

WSU Student Activities Council

Tuesday 14/10/2025 at 10:00 (EE 2021)

## Attendance

**Staff in attendance:** Olayemi Ogunleye (OO), Sophie Smith (SS), Olivia Williams (OW) and Luca Campos (LC)

### Sports Clubs in attendance:

**Sports Clubs not in attendance:** Aerial Fitness, American Football, Athletics, Badminton, Baseball & Softball, Boxing, Cheerleading, Climbing and Mountaineering, Dance, Equestrian, Men's Basketball, Men's Cricket, Men's Football, Men's Futsal, Men's Hockey, Men's Rugby, Netball, Paddlesport & Surf, Social Running Club, Social Sports, Swimming, Taekwondo, Tennis, Volleyball, Wheelchair Basketball, Women's Basketball, Women's Cricket, Women's Football & Futsal, Women's Hockey, Women's Rugby, Yoga

### Sports Clubs sending apologies:

**Societies in attendance:** Book Club, Business, Christian Union, Gaming, Poetry, Psychology, Socialist

**Societies not in attendance:** ACMS, Biology, Biomedical Science Society, British Red Cross, Cocktail Society, Dungeons & Dragons, Education Enhancement, Emergency Medicine, Garlic Bread, Geography, Global Health, Inter Collegiate Prayer Fellowship (ICPF), Islamic, Law Society, Loco Show Co, MedSoc, Medicine Sports Society, MidSoc, Model United Nations Society, Music, Nigerian Society, ParaSoc, Physiotherapy, Psychiatry, Spotlight, SSAGO, Surgical, UBT

### Societies sending apologies:

**Quoracy:** Required quoracy not reached (30%)

## Agenda Items

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

- OO welcomed all members to the first Student Activities Council of 2025/26 and introduced the Help & Advice team, who briefly explained their function.
- Agenda presented to the attendees.
- Introductions given by everyone.
- OO outlined the purpose of Student Activities Council.
- Attendance and apologies as listed above.

## Approval Items

### 2. Approval of Terms of Reference

- OO presented the current ToR to the attendees, which outlines the Council's purpose, remit, quorum, and frequency of meetings.
- Meeting is not quorate. Indicative vote taken: 7 approvals (unanimous vote)

### 3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

- Meeting is not quorate. The Student Activities Council Meeting minutes from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 could not be voted on for approval. Unanimous indicative vote (7).

### 4. Actions from Previous Meeting

- No actions raised in previous meeting.

## Reporting Item

### 5. Student Activities Council Reps

- OO introduced the role of student councillor and the two candidates for the Student Council - Theo Hercules and Kristianne Aune. A total of eight positions is expected to be filled.
- SS explained that due to changes to By-laws, it is now possible for multiple candidates to apply to the same category.
- The candidates were given the opportunity to share their manifestos to the attendees. A third member volunteered to run for the councillor role (Alex Scanlon).
- The attendees were given ballot papers to take an indicative vote on the candidates.
- Vote to follow via email.

## Discussion Items

### 6. Ice Breaker Discussion

- 'Christmas Decorations up before or after the 1<sup>st</sup> of December?'

## 7. Welcome Week - Highlights & Feedback

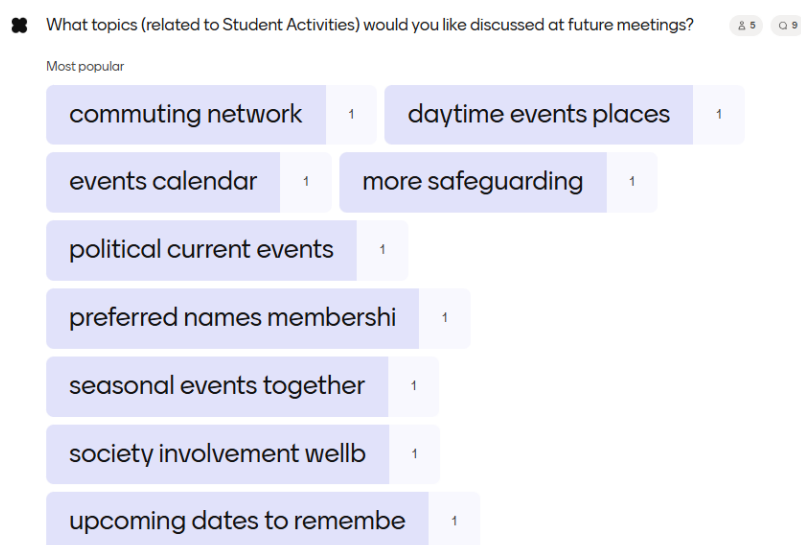
- SS presented the different topics to provide feedback for:
  - Daytime Events
  - Evening Events (Hangar)
  - Tramps Events & Communications [no feedback provided]
  - Give it a Go
- Attendees split into different groups to write their impressions of the Welcome Week activities.

