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# **Societies Council**

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| **Date:**  | 14.10.25 |
| **Time:** | 5.00pm |
| **Location:** | N2.06 and Online |

## **Minutes**

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| 1.0 | 1.1 | **Present:** Dan Lawrence, Joe Burrell, Catherine Lymer, Jack Vince (Baking), Hakan Cil (Games Dev), Kiristiyan Ivanov (Games Dev), Phoebe Leonardi (Kpop), Nadia Foquim (Boxing), Cole Williams (Boxing), William Yates (Mooting), Nathan Gillespie (Comic), Dan Charlton (Mental Wellbeing), Scott Bromley (Boxing), Nico Sparks (LGBTQIA+), Logan Morazain (Circus), Laura Eustration (LGBTQIA+), Nancy Williams (ISOC), Havva Masood (ISOC), Helen Wibley (Climbing), James Wade (Anime/Comic), Finn Beaumont (BTAG), Tilly Fiorini (Podcast), Nash Gorogodo (Podcast), Lily Wood (Musical Theatre), Josh Nunn (Musical Theatre), Jacob Davidson (Paramedicine), Elisha Sunar (Nepalese), Lakshita (Indian), Kiera Keckes (Boxing), Asadullah Anfishi (Cyberspace), Daniel Johnson (Climbing), Fleur Voerman (Blades HEMA), Kwaku Yeboah  |  |
|  | 1.2 | **In attendance:** Sarah Nawaz, Bethany Jackson, Imogen Sanders |  |
|  | 1.3 | **Apologies for Absence:**  |  |
|  | 1.4 | **Absent without apologies:**  |  |
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| 2.0 |  | **Training and Development**  | **IS** |
|  |  | * Given by Imogen Sanders (Training and Development Assistant)
* On Friday 17th October will be holding a Black History Month Conference in the Venue
* It will feature guest speakers who will share their experiences and how they overcame barriers to become successful
* One of the speakers is Shaunagh Brown – Former England rugby player
* Details and sign up are on the What’s On page
* Leadership Academy: applications are open until the 24th October. Reminder that all the current elected officers are academy graduates as well as 3 of this year’s valedictorians.
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| 3.0 |  | **Societies Council Chair Vote** | **DL/JB** |
|  |  | * DL sent a message in the club group chats asking if anyone wanted to stand.
* Those attending the meeting were given the opportunity to put themselves forward and would be given 30 seconds to state why they should be chair
* The following attendees put themselves forward: Hakan Cil (Games Dev), Kristiyan Ivanov (Games Dev), Nash Gorogodo (Podcast), Lakshita (Indian) and Phoebe Leonardi (Kpop)
* After their presentations, each society were asked to vote who they wanted as chair with the result being announced later in the meeting.
* Votes were counted
* Societies Council Chair 25/26: Lakshita (Indian)
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| 4.0 |  | **Committee Training** | **DL** |
|  |  | * Sessions were held in May and last month
* If any committee member has not received their training, let him know as they need to be trained
* You have until next Friday (24th) or your sessions will be stopped
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| 5.0 |  | **Accreditation** | **DL** |
|  |  | * Societies should look to do their accreditation
* It is not difficult to achieve and means more money is available the following year
* There is likely to be some things your society has already done that can be ticked off
* Societies will need to complete volunteering including for their green accreditation. Volunteering opportunities can be found on the What’s On page.
* Accreditation needs to be completed in order to be considered for society of the year at union awards
* Once you have completed anything let him know so he can tick it off.
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| 6.0 |  | **Interactive Task – What are you looking forward to most about being a committee member?** | **JB** |
|  |  | * Attendees were asked to get into groups and discuss the above question as well as if there was anything in particular they were excited about doing.
* Each society was then asked to feedback their answers:
* Kpop: have a trip to London planned and will be doing a cover song
* Baking: gameathon and promoting Varsity
* Mooting: plan to attend a national competition to compete with other universities
* Nepalese: more cultural events so everyone can socialise
* Indian: engaging everyone in the society and informing them about available schemes such as Handshake
* Islamic (ISOC): more charity initiatives and welcome events
* Game Dev: to create a game and teach more complex skills
* Boxing: annual fight night and fundraising
* LGBTQIA+: Drag4RAG and hopefully a trip to Brighton
* Podcast: a trip to studios in London and working with other societies
* Paramedicine: holding a first responder course for first years, community outreach and hopefully a social with midwifery
* Musical Theatre: having more performance opportunities and trip to the theatre in London
