

**MINUTES OF STUDENT GROUPS MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 10TH
DECEMBER 2009 AT 1.00 PM IN YELLAND LECTURE THEATRE.**

Attendance: Andy Elleray, VP Student Groups (Chair), Glen Wilson, Sports & Societies Coordinator, American Football, Badminton, Cricket, Ladies Football, Men's Football, Ladies Hockey, Men's Hockey, Ladies Rugby, Men's Rugby, Animee & Mango, Boxing, Cheerleading, Christian Union, Climbing, Cycling, Dance, Geography, Jitsu, Kayaking, Loco Show Co, RAG, Rowing, Swimming, Trampolining.

Janet Sprague, Minute Taker

Apologies: Men's Basketball, Spotlight Theatre.

Absent: Ladies Basketball, Netball, African Caribbean, Equestrian, Kids Club, Psychology, Sunday Sport, Taekwondo, Tennis, WIN.

VP Student Groups reminded everyone to sign in and asked all committees to collect and fill out today their training times for next semester.

Minutes of last meeting – agreed.

Action Points

Policies – refer to agenda

Feasibility of an Interactive White Board. VP Student Groups said that the Marketing Coordinator is working on a new website at the moment and it should be up and running by next semester.

Worcester Award Scheme. The Sports & Societies Coordinator said that he has sent out the details on the Worcester Awards Scheme.

Dress Code

VP Student Groups said that this subject was brought up at Student Council and he was asked to put it on the agenda for this meeting. There was an incident in the Dive where somebody was dressed very controversially. VP Student Groups asked if groups believe that there should be address code for the Dive. The student was dressed as Hitler. VP Student Groups asked for an open discussion. It was felt that incidents should be dealt with on a case to case basis. Most people are sensible. VP Student Groups will feed this back to Student Council.

Initiations

It has been suggested that initiations have a name change to "Welcoming Ceremonies". VP Student Groups asked if committees had a problem with this. It was said that even if the name is changed the event will still be the same. It was also asked why the need for the name change. VP Student Groups said that the university believe it is because

the event should be on a voluntary basis only and initiations may indicate compulsory participation.

Policies (Finance, Transport and Accommodation)

The policies were passed round. The Sports & Societies Coordinator will send the policies to Student Group Committees.

Volunteer Accreditation

VP Student Groups asked committees to contact him if they wish to fill out the form.

University Contact Email Addresses

The Sports & Societies Coordinator said that the access to hotmail accounts has been down and so it has been difficult for the Students' Union to contact committee members. The Sports & Societies Coordinator will send out a new contact list form and would ask committees to include their university contact email addresses.

Varsity

VP Student Groups went through the power point presentation. This will be sent out to groups with the minutes. Gloucester and Worcester want to make this a prestigious event. Varsity will be over two days, one at Gloucester and the other at Worcester. Gloucester's will be on 28th April and hopefully Worcester's will be on 21st April. VP Student Groups wants 1st team members to take part, because we want the standard to be as high as it possibly can be. The idea is to hold as many events as possible at prestige venues.

It was asked if there will be transport for supporters to venues. VP Student Groups said that there will be which will be included in a ticket price.

Colours Ball

VP Student Groups said he has had another meeting with regards to the menu for the Colours Ball. It is looking good. It will take place on either 24th April or 1st May. He is favouring 1st May as Varsity will then be complete. He is trying to find the best possible date. The general opinion of the groups is that 1st May will be the best date. Groups asked for this to be decided in the New Year.

Development Plans

VP Student Groups asked committees to submit their development plans as soon as possible.

Open Discussion, any issues matters arising from the previous meeting.

Jason Roberts, Jitsu. Jason brought up the subject of equipment for Jitsu. VP Student Groups asked Jason to get a quote and bring it in and he will look at it with a view to ordering. VP Student Groups said that he Sports Centre will no longer hire out equipment because so much as gone missing in the past.

A.O.B.

VP Student Groups reminded everyone to fill out the forms for training times for the next semester and let him have them before they leave this meeting. He needs to get them to the Sports Centre by tomorrow.

Trampolining/Badminton

Trampolining and Badminton are holding an event for Christmas, a 24 hour marathon. They want as many people as possible to support the event. It is on 17th January in the Sports Centre 8.30 am – 8.30 am. The Badminton courts are going to be available for the 24 hours. Sally Jones, from the Communications & Development Department of the university will be taking photographs. Food is going to be provided by Pizza Hut.

Merry Christmas Everyone.

Date of Next Meeting – To Be Announced.