

Student Council Report – 6th February 2018

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Varsity

One of my main focuses for the last couple of months has been the varsity series. I regularly attend Varsity Board and Varsity Executives meetings. I have also been involved with stand-alone event executives for Varsity Netball, Basketball and the Boat race.

The 2017/18 series has been spread across the year, with the majority of events happening in the next couple of months. This has been a new format for the series, so I collected some feedback at my recent sports conference (25th January), about what clubs think about this format and if they would like it to remain the same (spread across the year) or change (to a 'varsity week'). Also, often in some sports there is a disparity in ability level when it comes to playing Bristol University (e.g. meaning UWE 1s play against UOB 2s or vice versa) so I asked the question if clubs would still like to play Bristol regardless, or if clubs would like to play a different university whose first team is at a more similar level. I will collate all of these answers and present them to both the Varsity Board and Varsity Executive.

In addition, myself and John House (UOB Sport and Student Development Officer) have created an opportunity for clubs who do not currently have a stand-alone event to be part of a bidding process to have their own event. The clubs will present to a panel over the next couple of weeks with a club representative from Bristol University and UWE (in order to show a joint willingness for the event), and then success clubs will have their own stand-alone event. This process is also set to be rolled out to all clubs for the 2018/19 series to ensure club buy in for all events, and to make sure clubs are fully involved with date of events etc.

SHAG week planning

With SHAG Week coming up in February (12th-16th Feb), myself and Sian (VP community and welfare) have been meeting with lots of different groups to plan the week. We have met with the health centre to plan how we can work with them during the week, e.g. they have provided us with 800 chlamydia tests, ready for our sports club chlamydia test drive. In addition, we have met with Terrance Higgins Trust who will be coming to do two HIV fast test clinics (one at Frenchay and one at Glenside) during the week, as well as running a 'what you didn't learn at school' LGBT+ inclusive sex ed session. We have also been working with university, discussing sexual health and related topics, in key meetings such as Healthy University Group.

Sports Strategy

Following on from the survey that was sent out relating to the new sports strategy, I have been working with Alex Isaac (Head of Sport) and Kelly Howard (Opportunities Manager) to produce a pricing structure that fits with the strategy. This is currently still in progress and will go out again for student feedback once completed.

Sports Ball

Sports Ball planning is in full swing, with tickets and nominations going live this week. I have had meetings with the opportunities team, the media team and event lead from Ashton Gate. Similarly, to the topic of varsity, I gathered feedback at sports conference, asking for one thing they'd like to keep and one thing they'd like to change, and will take responses on board during the planning process.

Meetings attended since last student council:

- JCS
- Varsity Board
- Varsity Executive
- Varsity Executives for standalone events (Netball, Boat, Basketball)
- Sports Facility Strategy Meeting
- Board of Trustees (December 5th)
- Alumni and Sport at UWE meetings
- Various meetings related to SHAG week
- Sports Strategy and Finances
- The Students' Union Strategic Plan 2030
- Feel Good February
- Report and Support
- One to One with Alex Isaac (Head of Sport) (Every 2 weeks)
- Forum Against Sexual Violence and Harassment
- Healthy University Group

Other Events:

- Graduation ceremonies (x3)
- Sport club exec meetings
- Sports Conference (25th January)
- Surgeries across Frenchay, Glenside and City Campus
- Mayor's Office Round Table Event

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