

WSU Student Activities Council

Tuesday 11/02/2025 at 14:30 (CC004)

Attendance

Staff in attendance: Jack Lambert (JL), Sophie Smith (SS), Barney Blake (BB), Olivia Williams (OW), Antonia Rossiter-Eaglesfield (ARE), Kim Dawson (KD), and Nick Ward (NW).

Sports Clubs in attendance: Equestrian, Women's Football, and Women's Futsal.

Sports Clubs not in attendance: Aerial Fitness, Archery, Athletics, Cheerleading, Climbing and Mountaineering, Fencing, Men's Basketball, Men's Cricket, Men's Football, Men's Futsal, Men's Hockey, Men's Rugby, Paddlesport and Surf, Social Sports, Swimming, Taekwondo, Tennis, Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball, Women's Basketball, Women's Hockey, Women's Rugby, and Yoga.

Sports Clubs sending apologies: American Football, Badminton, Baseball & Softball, Boxing, Dance, Netball, Social Running Club, Wheelchair Basketball, and Women's Cricket.

Societies in attendance: British Sign Language, Business, Gaming, and Psychology.

Societies not in attendance: African and Caribbean Medical Society, Allotment & Gardening, Christian Union, Creative Writing, Dungeons and Dragons, Emergency Medicine Society, Nature, Nigerian, Occupational Therapy, PENSA, Physician Associate, and SSAGO.

Societies sending apologies: Biology, Book Club, Cocktail Society, Debate, Education Enhancement, Garlic Bread Society, Geography, Law, LOCO Show Co, MedSoc, Midwifery, Music, Nursing, Oriental, Paramedics, Physiotherapy, Poetry Society, Spotlight, Surgical Society, Uni Boob Team, and The RAG Team.

Quoracy: 7/42 Student Groups who did not send apologies (16.7%) - required quoracy not reached (30%).

Agenda Items

1. Welcome and Introductions

- JL welcomed all members to the third Student Activities Council of 2024-25 and introduced the agenda.
- Attendance and apologies are listed above.
- JL noted the attendance of OW, soon to be moving over to the Student Activities Team as Student Engagement Administrator (from March 2025 onwards).

Approval Items

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

- With quoracy not met, the Student Activities Council Meeting minutes from 28th November 2024 could not be voted on for approval.
 - Post-meeting, an online vote was conducted via MS Forms (voting window from 12th February 11am to 19th February 9am – 22 votes required to reach online vote quoracy).
 - By 19th February, 14 online votes had been received, so the voting window was extended to 9am 24th February to allow the voting to reach quoracy.
 - After the extended deadline, 43 votes had been received:
 - For: 41 votes
 - Abstain: 2 votes
- Student Activities Committee Meeting minutes from 28th November 2024 were approved by majority via online vote.

3. Actions from Previous Meeting

- No actions raised in previous meeting.

Discussion Items

4. SU Leadership Elections

- JL promoted the nominations period for upcoming SU Leadership Elections, detailed the Elections timeline, and advised on the rules for Student Groups regarding candidate promotion.

5. All Student Meeting

- JL promoted the SU All Student Meeting, being hosted on Tuesday 25th March.
- All students are invited, with attendance options at EEG087 (Urwin) and virtually via MS Teams.

6. Sustainability

- KD presented on SU Sustainability:
 - What does the SU do for Sustainability?
 - Why are Student Groups powerful?
 - How can Student Groups operate in a sustainable way?
 - Can you power up? (SDGs)
 - How can we get Student Groups more engaged with sustainability?
 - Clubs & Societies - Sustainability Ideas
- <https://forms.office.com/e/XBAcLEyMJS>

7. The Hangar: Socials & Events

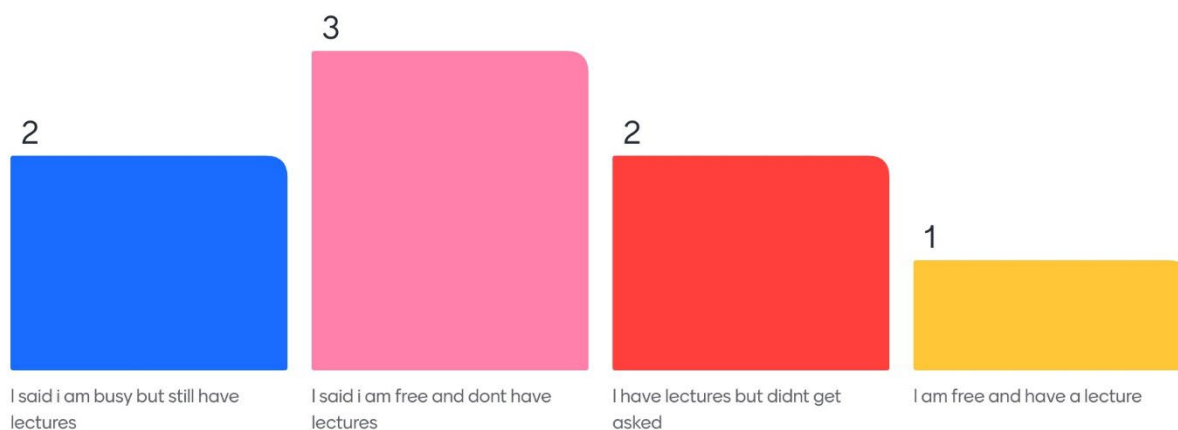
- NW presented to attendees about how Student Groups can engage with The Hangar:
 - How to book Wednesday socials
 - How to enquire about booking events
 - Opportunity for free private weekend bookings (e.g. birthday parties)
 - Advertised Tuesday quiz takeovers and Friday takeovers

