

**MINUTES OF STUDENTS GROUPS MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11TH
FEBRUARY 2010 AT 1.15 PM IN ROOM G132**

Attendance: American Football, Badminton, Ladies Basketball, Men's Basketball, Men's Cricket, Ladies Football, Men's Hockey, Netball, Ladies Ruby, Men's Rugby, Anime & Manga, Cheerleading, Equestrian, Loco Show Co, RAG, Rowing, Spotlight Theatre, Swimming, Trampolining.

Apologies: Rebecca Batner, Cheerleading, Dale Williams Men's 1st Team Captain, Football.

Absent: Men's Football (Chair), Ladies Hockey, African Carobean, Boxing, Christian Union, Climbing, Cycling, Dance, Geography, Kayaking, Kids Club, Psychology, Sunday Sports, Taekwondo, WIN.

Late Attendance: None

VP Student Groups opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the second semester.

Minutes of Last Meeting:

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| Proposed | Lewis Horton, Loco |
| Seconded | Jon Goddard, American Football |

Financial Policy

VP Student Groups handed out the document and asked groups to read it thoroughly. He said the policy has been devised around past experiences etc.

Tour

VP Student Groups said that all the signing up for tour has now passed. VP Student Groups apologised for the problems that were experienced with the online system. He said it is new this year and there have been teething problems. Hopefully this will be sorted out for the future. VP Student Groups said that further publicity will be sent out between now and when tour commences.

Beer Pong

VP Student Groups said that the knockout competition will commence next week. Netball won the league. The barrel of beer will be split between Netball and the winners of the knockout competition. VP Student Groups asked for interest to see if the event should continue. The majority of those present agreed for it to continue. VP Student Groups said he will send out an e-mail to see who is definitely interested in taking part.

Action Point – VP Student Groups to e-mail groups to see who is interested in taking part in beer pong.

Varsity

VP Student Groups said that all the plans for Varsity are going well. He and Sports & Societies Coordinator have been having regular meetings with their counterparts at Gloucester. Anyone who requires any further information to please see VP Student Groups. VP Student Groups said that he will keep everyone informed of any updates. If anyone has any further questions to please see VP Student Groups.

Colours Ball

VP Student Groups said that the Colours Ball will be on 1st May. He apologised if this date does not suit everyone but this was the date the venue came up with. VP Student Groups said that preparations are going well and the menu is sorted. There will be good drinks prices. VP Student Groups said he has another meeting with the venue next month when there will be more information. The event will take place at Sixways (Worcester Rugby Club). VP Student Groups is trying to get some photos of the rooms that will be available to us. We will have the use of two conference rooms, one for the meal and awards ceremony and one for the entertainment. VP Student Groups is speaking to Loco and Spotlight to do a "turn". There will be more information next month.

Team/Group Photographs

VP Student Groups said that he has arranged for team/group photographs on Tuesday 23rd February. VP Student Groups said that he needs to know who wants what, eg, full squads plus individual teams plus whole groups etc. VP Student Groups needs this information early next week. The photographs will be taken in the Dive. VP Student Groups said that groups and teams will have the option of formal photographs and informal photographs. There is a special price £10 per formal photo or £15 if people have formal and informal photos. It has been arranged for a pick up day on 9th March but they can be obtained on the day as well.

Sports and societies coordinator said that he will arrange for kits to be available on 23rd provided kits have been put into laundry after games on 17th. He also said that they must be left with him after the photos for any games to be played the next day.

Capital Development

VP Student Groups said that the Students' Union have submitted a capital bid to the university for the building. A food outlet in the Dive has been included on the plans and he has been asked to try and get ideas from students of what they want. The following are some of the ideas that Groups came up with:-

- Pork Baguettes with apple and stuffing.
- Better and more vegetarian menu.
- Pasties
- Ice Cream Machine
- KFC
- Access to a Microwave
- Bakery
- Carvery

VP Student Groups will feed this information back to the Chief Executive.

Action Point – VP Student Groups to feed menu variety to Chief Executive.

Varsity

VP Student Groups requested 1st team captains stay behind after the meeting to discuss varsity.

VP Student Groups was asked why the Students' Union would not be helping towards accommodation as they do with transport costs. VP Student Groups said that unfortunately the Students' Union cannot afford to supplement accommodation costs. Accommodation and transport discussed. VP Student Groups did say that if groups have used transport incorporating a driver of a coach, his/her accommodation would be paid for. It was said that new catering equipment is being looked into but that accommodation cannot be supplemented. VP Student Groups explained the difference in the capital bid for improvements to the building and the budget clubs/societies including transport and accommodation.

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Voice

VP Student Groups said that the Marketing Coordinator has asked if Student Groups can submit a short article of about 200 words about the activities of their groups since September. The deadline for articles is 22nd February 2010.

SU Elections

Sports & Societies Coordinator informed everyone that the deadline for nominations for the Student Union elections is tomorrow, Friday 12th February 2010 at 12 noon. No nominations can be accepted after that time. VP Student Groups said that he has some leaflets about the elections if anyone is interested.

Kit and Equipment

Sports and Societies Coordinator reminded everyone to please make sure that they return medical bags and equipment to him the day after matches and to put their kit into laundry before 12 noon the day after their games/matches. Sports & Societies Coordinator pointed out that groups at this university are very lucky to have their kit washed for them, when he was at university the groups were responsible for washing their own!

Cheerleading and Dance Competition

Sam Skilbeck, of Cheerleading, informed everyone that both societies are entering a competition at Loughborough. At 9.10 pm Friday 12th February they will be performing a show case in the Sports Hall and would like everyone to come along and show their support.

Date of Next Meeting – 16th March 2010, 1.00 pm – Sheila Scott, 008.