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# **Societies Council**

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| **Date:**  | 10.10.23 |
| **Time:** | 5.00pm |
| **Location:** | S3.01 and Online |

## **Minutes**

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| 1.0 | 1.1 | **Present:** Dan Lawrence, Jess Bradbury, Catherine Lymer, Con Macadam (Music) Bianca Epuras (BLW BNU) Emily Thomas (Anime and Cosplay) Rita Ekokotu-Ogidie (Nursing) Wren Sell (BTaG) Vlad Suruceano (Aviation) Estelle Whittle (Womens Rugby) Eleya Austin (Music) Jihan Farah (Islamic) Yasming Abuukar (Islamic) Dee Whyte (Musical Theatre) Oliwia Milkiewwicz (Psychology) Anthony Mauger (Aviation) Sophie Devine (Climbing) Lauren Somerville (Climbing) Ziggy Worship (Rollerskating) Marissa Layden (Musical Theatre) Gospel Chibuikem Igba (BLW BNU) Lara Collins (Blades HEMA) Jess Montgomery (Music) Bethany Jackson (Musical Theatre and Psychology) Trinity Baker (Womens Rugby) Joe Burrell (Mens Netball) Chloe Hayes (LGBTQ+ and Musical Theatre) Tasha Nobel (Climbing) Remy Bradford (Book) Kaella Hivon (Book) Ellie Lynn (LGBTQ+) Connor Martin (Boxing) Gareth Teggin (BTaG) Jean Marc Amagoud (Mens Netball) Rishabh Jindal (International Students) Syd Shaw (LQBTQ+) |  |
|  | 1.2 | **In attendance:** Sarah Nawaz |  |
|  | 1.3 | **Apologies for Absence:** Paramedicine |  |
|  | 1.4 | **Absent without apologies:**  |  |
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| 2.0 |  | **Congrats for Freshers Fair/Start of Year** |  |
|  |  | Well done for all your hard work. There have been high numbers of new sign ups to different societies. | **DL** |
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| 3.0 |  | **Accreditation**  |  |
|  |  | Meetings need to held to confirm you society targets. If you have not had a meeting, please book in with DL.If your society does any activity, let DL know. A new accreditation criteria is available on website | **DL** |
|  | 3.1 | **Volunteering and Green Initiatives** |  |
|  |  | * 150 volunteering hours are needed for each society and 20 community hours.
* There are numerous volunteering events happening soon including: Booker Common Clean up, One Can Trust, Chiltern Open Air Museum Halloween Event – numerous roles available, Poppy selling, Smile campaign, Green Initiatives – Bug house making.
* If you are interested, speak to Kelly Willes
* Reminder that society members must take part, not just committee members for accreditation to be given.
* Make sure to update group chats with any opportunities
 | **DL****JB** |
|  | 3.2 | **Fundraising: RAG and Society**  |  |
|  |  | * Societies need to do events for each separately.
* If a society does a takeover, this can be split between both RAG and society fundraising
* Going to a RAG event does not count, societies must host their own
* Societies can fundraise for their own charities, not the ones picked by RAG – let staff know if you are going to do this
* Based on last year’s fundraising, a minimum amount has been set to be raised: £160. Societies should not worry if they are unable to meet this target.
 | **DL** |
|  | 3.4 | **Newspaper Articles** |  |
|  |  | * Deadline for articles is midday on 18th November.
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|  | 3.5 | **Registers** |  |
|  |  | * Need to ensure registers are updated with 24 hours, registers will be checked
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| 4.0 |  | **Society Council Chair - Vote** |  |
|  |  | * Role Opportunity profile was put into the chat. Overview of role given: chairing meetings, setting agenda, feeding back to Union Council.
* Attendees given opportunity to put themselves forward
* WS (BTaG) volunteered, pitched to attendees as to why she was suitable for the role.
* Vote to approved WS (BTaG) for role of Chair: Approved
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| 5.0 |  | **Welcome Games** |  |
|  |  | * Take place Wednesday 18th October
* The event consists of initiation style activities and will be held in the Venue
* It is not compulsory for societies but if they wish to take part, forms need to be handed in by tomorrow (11th)
* Societies can do their own social events during this time, but no initiations can take place off the University site – societies will be punished if this happens
 | **JB** |
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| 6.0 |  | **New Society Ratification** |  |
|  |  | * This will be a new standing item for meetings
* New societies have to be approved in council meetings
* Societies requiring approval: Islamic Society and Book Club : Approved
* Societies can be set up throughout the year
 | **DL** |
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| 7.0 |  | **Grant Form Approval** |  |
|  |  | * Societies who put in a form have been updated with the outcome. Most grants were approved.
* Societies must tell DL when to purchase equipment.
* Guest speakers / masterclass tutors will need to provide invoices
* If students are using their own cars etc, please speak to staff.
* Grants can be applied for throughout the year, any questions speak to DL
 | **DL** |
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| 8.0 |  | **Society Updates** |  |
|  |  | * Music: Guitar workshops taking place this evening, there will be more instrument workshops taking place in due course
* Business and Law: Management Fest currently taking place, please encourage your society members to attend.
* LGBTQ+ and Nursing: Drag for RAG taking place this Friday, there will be numerous performers and activities taking place. Will be held in the Venue, please support and attend.
* Musical Theatre: First public performance taking place on Friday at 3pm in Venue Garden.
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| 9.0 |  | **Celebration Station** |  |
|  |  | * This year is bigger and more inclusive
* Members need to nominate their society if they wish to be society of the month.
* Website lists the criteria to be met
* Winners receive £10 towards their fundraising account and posts on social media
* Nominations need to be in by midday on the last day of the month
* Can lead to a nomination for Society of the Year at the Union awards.
 | **JB****DL** |
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| 10.0 |  | **Terms of Reference – For Approval** |  |
|  |  | VPAB to added to Exec Officers roleSociety Members to be added to Other MembersRest of document: Approved | **JB** |
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| 11.0 |  | **Any Other Business**DL: * RAG to be held at the end of October.
* Netball for RAG also taking place, societies can enter a team, details on what’s on page
* Concussion Clinic. If needed for your society please book in with sports therapy and ensure you attend any booked appointments
* Societies Awards: proposal to set up an awards for societies, will he held in Venue and will be a great way to celebrate society achievements. Will also include fun categories for members to be nominated for. Still in very early stages so if anyone has any ideas speak to staff.
* Bucksmaster: based on Taskmaster tv programme. First task been set and is for halls/housemates to take part and get to know each other. They have until the end of October to complete it and the winners will receive a prize of a bowling trip.

JB:* Feedback survey on SU and activities has been put on the website and social media. It is anonymous and applies to the whole of the SU, not individual societies. Please encourage members to fill it out. Have already received some feedback about Book club: were welcoming and friendly.
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| 12.0 |  | **Date and time of subsequent meetings:** 14th November 2023 at 5.00pm, Room N3.06 and Online |  |