Give it a Go
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Snack stand: very good/ many people/ visible</li> <li>- Movie night - need snacks</li> <li>- Promoting future events</li> <li>- Reaching out to people personally</li> <li>- Active WhatsApp group</li> <li>- International and normal welcome week</li> <li>- Can it be extended by a week because societies clash - from first week of term to reading week</li> <li>- Booking a venue - affordable for members/logistics - transportation</li> <li>- Being more prepared - meetings during the summer/Zoom and evenings preferably</li> <li>- Present on social media</li> <li>- Nighttime and daytime events</li> <li>- Food</li> <li>- Boardgame/ craft evening</li> <li>- Societies being on all campuses</li> </ul>
Evening Events (Hangar)
<p><u>The Quiz night (on Tuesday)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Last year's one was fun</li> <li>- Generally - add a round on flags</li> <li>- Official buddy system from town to St John's Campus</li> <li>- Society Pic and Mix was nice</li> </ul> <p><u>The Hangar is bad for audio processing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Silent disco</li> <li>- Quieter events - origami sessions</li> <li>- Board games</li> </ul> <p><u>Alcohol Slushies</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This would solve the Hangar's deficit within a week</li> </ul>
Daytime Events
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Do some weekend events as sometimes not available during the week due to lecture</li> <li>- Societies fair - societies poorly grouped (gaming/D&amp;D with sports?)</li> <li>- Stop letting sports throw balls around - they keep hitting us</li> </ul>

- Is it possible to do some events on city so it's more easily accessed by commuters/city-based students?
- Extreme coffee drinking events
- Snack stands
- Fancy a cuppa

## 8. Student Activities Council Future Topics

- OO asked the attendees to provide ideas on what possible future topics should be discussed at the Student Activities Council. A Mentimeter QR code was offered to facilitate collating.



## Reporting Items

### 9. TeamWorc Points

- OO presented how the score system works and the current position of clubs and societies on the ranking. Dance club is currently leading with 140 points, thus having attained the bronze award.
- Attendees asked where to find the form to submit points, and what member of staff to attribute it to.

### 10. Club & Society of the Month

- OO presented which clubs and societies had the most highlights in September.
  - The societies were the Christian Union, Gaming, and Socialist Society.
  - The clubs were Dance, Cheerleading, and Men's Football.

### 11. SU Elections

- OW gave an overview of the SU Elections:

- There will be a delay this year to encourage more students to run and vote for the positions of President, Vice President of Education, and Vice President of Student Activities.
- Attendees confirmed the positions are salaried, and asked what terms and conditions surround them.

## 12. Officer Updates

- OO presented the ongoing objectives:
  - Weekly Health Nuggets
  - Pop-Up Salon Initiative at The Hangar
  - Mental Health Awareness Days
  - Unheard Voices (suggestion box initiative)
  - International Students Welcome Lounge (high engagement and great feedback attained)
  - Monthly Cultural Café Series (inter-hall and inter-departmental recreational games and sports – starting with a focus on football)
  - Varsity 2026
  - Christmas Party (focus on students unable to visit their homes)
- Attendees asked if the Christmas Party would be recreated for Summer as well. OO made a note to explore the idea.

## 13. SU Activities Updates

- SS gave an overview of the highlights of different SU activities.
  - Give it a Go
  - By-elections
  - Club and society development grants – applications open next week; requirements will be shared soon
  - Membership and balance reports – support offered
  - RAG Week – running 10<sup>th</sup> November to 14<sup>th</sup> November
- Attendee enquired about the WSU website as members have experienced issues with memberships through it. SS explained there is currently a miscommunication between the data obtained from the University; the problem is under observation.

## Any Other Business

### 14. AOB

- Attendee brought up a letter to address the statement made by the University on the St. George flags around St. John's campus and express the discontentment of different student groups over said response.  
**Action OCT 01:** OO to raise students' letter with the University regarding the statement sent on the St. George flags situation.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 4:30PM in EE 1104

OO thanked all attendees for their participation and closed the meeting.