* Mental Wellbeing: holding a walk in November and collaborating with other societies
* Comic: introducing comics to the new students who have joined
* Anime: try to expand on what the society does and collaborating with comic
* Circus: setting up the aerial hoop sessions
* BTAG: creating a fun environment for all the new members
* Cyberspace: attending events in London and learning more about the industry
* Blades HEMA: working with the rest of the committee as chair and planning a Blades tournament for term 2.
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| 7.0 |  | **Society Promotion** | **JB** |
|  |  | * Looking to launch ‘Joe Tries’
* This is to promote societies and highlight what you do and how students can get involved
* Looking to attend sessions and interview committee members
* Will put a message in the group chats
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| 8.0 |  | **Grant Funding** | **DL** |
|  |  | * Meeting held today to go through the submitted grant forms
* He will contact each society and let them know if it have been approved
* Forms can be put in throughout the year, however societies should ensure they do not go above their entitlement
* If your grant has been approved come and speak to him to get it spent
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| 9.0 |  | **Societies Updates** | **ALL** |
|  |  | * Each society was asked to provide an update if they have one
* They were also asked how many students signed up at fresher’s fair and how many have actually attended a session
* Cyberspace: had 2 sign ups
* Climbing: 70 sign ups, haven’t had a session yet
* BTAG: those who signed up at fresher’s have attended their first sessions
* Circus: 6 students signed up and 2 came to their first session. They are planning to do a session on scare acting soon
* Anime: of the 40 who signed up, 10/13 have showed up. Next week will be their first cosplay session
* Comic: had 56 sign up with 13 showing up. Plan to show a film this week and plan a Halloween quiz
* Musical Theatre: 60 sign ups with 20 attending their first 2 sessions. Continue to have more students signing up
* Mental Wellbeing: had 15 attend their first session, planning to hold a session in Rusty’s Retreat soon.
* Paramedicine: have a guest speaker on the 31st. Next month will be teaching army cadets first aid and CPR. Also planning to attend the national paramedic conference
* Podcast: had 23 sign ups and will be holding their first session today. Planning to do a session with each society
* Boxing: had 50 sign ups with 24 attending the first session. Fight night takes place at the end of April, looking to get social sessions back up and running.
* LGBTQIA+: 50 sign ups with around 13 turn up. Drag4RAG is happening soon and looking to hold drag workshops and work on fundraising
* Game Dev: have no update yet
* ISOC: had 100 come to their stall but unsure how many signed up. Have already held a welcome event and have a charity auction planned at the end of the month. Will hold weekly prayers and hold a grand iftar event next year. Have currently raised £700 through fundraising.
* Indian: 60 came to the stall. As they are a new society planning to do more sessions on how the society runs also have a Diwali event planned
* Nepalese: Holding a Diwali party with Indian Society
* Mooting: didn’t have a stall at fresher’s. attended a few law classes and have 5 students interested
* Baking: 40 fresher’s sign ups but only 5 attended their first session. The second meeting was better attended
* Blades/HEMA: had 42 sign ups with the biggest turn out they’ve had at their first session. Planning to hold a showcase in December
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| 10.0 |  | **Any Other Business** |  |
|  |  | * Fresher’s Fair: well done to all those who had stalls, feedback received saying it was one of the best held. Send any sign ups you had to DL as at the end of November, those who have not participated in a session will be contacted to find out why.
* Reminder to use what’s app to promote your activities with other societies as well
* Tomorrow a small fresher’s fair is being held at Brook Street halls – if want to get involved let IS (training and development assistant)
* Uxbridge Fresher’s Fair: being held on 3rd November. Societies are welcome to attend and have a stall. Contact BJ (Vice President Education and Welfare for UXB/AYLS) by 27th Oct
* Rainbow Laces: this campaign will be launched on Monday (13th). Members can wear the laces on the pitch to show their support for LGBTQIA+. Laces can be collected from the SU reception
* Movember: JB is looking to run or walk 5K everyday in November. Please come done and support or join in.
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| 11.0 |  | **Date and time of subsequent meetings:**  |  |
|  |  | Tuesday 18th November 2025 at 5.00pm, Room N2.06 and Online |  |