the meeting.

022/1415 Minutes from previous meeting

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved unanimously.

023/1415 Report from the Societies and Communications Vice President

In the absence of the VP Societies and communications, the report was delivered by the Societies Executive. The Academic Officer and Societies Coordinator delivered the results of the Campus Connect project run at Glenside and Bower Ashton. The Volunteering Officer explained the changes that have been made to inspire and encourage more Societies to volunteer and integrate with their local community. The Academic Officer explained what has been done to improve the support UWESU currently has in place for academic and course-based Societies and also introduced the 'SU on Tour' roadshow taking place at the end of January.

024/1415

Reports from the Societies and Communications Officer and Societies Executive

Reports from the Societies Executive were delivered as part of the main report from VP Societies and Communications (023/1415)

025/1415

UWESU Elections notice

The Societies and Communications Officer announced the return of the UWESU Elections. The dates for nominations (Midday 3rd February to 1pm 26th February 2015) and election week (Voting starts 11am on 6th March 2015 and closes 12th March 2015) and which roles are available explained. The Societies Coordinator added that with the current VP Societies and Communications in her final term, a new VP was required and encouraged anyone interested in standing to do so. The Committee was advised that anyone interested in standing for election was welcome to come to the SU and ask any questions of the staff or officers.

026/1415

New Society Ratifications

No eligible new society applications were active at the time of the Committee; therefore this agenda item was omitted.

027/1415

Elections to student council

The purpose and date of Student Council was explained and the Committee were encouraged to nominate themselves for one of the 10 positions available. No election was required as exactly 10 Committee members put their names forward and were elected to represent the Societies Committee at Student Council:

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| 1. Sophie Evans | Western Eye |
| 2. Christopher Waller | Bristol Spatial Planning |
| 3. Grace Astbury | Mathematics & Statistics |
| 4. Bunnie Tisdall | Mathematics & Statistics |
| 5. Joel Patton | Bristol Spatial Planning |
| 6. Silas Gray | Hub Radio |
| 7. Callan Powers | Labour |
| 8. Sian Hampson | Societies Executive |
| 9. Jamie Jordan | Societies Executive |
| 10. Louie Roberts | Societies Executive |

028/1415

Societies Awards

The Campaigns Officer and Academic Officer announced the date of the Societies Awards as 29th May 2015 and also announced that tickets were already on sale. The venue was confirmed as The Grand and that details were on the UWESU website. The date when nominations open and the categories for award nominations were also confirmed (opening on 20th February 2015 and 20th March 2015).

029/1415

Volunteering

The Volunteering officer delivered a report on current ongoing projects centred on encouraging volunteering in conjunction with UWE. Committee members were encouraged

to visit the UWESU webpage for Volunteering and contact the Volunteering Officer if any questions arise.

030/1415 [OMITTED] Employability and Enterprise

This agenda item was omitted due to the absence of the VP Societies and Communication.

031/1415 Debrief of the UWESU AGM

The Participation Officer delivered a debrief of the recent UWESU AGM that took place in November 2014. Motions were summarised. These included successful motions to remove plastic glasses from UWESU bars, reduce or remove plastic carrier bag use in UWESU shops, improve the number and opening hours of prayer rooms on campus and pairing UWE with Universities in Gaza. The fallen motion to allow students to book campus rooms directly with room bookings was also conveyed.

032/1415 Mid-Year review feedback

The Societies Coordinator provided detailed feedback on the responses from the mid-year review process in December. Where questions existed or the potential to offer solutions was possible an explanation was provided. The committee was advised that if they wished to find out more about the responses, they are welcome to request more information from the VP Societies and Communications or the Societies Coordinator in person or by email.

033/1415 How to run a Society AGM

The Societies Coordinator explained the procedure for organising and running Society AGMs. It was confirmed to the Committee that AGMs should take place by the end of February and that full support was available on the UWESU website in the 'How To' section. The Committee was also advised that a member of the Sports & Activities team would be assigned to each of them shortly to guide them through the process.

034/1415 General Elections- Charlie

The Academic Officer encouraged the Committee to make sure they register to vote and take part in the upcoming General Election. The SU President's campaign 'Generation Vote' was introduced and willing volunteers were encouraged to stay behind after the meeting to have a photograph of their hand taken bearing the Generation Vote ink stamp (later to be used for promotional flyers around campus).

Meeting closed at 18:21