



**Date of Meeting:** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015  
**Location:** 4Q04 (Frenchay)  
**Registration:** 17:20-17:30  
**Start of Meeting:** 17:30

**Chair:** Hannah Khan - VP Societies and Communications  
**Minutes taken by:** Richard Hofheinz – Societies Coordinator

**Present:**

Airsoft, Anime, Astronomy, Bar School, Board Games, Bristol Spatial Planning, Childhood Studies, Comic Books & Sci-Fi, Conservative Future, Drama, Economics, Forensic Science, Good Food, Graphic Design, Green Party, History, Labour, Linguistics, Live Music, Medical Science, Midwifery, Photography, Poker, Pole Fitness, Police, Product Design, Psychology, Quidditch, Roleplay & Wargaming, SAGUWE, Space Exploration, Trading & Investment [UWETIS], Video Gaming, Western Eye [34]

**Absent:**

ACORN, Aero, Assassins Guild, Bristol Architecture [BARK], Business, Chess, Circus & Hoola Hoop, Darts, DJ, ENACTUS, English, Entrepreneurs, Film, Future Technology & Design, Geography, Hub Radio, LABS [Land & Animal Biology], Marketing, Mathematics and Statistics, Paintball, Paramedics, Philosophy, Property & Planning, Revolutionary Socialism, Sociology, Trading Cards, Transcendental Meditation, Urban Sketching [28]

**Apologies:**

EWB [Engineers Without Borders], Feminist, Free Palestine, Law, Occupational Therapy, PAIRS [Politics & International Relations Society], Radiotherapy and Oncology, Vet [8]

**Agenda Items**

**Welcome & Introductions**

The meeting was opened by the VP Societies and Communications at 17:30. A reminder was given that the agenda had been circulated prior to the meeting.

**035/1415**                    Minutes from previous meeting

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved unanimously.

**036/1415**                    Report from the Societies and Communications Vice President

The report was communicated to the Committee. The report is available on the UWESU website and was also circulated prior to the meeting.

**037/1415**                    [OMITTED] Reports from the Societies and Communications Officer and Societies Executive

The Societies & Communications Officer and the Executive were not present to deliver their reports.

**041/1415**

Ratification of New Societies

The following new societies were ratified by majority vote:

1. Dinosaur
2. Falun Gong
3. Physiotherapy
4. Vegetarian & Vegan
5. Space Hopper

**039/1415**

Elections to Editorial Board

The purpose of the Editorial Board was explained and a single volunteer was requested. Two parties showed interest, however one stepped back and Christopher Waller (Bristol Spatial Planning) was elected.

**040/1415**

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. 12 Committee members showed interest. To avoid less than 10 actually being available to attend on the day, the Committee were asked if they would be happy to elect all 12 on the basis that some may not be able to attend on the actual day. This was agreed by unanimous vote and the following were elected:

1	Josh	Cohen	Board Games
2	Alex	Hughes	Comic Books & Sci-Fi
3	Jamie	Jordan	Academic Officer (Societies Executive)
4	Jack	Light	Green Party
5	Chelsea	McNulty	Dinosaur Society
6	Joe	Parsons	Video Gaming
7	Joel	Patton	Spatial Planning
8	Matt	Philps	Board Games
9	Ranya	Sabeh	Medical Science
10	Josh	Saracoglu	Anime
11	Dave	Sheldon	Airsoft
12	Christopher	Waller	Spatial Planning

**042/1415**

Discussion Topic: 'Governance and Growth' – Shaping the Future of the Societies Model

The room was tasked with reviewing 12 policy items. They were asked to categorise each as:

- Keep
- Discard
- Modify

Where they suggested modifications, they were asked to explain what they wanted to modify. To quantify the responses a tally of what each group had decided was collected and the suggested modifications were also collected on paper.

**043/1415**            **Updates:** Societies Awards

A reminder about the date and location of the Societies Awards was given (29<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at the Grand Hotel in Bristol). A new batch of tickets being released was also announced. A reminder that nominations were closing at 23:59 on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015 was also mentioned.

**044/1415**            **Updates** Funding Opportunities

The 'Change 4 Change' scheme was introduced. The Committee were advised they should contact Laura-Kate Howells in the Students' Union for more information ([Laura-kate.Howells@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:Laura-kate.Howells@uwe.ac.uk)).

A reminder that the UWE Better Together Fund applications were now open was announced. Committee members were reminded they could find more information and apply at <http://www.uwesu.org/howto/downloads/> by clicking 'Student Experience Grant'.

**045/1415**            Any Other Business: Google Drive

Adam Brittain (Sports & Activities Department Operative) attended to advise the committees that they should each ensure their society has a Gmail account.

When they have created one, they should forward the email address to Adam ([adam.brittain@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:adam.brittain@uwe.ac.uk)) and he will ensure their new Google Drive folders are shared with them.

**Meeting closed at 18:38**