

MINUTES OF STUDENT GROUPS MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2009 AT 1.00 PM IN ROOM EE 1061.

Attendance: Andy Elleray, VP Student Groups, Glen Wilson, Sports & Societies Coordinator, American Football, Badminton, Ladies Basketball, ladies football, men's football men's hockey, ladies hockey, Netball, Rugby Union, ladies, Rugby Union, Men's, African Caribbean, Boxing, Cheerleading, Christian Union, Climbing, Cycling, Dance, Equestrian, Jitsu, Kayaking, Loco, RAG, Rowing, Sunday Sport, Trampolining, WIN, Anime & Mango, Music. Janet Sprague, Minute Taker.

Apologies: Sunday Sport, Spotlight theatre, Kids Club, Psychology

Absent: Men's Basketball, Cricket, Men's Football, Swimming, Tennis.

Late Attendance: None

Opening Message from VP Student Groups

VP Student Groups welcomed everyone to the first Student Group meeting of the year. VP Student Groups informed committee members to make sure that they have signed in.

Student Council

VP Student Groups explained to groups that the Students' Union is looking for them to elect 4 members (2 clubs and 2 societies) for Student Council to represent all Student Groups at these meetings. VP Student Groups explained that this is very good experience and is something to add to their CV's when they leave university. The following volunteered their service:-

Jason Roberts	Jitsu	(Society)
Lewis Horton	Loco	(Society)
Sarah Chatterley	L. Basketball	(club)
Andrew Leigh	A. Football	(club)

VP Student Groups asked these group members to stay behind after the meeting to leave contact details etc.

Volunteers Accreditation Scheme

VP Student Groups explained that this scheme is to recognise the hard work student group committee members volunteer for their individual groups. VP Student Groups explained about the awards and said that they will be given out at the Colours Ball. VP Student groups said that it is something else to put on the CV. VP Student Groups informed committee members to collect the log forms from him and when completed to let him have them to be verified.

Granting Procedure

VP Student Groups explained that the grant committee to allocate the grant money to student groups will be made up of Membership Services Manager, Sports & Societies

Coordinator, VP Student Groups. They make the allocation fairer VP Student Groups would ask the four group members that have just volunteered to sit on student council to also sit on the granting procedure meeting. VP Student Groups will e-mail them with the details of the meeting after this meeting has closed. VP Student Groups said that the money should be allocated to groups in the next couple of weeks.

Transport to Battenhall

VP Student Groups said that he has made arrangements for teams to get to Battenhall for their matches. VP Student Groups said that he needs to know the Monday before the games who will require transport. VP Student Groups said that if other groups wish to book transport other than for BUCS fixtures, to see the Sports & Activities coordinator and he will help with this. Transport to Sixways discussed. It was asked if transport would be available for fans as well. VP Student Groups said that this may be feasible. He advised that individual groups e-mail him with details etc.

Sponsorship – Dive Bar

VP Student Groups said that groups sponsored by the Dive who require food after home fixtures need to speak to himself or the Bars Manager, Phil Roberts. The Bars Manager will produce a document to send out to groups. Groups asked to inform VP Student Groups of interest.

The Bars Manager asked VP Student Groups to ask the groups that are sponsored by the Bar to please stay in the bar a little longer. A lot of people are leaving before 11.30. Ideally the Bars Manager would like groups to stay longer. If there are any problems please see the Bars Manager.

Tour

VP Student Groups said he has a list of groups who want to go on tour. If Groups want more information etc., to please put names down on list at the front of the room at the end of the meeting.

Room Bookings

VP Student Groups informed everyone that if they need to book a room for any meetings, to contact the Sports & Societies Coordinator who has forms to fill out and will then book the rooms you require. You do need to give him at least 48 hours notice or even more if you can as the university room booking system is not that quick in responding.

New Societies

VP Student Groups said that he and the Sports & Societies Coordinator are in the process of looking at the interest for new societies. They will have to be passed at the next meeting.

Wednesday Night Flirt

Beer Pong got under way last night. Quite a lot took part. VP Student Groups said that if any more want to sign up, to see him.

Sports Video

VP Student Groups said that the Sports Centre and the Sports Department would like some short films of groups in playing kit for Open Days. They would like all BUCS playing teams and American Football. It does not mean all teams will have to be present just a few dressed in kit. For more information see VP Student Groups.

Parking Outside the SU

The university have asked VP Student Groups to ask groups not to park outside the Students' Union it is now a bus stop. VP Student Groups said he knows this is difficult but has been asked for groups to park on the car parks. Unfortunately the Students' Union has no jurisdiction over this.

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Contact Details. Sports & Societies Coordinator asked groups who had not let him have their committee details to please do so. It makes it much easier for the Students' Union to contact groups with any queries, information etc.

Sponsorship

Sports & Societies Coordinator asked any Groups who have external sponsorship to inform him of who the sponsor it is so that he has a record mainly for their own protection.

Sports/Society Coaches

Sports & Societies Coordinator informed everyone that the Students' Union should know who the Coaches are used by Sports & Societies for the records especially if they are external coaches. Student Groups should please let Sports & Societies Coordinator know the details as soon as possible.

Sports & Societies Magazine

VP Student Groups said that this magazine will come out every Monday. If anyone wants to have anything included please let VP Student Groups know via e-mail. Any information should be forward to VP Students Groups by the Friday before issue.

Interest in Clubs & Societies

VP Student Groups said that e-mail addresses have been given out to Students who have expressed an interest in particular club/societies. VP Student Groups asked committee's to please get back to these individuals as soon as possible. Quite a few have come back to the SU saying that nobody has got back to them.

Finance/Accounts

VP Student Groups informed committees that over the summer the Students' Union were able to wipe all the accounts. This is a one off. There will be a policy introduced with regards to groups getting into the red so stressed for groups to keep an eye on their accounts.

Transport

VP Student Groups reported that he has been directed by David Green (Vice Chancellor) that no drinking is allowed on transport to away fixtures etc. VP Student Groups said that Aston Coaches will be informed. VP Student Groups apologised about this but it is out of his hands.

Date of Next Meeting 17th November 2009 – 1.00 pm in Room EE 1061