

WSU TeamWorc Council

Tuesday 21/11/2023 at 11:30 (EE1061)

Staff in attendance: Isobel Price (IP), Sophie Smith (SS), Barney Blake (BB), Hannah Heskin (HH), Antonia Rossiter-Eaglesfield (ARE), and Al Linforth (AL).

Clubs in attendance: Aerial Fitness, Climbing & Mountaineering, Men's Rugby, Netball, Social Sports, Ultimate Frisbee, Women's Cricket, Women's Football, and WorcHike.

Clubs not in attendance: Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Dodgeball, Equestrian, Men's Basketball, Men's Football, Swimming, Volleyball, Women's Hockey, and Yoga.

Clubs sending apologies: American Football, Boxing, Cheerleading, Dance, Fencing, Lacrosse, Men's Cricket, Men's Futsal, Men's Hockey, Paddlesport & Surf, Tennis, Women's Basketball, Women's Futsal, Women's Rugby, and Worcester Strikers.

Societies in attendance: Anime & Manga, Biomedical Science, Nigerian, Paramedics, Uni Boob Team, and RAG Team.

Societies not in attendance: African & Caribbean, Book Club, British Sign Language, Dungeons & Dragons, Film, Law, Music, and Professional Policing,

Societies sending apologies: Allotment & Gardening, Business, Christian Union, Creative Writing, Debate, Education Enhancement, Gaming, Knit N Knatter, LOCO Show Co, Midwifery, Oriental, Poetry, and Spotlight.

Agenda Items

1. Welcome and Introductions

- IP welcomed all members to the second TeamWorc Council of 2023-24, and introduced the agenda
- Attendance and apologies are listed above

Approval Items

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

- TeamWorc Committee Meeting minutes from 16th October 2023 were unanimously approved

3. Actions from Previous Meeting

- No actions raised in previous meeting

Reporting Item

4. Student Council Summary Report

- IP delivered a summary of the Student Council meeting held on 24th October 2023
- AL explained in more detail the context behind the approved and expiring policies

Approval Items

5. Sub-Council Name Change

- Student Council approved a name change of TeamWorc Council, with the phrase "TeamWorc" representing more than Sports Clubs, Societies, and RAG.
- IP & AL facilitated discussion to gather suggestions of new ideas to re-name TeamWorc Council.
- Ideas voted on to submit to Student Council:
 - Student Activities Council - 11 votes for
 - Enrichment Council - 3 votes for
 - Clubs, Societies & RAG Council - 1 votes for
 - Worc Council - 0 votes for

6. Policy - Basic Life Support & First Aid

- IP explained the Basic Life Support & First Aid Policy proposed by Benji Robison & seconded by Georgia Lacey.
- No amendments to the Policy were discussed.
- Voting:
 - For - 15
 - Against - 0
 - Abstain - 0

7. TeamWorc Council Reps

- HH explained the value of Sub-Council elected reps, the different groupings & categories, and advised that applications remain open for General Interest Societies Rep, Charity & Volunteering Societies Rep, Team Sports Club Rep, and Individual Sports Clubs Rep.
 - No applications received from the floor.

Discussion Items

8. Varsity Format & Merchandise

- SS delivered an update on the format for Varsity 2024.
- SS facilitated discussion around merchandise to be offered for Varsity 2024.
- Thoughts raised from discussions are detailed below:
 - Foam fingers?
 - Sustainability queried - single use item, likely thrown away, environmental nightmare
 - Max price would pay is £10, generally too expensive when sold at events
 - Idea raised of miniature Wolfie (like the mini-Toby freebie from Residential Life Team) - would pay max £15
 - Nice idea, but Wolfie is mainly linked to basketball (Worcester Wolves), not necessarily associated to all sports or Varsity
 - Paper clappers for Arena Day - could list the sports teams on them, good for sustainability as they are recyclable
 - Branded varsity scarves - would pay approximately £8
 - Bucket hats - £12 considered too expensive (would pay £10 max for a novelty single use Varsity branded item)
 - Would possibly pay £12 for a "Rather be a Sauce" hat
 - Would pay £12 for reversible bucket hats, two colours with different branding/slogans on each side
 - Varsity logo on one side, Rather be a Sauce on the other?
 - Would consider a baseball cap instead of a bucket hat
 - Could price for bucket hats be brought down if multibuy/group order?
 - Opportunity for bundle? Bucket hat & t-shirt for £20?
 - Offering both a basic cotton and sports material t-shirt is important for catering to different demographics
 - Cost of sports material t-shirts TBC - based on Kukri design/personalisation
 - Would pay £10-£15 for t-shirt
 - Will package/bundle tickets be on offer?
 - Will TeamWorc themed face paint be on offer again?
 - Varsity-branded water bottle? Would pay £8
 - Suggestions - mini-Teddy in a TeamWorc branded jumper, Varsity keychain, banners.

9. Battle of the Socs

- HH advised that planning is underway for Battle of the Socs to spotlight Societies (and also Home Varsity to provide another offering for all Student Groups).
- HH took suggestions for Battle of Socs via Mentimeter:

Battle of the Societies...

