

**Societies, Sports & Opportunities Executive Minutes**

Date & time	5 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 – 18:00
Location	George Elliot 1-01
Attendance	Sophia Bolton (VP Societies & Media) – Co-Chair Dom Brown (VP Sport) – Co-Chair Lucy Brown Jess Weeds Niamh Smith Christos Dexiades Sophie Malby Iggy Iwersen Olivia Stocks  Phill Dowler (Democracy Coordinator) – Secretary Dan Curran (Deputy Head of Membership Support and Engagement)
Apologies	Jack O'Neill (President) Thomas Barrett James Giles

Item	Action	Responsible	Due
3.	Meet with the unratified groups for further development.	SB	20 <sup>th</sup> January
3.	Review de-ratifications and feedback	All	20 <sup>th</sup> January
4.	Return vote for Student Group Recognition via email	All	ASAP
5.	Revise notes for Socs Awards planning	DB, SB & DC	20 <sup>th</sup> January
8.	Review Officer updates and provide feedback via email	All	20 <sup>th</sup> January
9.	Reflect on how the suggestion of a campaign from SM fits with previous Executive campaign discussions	DB & SB	20 <sup>th</sup> January
9.	Provide feedback to nominee regarding recognition nomination	SB	20 <sup>th</sup> January

Item	Notes	Action
1. Welcome	SB & DB welcomes members to the SSO Exec and notes apologies'.	
2. Conflicts of interest	SM in relation to item 4.	
3. Ratifications & De-ratifications	DB summarises new ratification process in regards to the previous Executive before handing over to SB to proceed.  Seven societies were put forward for ratification at this round. After hearing from all presentations,	SB to meet with the three

	<p>three were to be returned for further information and planning to be presented at a future meeting.</p> <p>The following Student Groups were ratified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brazilian Society</li> <li>• Ahlulbayt Society</li> <li>• Foodie Society</li> <li>• Indian Society</li> </ul> <p>De-ratifications were briefed in regards to the paper. SM highlighted that one of the groups seemed to be active. SB clarified that no paperwork or memberships for the group have been active this term so are not acting under the existing Student Group.</p> <p>Due to time constraints, the confirmation of de-ratification to be moved online.</p>	<p>unratified groups for further development.</p> <p>All to review de-ratifications</p>
<p>4. Student Group Recognition: November</p>	<p>Due to time constrains, this item was moved online for discussion.</p>	<p>All to return thoughts online</p>
<p>5. Socs Ball</p>	<p>SB, DB &amp; DC led an activity to map out what the priorities for future Socs Balls should be. DB &amp; SB start by introducing what the event is and how it runs for those who have not attended. Three questions were asked and feedback is as follows:</p> <p><u>What's the point?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Celebrating committees</li> <li>• Celebrating the great work of societies</li> <li>• Getting drunk</li> <li>• Getting dressed up for a luxurious event</li> <li>• A chance for Societies to gather that otherwise wouldn't</li> <li>• An important social for committees that spend all year putting on their own activities</li> <li>• Small societies don't see any point in the Ball as it is dominated by larger ones.</li> </ul> <p><u>Priorities for the night?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awards</li> <li>• Drinks</li> <li>• Venue – Could it be onsite and not as important if dressed up nice</li> <li>• Getting dressed up and having fun – although not as important as Colours Ball</li> <li>• A selection of food over a set meal although this is enjoyed by some</li> <li>• It's special and different to other events</li> <li>• Disco with good music</li> <li>• Showcasing societies</li> </ul>	<p>SB, DB &amp; DC to revise notes for future planning</p>

	<u>How much?</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £30</li> <li>• £35</li> <li>• £50 would be fine but lots struggle to pay this so £30 to £35 would be better</li> </ul>	
6. Refreshers: Bigger & Better	Item removed from agenda due to time constraints.	
7. Minutes of the last meeting	Paper taken as read. No comments provided.	
8. Officer Updates	Papers taken as read. No comments were provided although DB & SB seek input online following the meeting.	All to review updates and provide feedback
9. AOB	<p>SM introduced a campaign into the drinking culture of Student Groups. The aim is to create healthier introduction activities and making groups aware of the power they hold. The goal would be to discuss how it can become a priority for the Executive.</p> <p>SM requests the Executive does not consider the nomination for Law Society within the Student Group Recognition due to the nomination being factually incorrect.</p>	<p>SB &amp; DB to reflect on how this fits with previous Executive campaign discussions</p> <p>SB to provide feedback to nominee</p>
Close of meeting	SB & DB thanks all members for attending the meeting and looks forward to convening the next.	