8. Clubs & Societies Feedback (Timetabling)

- JL gathered feedback via Mentimeter regarding timetabling on a Wednesday:

 Mentimeter

Wednesday Lectures?



- Additional feedback was shared via attendee comments:
 - RM (Women's Football & Women's Futsal) noted that she stated on her course timetabling survey that she was not free on Wednesdays but was scheduled lectures anyway (BA History - Level 5).
 - SM (British Sign Language) queried if Wednesdays are still meant to be kept free for Clubs & Socs?

- JL responded that the important factor being reviewed is if students are asked whether they want to keep Wednesdays free, and whether this is factored in or ignored in the timetabling process.
- CF (Gaming) noted previously having module lectures/seminars block taught together in 3-hour blocks, but this academic year they have a split module (lecture on Wednesday, seminar on Friday), which makes it more difficult for commuters. Excuses given were room availability and staff scheduling, but neither seem to impact not continuing with block teaching.

Reporting Items

9. Update on Policy Proposal (SU Website)

- JL shared an update on the policy proposal that was approved at Student Activities Council (2):
 - The policy was approved by Student Council on 12th December 2024
 - The policy has been given to the SU Marketing Team who are looking into different possibilities
 - A working group has been set up and has met to review the accessibility of the website

10. Updates from Student Council

- CF (Gaming & Student Activities Council Rep) shared an update on Student Council, held on 12th December 2024 at the Elizabeth Garret Anderson Building.
 - The SU Officers gave updates on the recent sub-councils
 - The SU Trustee Board gave an update on the progress of the SU regarding its next steps, not in bad position, but needs improvement and student support.
 - Updates were delivered on previously passed policies (e.g., disabled toilet signage, continued recording of lectures, policy for Race Equality Week to continue annually)
 - Kevin Pickess (UW Academic Registrar) delivered an academic year proposal, which was voted on, with the Student Council supported the best option for student experience
 - The Council discussed various other current student issues

11. TeamWorc Points

- JL reminded of the TeamWorc Points accreditation scheme and the associated Gold, Silver & Bronze targets.
- JL shared the current TeamWorc Points leaderboards.
 - Societies led by Gaming (155 points), who have now achieved Bronze status, along with Paramedics (145 points) who have also reached Bronze.
 - Sports Clubs led by Dance (265 points), who have now moved up to Silver status, while Cheerleading (180 points) have improved their tally, and Men's Cricket (130 points) have recently reached Bronze.

12. Club & Society of the Month

- JL shared the nominations and winners of Club & Society of the Month for November 2024 and December 2024.
 - Society of the Month nominees:
 - November 2024: Gaming Society (winner), Oriental Society, and Paramedics.
 - December 2024: MedSoc (winner), Allotment & Gardening, Book Club, and Poetry Society.
 - Club of the Month nominees:
 - November 2024: Men's Cricket (winners), Netball, and Swimming.
 - December 2024: Dance (winners) and Social Running Club.
- JL shared the nominations for Club & Society of the Month for January 2025, with winners soon to be announced on social media:
 - Society of the Month nominees: Cocktail Society and Loco Show Co
 - Club of the Month nominees: Cheerleading and Men's Cricket

13. Officer Updates

- JL shared updates on his VPSA objectives & recent activity:
 - Hoping to host a Sexual Health and Guidance Fair on Tuesday 18th March
 - Working with the University to have a "What's On" page which would include all events
 - Schedule for Varsity 2025 is confirmed, taking place 2nd-9th April
 - Current RAG total is £3233.73

14. SU Activities Updates

- SS delivered an update on SU Student Activities:
 - Promoted the new Craft and Cuppa Club, led by the Student Wellbeing Champions, supported by the UW Student Support & Wellbeing Team
 - Provided guidance on the upcoming Activities Elections, including the key dates, the requirements for determining committee roles, and the processes around hosting Annual General Meetings (AGMs)
 - Provided information on TeamWorc Awards 2025, being hosted on Monday 28th April at The Hangar, with nominations & voting taking place throughout March
 - Went through schedule information for Varsity 2025, advising that earlybird tickets will be on sale from 19th February onwards

Any Other Business

15. AOB

- JL provided a reminder about the upcoming 17th February nomination deadline for the SU Leadership Elections

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 31st March 2025 - 14:30-16:00 - CC004

JL thanked all attendees and closed the meeting.