

WSU Student Activities Council

Monday 05/02/2024 at 11:30 (EE1106)

Staff in attendance: Isobel Price (IP), Sophie Smith (SS), Barney Blake (BB), Hannah Heskin (HH), and Helen Hope (HHo).

Clubs in attendance: Aerial Fitness, Boccia, Men's Basketball, Men's Rugby, Social Sports, and Women's Football.

Clubs not in attendance: American Football, Athletics, Badminton, Dance, Dodgeball, Equestrian, Fencing, Lacrosse, Men's Football, Men's Futsal, Men's Hockey, Paddlesport & Surf, Tennis, Trampolining, Volleyball, Women's Basketball, Women's Futsal, Women's Hockey, Women's Rugby, WorcHike, Worcester Strikers, and Yoga.

Clubs sending apologies: Archery, Boxing, Cheerleading, Climbing & Mountaineering, Gym Club, Men's Cricket, Netball, Swimming, Ultimate Frisbee, Wheelchair Basketball, and Women's Cricket.

Societies in attendance: African & Caribbean, Biomedical Science, Book Club, Creative Writing, Education Enhancement, Gaming, Nigerian, Paramedics, and PENSA.

Societies not in attendance: Allotment & Gardening, Anime & Manga, British Sign Language, Dungeons & Dragons, Film, Law, Nature, Oriental, Poetry, and Professional Policing.

Societies sending apologies: Business, Christian Union, Debate, Knit N Knatter, LOCO Show Co, MedSoc, Midwifery, Music, RockSoc, Spotlight, SSAGO, Uni Boob Team, and RAG Team.

Agenda Items

1. Welcome and Introductions

- IP welcomed all members to the third Sports Clubs & Societies Sub-Council of 2023-24, the first meeting of the newly named Student Activities Council, and introduced the agenda
- Attendance and apologies are listed above

Approval Items

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

- TeamWorc Council Meeting minutes from 21st November 2023 were unanimously approved

3. Actions from Previous Meeting

- Varsity courtside seating suggestion taken back to Varsity Operations Working Group
 - Decision: not going to provide courtside seating due to additional strain on Arena team setup and restricted view from low angle seating.

Reporting Item

4. Student Council Summary Report

- IP delivered a summary of the Student Council meeting held on 5th December 2023
 - Officer Annual Objectives & Officer Reports approved
 - Updates on WSU Trustee Board, Executive Committee & Sub-Councils
 - Sophie Williams presented the WSU Annual Accounts, approved by vote
 - Sub-Council policies were discussed:
 - Recording of Lectures - majority vote to approve
 - Basic Life Support / First Aid - voted for amendment - give time to research practicalities, policy to be returned to Student Council
 - Race Equality Week - unanimous vote to approve
 - Accommodation Refences for International Students - approved with amendment - addition of home students in exceptional circumstances

Approval Items

5. Student Activities Council Reps

- Agenda item was skipped due to Student Activities Council not reaching 30% quoracy.

Discussion Items

6. Artificial Intelligence Workshop

- Agenda item pushed to the end of the Council Meeting due to HHo availability.
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7. TeamWorc Awards

- HH facilitated discussion regarding TeamWorc Awards recognition.

What activities do you feel should be recognised as part of celebration week?

fundraising	Who has been most supportive to the SU and other societies	Top3 Worc Point Winners	Volunteering hours Teamworc honours Teamworc points
Running professional courses and training which result in qualifications e.g first aid and mental health first aid	Speeches. Celebrate small societies with new award groups	Regular members that are always willing to help with events and such outside of regular sessions, despite not being on the committee	Best social media account

8. Open Forum

- Meea Emilia Honkaniemi (Book Club) - sought clarity surrounding the promotion/visibility of TeamWorc Awards, ensuring that committees and members are aware of what awards they can nominate/vote on.

Reporting Items

9. SU Leadership Elections

- IP delivered an update on the upcoming SU Leadership Elections, highlighting the key dates, nomination period, and the TeamWorc Points on offer for 50% of Student Group members voting in the Elections.
 - Benji Robison (Paramedics Chair) raised that it is more difficult for larger Societies to hit the 50% voting threshold to earn TeamWorc Points (easier for small Societies to get 6 members to vote than for ParaSoc to get 60+ members to vote).
 - HH responded that this can be considered looking ahead at the 2024/25 TeamWorc Points Criteria, but that criteria now set for 2023/24.
- IP flagged SU Elections guidelines for Student Groups, highlighting the equality of promotion for candidates.

Approval Items

5. Student Activities Council Reps

- Late arrivals to Student Activities Council meant the meeting had now hit the 30% quoracy required, so the Council returned to agenda item #5 to vote on Student Council Reps.
- HH advised that applications had been received for General Interest Societies Rep and Charity & Volunteering Societies Rep.

- Application manifesto read for Luke Marshall-Watkin (Gaming Chair) for General Interest Societies Rep.
 - Luke Marshall-Watkin voted in as General Interest Societies Rep by secret ballot (15 For, 1 Abstain, 0 Re-Open Nominations).
- Application manifesto read for Megan Thomas (Uni Boob Team Chair) Charity & Volunteering Societies Rep.
 - Megan Thomas voted in as Charity & Volunteering Societies Rep by secret ballot (14 For, 2 Abstain, 0 Re-Open Nominations).
- HH advised of the open positions with no prior applications - Team Sports Clubs Rep and Individual Sports Clubs Rep - no applications from the floor.

Reporting Items

10. Activities Elections & Annual General Meetings

- HH shared update on upcoming Activities Elections, particularly highlighting the [Activities Elections Fact Sheet](#), and the key dates.
- HH delivered guidance on Annual General Meeting (AGM) requirements for Student Groups, highlighting key dates and communication with the SU.

11. TeamWorc Points

- IP shared an update of the TeamWorc Points leaderboard.
 - Paramedics (235pts), Uni Boob Team (180pts), and Nigerian Society (140pts) highlighted as Societies who have reached Bronze status.
 - Cheerleading (130pts) highlighted as the first Sports Club to achieve Bronze status.

12. Club & Society of the Month

- IP shared the nominations and winners of Club & Society of the Month for December 2023.
 - Society of the Month nominees: Book Club, Uni Boob Team, and Christian Union.
 - Society of the Month winner: Uni Boob Team.
 - Club of the Month nominees: Women's Rugby, Ultimate Frisbee, and Cheerleading.
 - Club of the Month winner: Cheerleading.

13. Officer Updates

- IP shared updates on VPSA Objectives:
 - Collaboration between Clubs & Societies - good to see lots of Student Groups collaborating for fundraising and socials.
- IP provided a reminder about the Worc Star Scheme for Student Groups to nominate & celebrate members throughout Semester 2.
- IP reviewed the recent Give it a Go Campaign Week, highlighting how many Clubs & Societies got involved.

- TeamWorc TV episode soon to be released focusing on Nigerian Society, Trampolining, and Aerial Fitness.
- IP shared an update on the recently launched Sports Kit Recycling Scheme.

14. SU Activities Updates

- BB shared an update on Varsity schedule, tickets/merchandise launch, and highlighted the limited numbers of early bird tickets available.
- IP provided information about Summer Ball ticket windows.

Discussion Items

6. Artificial Intelligence Workshop

- Council meeting returned to AI Workshop agenda item following HHo arrival.
- HHo delivered a workshop about Artificial Intelligence in academics, focusing on the process of producing academic work - the benefits of AI, and the risks relating to Academic Misconduct.

Any Other Business

15. AOB

- None raised.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 11th April 2024 - 11:30-13:00 - EE1061

IP thanked all attendees and closed the meeting.