

**MINUTES OF STUDENT GROUPS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY
17TH NOVEMBER 2009 AT 1PM**

Attendance

American Football; Badminton; Mens Basketball; Cheerleading; Cricket; Ladies Football; Mens Football; Mens Hockey; Ladies Rugby; African Caribbean; Boxing; Christian Union; Climbing; Cycling; Dance; Equestrian; Kayaking; LOCO; RAG; Rowing; Spotlight Theatre; Swimming; Trampolineing; WIN; Anime & Manga

Apologies

Jitsu, Netball, Ladies Basketball, Mens Rugby

Absent

Ladies Hockey; Kids Club; Psychology; Sunday Sport; Tennis; Trampolineing

Declaration of Interest

None

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Proposed and seconded.

Open Discussion

A student (LOCO) raised a room booking problem whereby Security are asking groups to leave the room before their allocated time is up. Glen has emailed LOCO committee regarding this. Andy asked that all students liaise with Glen regarding any future problems.

Volunteer Accreditation

Andy said that if anyone was interested the forms would be available after the meeting.

Granting Procedure

Andy said that grants had now been allocated and a document was available explaining the process. Clubs/Societies can now see Brian – Finance Manager to access their grants.

Tour – Sign up and information

Andy said that there had been some problems with the on line bookings – teething problems. There will probably be another date for those still interested in signing up. The £60 deposit has to be in by 23rd November and full deposit by 5th February.

Accommodation and Transport

Andy explained that money is not available to pay for overnight accommodation. If a club/society chooses to make their own way to a match then the SU would pay 2/3 towards the petrol costs. At the moment this only applies to BUCS fixtures. Train tickets would also be paid for. Andy said that he and Glen were looking into producing a policy explaining exactly what clubs/societies would be able to claim. Rowing asked if the SU would contribute to costs for a

BUCS endorsed event. Students should speak to himself or Glen but reiterated that this would be explained in the new policy.

A student asked about making the mini-bus available. Glen said that there is an issue about who is allowed to drive them – age limit etc. It is particularly difficult at weekends as University staff are not available to drive the bus. **Action – Andy and Glen to include in policy document.**

Beer Pong

Andy said that hopefully everyone was enjoying this and it would be carrying on until the end of the semester. It would start again in February. If anyone else is interested in taking part they should let him know.

Capital Bid

Andy explained the Capital Bid to refurbish the SU building. He then asked the room for suggestions which included; bigger shop, longer bar area to prevent queues, more storage for sports equipment, more computer facilities, comfy seating (bean bags), off licence, table football in the Dive. In response to the last suggestion a Rowing student said that she would rather see the money spent on clubs and societies. Andy looking at getting a different notice board. One student suggested an interactive message board. **Action – Andy to speak to Laura about the feasibility.**

Varsity

Andy and Glen had a meeting last week in Gloucester. There will be one day at Gloucester and one day at Worcester on 21st and 28th April. It will include all main BUCS sports. Rowing representative suggested having their own Varsity. Glen said that it would be worth looking into. Swimming would also like to get involved. The next meeting will be on 2nd or 3rd December. Cheerleading are also interested but would need a room arranged. Jitsu and climbing would also like to be involved, boxing are not sure. Andy said that some big venues were planned for rugby, cricket. A student enquired about event times clashing as had happened last year. Andy said that would not happen this year as all events would be staggered so that competitors could also watch other matches.

Colours Ball

Date suggested of 24th April or 1st May. Rowing said that they have BUCS on 1st May. Andy asked the room if anyone thought the 24th April would be a problem as it falls between the two Varsity dates. Noone had a problem with this.

Inter Society Communication

Glen stressed to the room about making sure that freshers and members get messages and know what procedures are. There has been some confusion about who does what.

Development Plans

Andy said that he needed development plans back ASAP – in the next few weeks.

Any Other Business

Tour – Students asked about various rumours going around about Tour (eg people arranging their own tour to Lloret de Mar). Andy stated that if people are organising their own thing then the SU is not responsible for any problems they may have. He went on to say that 100+ had signed up for Tour. He understands that finance is a problem for some students but people can still sign up.

Award Scheme – Glen said that he had been asked to mention an award scheme being piloted by the University which is open to all students. Briefly the University would like students to make a note of any extra activities they are involved in which would go towards their degree accreditation. A dozen or so students are needed to trial the scheme. Anybody interested should see Glen. **Action – Glen to send out details by email to everyone.**

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 10th December 1pm.