

Societies, Sports & Opportunities Executive Minutes

Date & time	30 th January 2020 – 18:00
Location	Windsor 1-05
Attendance	<p>Sophia Bolton (VP Societies & Media) – Co-Chair Dom Brown (VP Sport) – Co-Chair Jack O’Neill (President) Lucy Brown Jess Weeds Niamh Smith Christos Dexiades Sophie Malby Iggy Iwersen Olivia Stocks Thomas Barrett James Giles (via GHangouts)</p> <p>Phill Dowler (Democracy Coordinator) – Secretary Dan Curran (Deputy Head of Membership Support and Engagement) Megan Beddoe (Sports Clubs Coordinator)</p>
Apologies	

Item	Action	Responsible	Due
4.	Reach out to own and further Student Groups for input into the Student Opportunities Membership options.	All	11 th February
9.	Meet to discuss how Executives can be communicated to the wider student community.	SB, DB & PD	11 th February

Item	Notes	Action
1. Welcome	SB & DB welcomes members to the SSO Executive and welcomes a full attendance and that the agenda is fully packed so are pressured for time.	
2. Minutes of the last meeting	Minutes taken as read by DB and no comments provided by members.	
3. Ratifications & De-ratifications	<p>SB highlights that three of the groups up for ratification will not be presenting as they are updates to proposals made in the previous round.</p> <p>After presentations from three new groups the following Students Groups were ratified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skate Society • Accounting & Finance Society • Mentality Society 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qazaq Society • Make a Kid Smile • Neurodivergent Support Society <p>JW exited the meeting due to clash with employment.</p>	
<p>4. Student Opportunities Membership</p>	<p>DB, SB and DC present research taken place into the Student Opportunities Membership which included context into the history of the Students' Union, financial history of Student Groups and how groups have changed over the last four years.</p> <p>The presentation included any financial implications of whether any changes were made, or not, with comparisons to what is offered elsewhere.</p> <p>The question 'What barriers are there stopping students from getting involved in student groups?' was posed to members and responses varied:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of society event awareness • Hidden costs • Lack of transparency where money goes • Time availability • Lack of diversity in timings • Cliques & exclusivity <p>Four proposals regarding the membership fees were put forward for members to consider and discuss. A High fee, a fixed fee, a variable fee and no fee. Members split into two groups to feedback on each.</p> <p>There was general agreement from the members that a high fee was the least appealing option. All members were asked to take the information provided and some further questions back to the wider Student Group community for further input which would be gathered at the convening of members no later than two weeks from the meeting.</p>	<p>All members to contact own and further Student Groups for input into the Student Opportunities Membership options.</p>
<p>5. Varsity 2020</p>	<p>MB & DB led an activity to understand the experiences of members engaging with Varsity with four key questions posed.</p> <p>'How can we build an atmosphere on campus before the event?' Feedback included more information about the event, creating a bigger presence on campus, more advertising including reasons people should attend.</p> <p>'How could spectators "compete" with Surrey for a point at Varsity? Feedback included best chant,</p>	

	<p>biggest turnout, best dressed, air hockey, best Mexican wave and more non-sporting events.</p> <p>‘How much would you pay for a small fan bundle? What kind of merchandise would you like in it?’ Feedback included a range of prices from £2.50 up to £10. Items may include lanyards, glitter, clappers, foam fingers, t-shirts, cops and bear ears.</p> <p>‘What is your favourite “fan” element of a festival/major event that you’ve been to?’ Feedback included collecting stamps, an exciting timetable, a buzzing atmosphere, souvenirs and refreshments.</p> <p>DB & MD thank all members for their engagement with the activity. MB exits the meeting.</p>	
6. Relationship Expectations	Item removed from agenda due to time constraints.	
7. Elections	DB provided an update on the coming elections noting that nominations for the full-time officer roles closed on Friday 7 th February. Members could nominate a friend and were encouraged to reach out to any of the officers to SU staff for further information.	
8. Officer Updates	Item removed from agenda due to time constraints.	
9. AOB	<p>DB promoted the Careers focus group led by JON taking place on 5th February at 12:30 in the Shilling Seminar Room.</p> <p>Members ask for further promotion of what the Executives are and what they do as students approach members not knowing what they are or do.</p> <p>DB & SB highlight that blogs go out before and after every meeting so members should consider sharing them.</p> <p>SB noted that the December student group recognition went to Ab Harm.</p> <p>DM & SB invited those interested to contact them outside of the meeting as the SSO Executive has input into the winners of the Society Awards and Colours Ball Awards as part of the panel.</p> <p>PD promoted the Campaigning for Elections session taking place on Friday 31st January in Arts External Seminar room from 10AM.</p>	DB, SB & PD to meet to consider how to further spread the message.

	DC invites members to think about how they might like to carry out ratifications in the room as across all meetings, they have taken up the first hour of activity.	
	Close of meeting	