

Societies, Sports & Opportunities Executive Minutes

Date & time	27 th November 2023 17:00-19:00
Location	Moore 004.5
Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alastair Copland (AC) (VP Societies & Sport) - Chair • Laura Black (LB) (Student Voice Manager) • Hannah Hockin (HH) (President) • Julia Saunders (JS) (Student Opportunities Manager) - Secretary <p>SSO Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Muscab Salad (MS) • Harrison Clinton (HC) • Charlie Kerr (CK) • Luca Smith (LS) • Leo Davies (LD) • Peter Collier (PC) • Ella Vallely (EV) • Madelaine Gray (MG)
Apologies	Issy Litvak – SSO member

Item	Action	Responsible	Due
Officer Update	No actions		
Funding update	No actions		
Society Awards	Take on feedback for Awards planning	Opps Team / VP S&S	
Sport at Royal Holloway	No actions		
Academic Communities	No actions		
Ratifications	AL: Doing Ratifications next week this time as only just been briefed. Ask groups to fill out new group pack and financial forecasting If q's email Aran or Alastair. First one is quite a lot, no ratifications in May and also post Freshers. 16 for this first one. Fill out MS form. Completely anonymous.	SSO	10 th Dec
AOB	No actions		

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Officer Update	Manifesto update: refer to Alastair's paper	
Funding update	As per the paper provided	
Society Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food was an issue last year. Lots of people clumped up. Was an issue of allergens. They had run out. • Vendors outside, reduced ticket price would be a nice idea. • Different splits of societies. Could split out between the groups. Either different times for different groups i.e. cultural/faith, academic etc. • Was a model where there was a winner for each category that went into the actual society of the year. Did have a lot of awards so took a long time. • PA groups. Ella's friend went to Socs and RHoscars. Feedback was RHoscars was a nicer vibe and felt less rushed. • Because Socs awards are in the SU it looks like the SU favours sports. • Competitive award. • JS explained difference between Socs awards and Colour • HH mentioned difference in number of people attending/purchasing tickets • Look at attendance from 2015-2019 and look at attendance to see if there is more cost-efficient place • MG – sports groups are used to making the commitment. Societies its harder to get the commitment from members, hard work, if they don't feel like they have got the community throughout the year may not feel it will add value. Therefore • JS: Recognition – do you strive for recognition from the SU or amongst your peers. Do appreciate being acknowledged by the SU and being recognised. Last year had Law ball with their own awards but was for members. • Socs awards – could it be done on a Friday like colours, treat awards like a pre's then go onto the su afterwards. • Just a pre's event would deter people and take away from the prestige of the event • 3 course sit down meal in the SU • Awards ceremony is the most important part, could scarp afterparty • Some people aren't interested in the afterparty as if they lost don't want to stay. • Some faith societies would be deterred if it was marketed as a club night afterwards. • Preference would be for a term 2 event for Socs. • Enjoyed the theme last year. • Colours ball – was the night before LUSL fest. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rather have it on an SU night! 	
Sports Community at Royal Holloway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ella: Cheer perspective - doesn't think there's any recognition for non-BUCS sports. Cheer are a national champion. 2 teams are champions. If Sport do it, they are only concerned with BUCS. SU recognise but still not enough. Would prefer it to be done by the SU, more involved in off campus groups as well. • HC: more performances, more photos. • AU – Athletics Union. • Hannah – suggested AU might cause confusion as it sits under Sports/ALS. • More photography of off campus sport. Either a photographer or requesting that they send in some images. • MG – had no idea about the sports prior to working at the SU so a specific platform would be good to improve visibility. • CK – works at ALS. Not a big fan of ALS. Goals to not align with ours. • About making the whole experience an event. • JS mentioned emailing soon about groups sending in photos/video footage for Varsity videos • Asked where groups mainly look. Mainly e-mail or Instagram. Some use teams others not. 	
Academic Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MG: MUN's/Law have competitions. Would they be annexed. • LB: No, could be head delegate role could be worked in or out of the structure. Up to the group. We don't want to change everything we want to make sure groups get more support. • Might make it slightly harder to make people not from that degree to get involved. Some were cross that Maddie was elected as the President with a mixed degree. • EV: Would it be the school or the dept. History or Humanities • LB Would be the dept • CK: Academic reps being part of the community, not always student engagement in the rep roles. Computer Science. Would it be essential to have those roles. • LB. Interesting. Not essential but would try to encourage. Might be helpful having the involvement of the SU as sometimes the dept aren't very supportive might be better if the SU are involved for more support. • Law: Struggle with relationship between dept and the Society in the past. Would possibly find it very beneficial. 	
Ratifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AC: Doing Ratifications next week this time as only just been briefed. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• JS discussed the cap of 20 ratifications per year based on the budget of £2000 at £100 per new group fund.	
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CK – Not really a way to give feedback or complaints from a societies or sports point of view about the sports centre, of things aren't going well there. Wondered if the SU could help with that.• EV – Sending a reminder about who should be emailed for what, as always confused who to email about what.• Set out of office on royalholloway.su inboxes.	