Food included	similar layout to were a committee so you are up against people from other societies	remake of the chase for society, big quiz or games show style	Game ideas- riff off (eg pitch perfect), team building games, karaoke
More puzzle based ones	Mid semester 2. Do the building again. Guess the song	Correlating societies with Worcester and Gloucester to compete in their profession. Such as a gaming tournament for Worc and Glouc gaming societies.	Involve sports societies too
Pictionary and finish the lyrics seems a good idea, make the tallest structure out of a stack of paper and tape	Challenges - physical activities/ puzzle solving/ quizzes Prizes - money, vouchers	Challenges - mix of physical games and activity's, and quizzes / mental games Prizes - money, vouchers, rewards	Prizes can be vouchers to hangar or external places (eg maccies) to make it a more exciting event for people to be involved in Games can be competitive like family fortunes
Themed decorations, interactive booths, and nice performances. Tickets to events, plaques Trivia questions, scavenger hunts, creative challenges (like drawings, etc), board games			

10. Club & Society Storage

- HH facilitated discussion about storage needs of Student Groups via Mentimeter:

Club and Society Storage...

Have a clear out	Not everyone is aware there is storage available - informing people at the start of the year that there is the option for storage	Make it dependant on size, so if it's something small like a Bluetooth speaker then storage shouldn't be necessary unless it's for a long period	Clear out old kit, opportunity to sell or donate old or unwanted kit to students
The university need to provide space for storage as the SU is not big enough and does not have storage rooms.	Shipping containers for storage	We have the issue of our stuff being on a differnt campus so we have to host on the campus its on due to the inability to move it. Maybe have a designated space for each society and then additional elsewhere	For climbing if we want extra harnesses to get people to do rope climbing, it's difficult to do it spontaneously as we have to drive down to lakeside to pick it up and not everyone drives/ available
Having to move the items around (from committee member's house to event locations and vice versa) Partner with university to create a space for clubs and societies items storage	aerial had issues with our poles becoming rusty last year when the riverside hall flooded, if we were able to elevate our equipment in the future it might be helpful, for example under a crate?	Have discussion about storage with sports and socs when having checkup meetings to see if things in storage need to be removed or kept	

11. Open Forum

- Jess Duckmanton - Varsity Worcester Arena Day capacity - can capacity be increased by using Joel Richards Suite for VIP, adding court-side seating?
 - **ACTION:** SS/BB to take request back to Varsity Operations Working Group
- Alice Sherbourne - appreciation raised by Aerial Fitness for Club Development Grant funding for new poles
- Natalia Taneska - shared details about upcoming Winter Ball event in The Hangar, promoted tickets on sale now. Advised of raffle tickets also on sale (funds raised will go to Behind the Smile).

Reporting Items

12. TeamWorc Points

- IP shared an update of the TeamWorc Points leaderboard.
 - Celebration of Nigerian Society as the first Student Group to achieve Bronze status on 130 points.

13. Club & Society of the Month

- IP shared the nominations and winners of Club & Society of the Month for September 2023.
 - Society of the Month nominees: Nigerian Society, African & Caribbean Society, and Uni Boob Team.
 - Society of the Month winner: Nigerian Society.
 - Club of the Month nominees: Women's Football, Men's Futsal, and Men's Rugby.
 - Club of the Month winner: Men's Rugby.

14. Officer Updates

- IP shared updates on VPSA Objectives:
 - Continuing to encourage collaboration between Clubs & Societies in fundraising & events, as well as socials.
 - Working hard to continue to look at ways to commend students for their work towards their Clubs & Societies.
 - IP shared a reminder of the Worc Star scheme as a way for Clubs & Socs to celebrate students who enhance the student experience.
- IP reviewed the Consent Campaign week held 6th-10th November.
- IP shared details around the upcoming Give it a Go Week Campaign, W/C 22nd January - plea for information for Club & Soc activities to be included in the Give it a Go Week timetable.
- IP shared information about the next Pizza with a PVC event to be held on Thursday 23rd November with Lisa Stansbie and Sally Moyle.

15. SU Activities Updates

- SS shared an update on Kukri
 - Online shop being set up, final personalisation options (logos & names/initials) being added before launch
 - Process shared for ordering online stock items, ordering bespoke items, and bulk ordering.
- HH reviewed RAG Week (13th-17th November), thanked the Clubs & Societies that got involved and congratulated Dungeons & Dragons for winning "We're a Committee".
- BB shared details about Club & Society Photos Day (Monday 4th December)
 - Reminder of paid Student Helper opportunity to work with TakeThatPhoto on the day.
- IP shared information about the Summer Ball, to be hosted at the Bank House Hotel on Wednesday 15th May. Earlybird tickets go on sale on Monday 4th December (£40.50 plus booking fee, transport included).
 - Query from the floor: "Why is the cost so high?"
 - IP & AL explained the roots of the costs (venue, catering, entertainment, etc) and compared with other Union Ball events of much higher costs.
- IP shared an update on SU Leadership Elections and the recommendation / nomination window dates.
- IP provided details of the All Student Meeting, being held on Tuesday 23rd January 12:30-14:00 in EEG087.
- IP gave an update on NUS National Conference, advising of the Policy submission process and the NUS Policy session being held on Monday 18th December 14:30-16:00 in EE1104.

Any Other Business

16. AOB

- None raised.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 5th February 2023 - 11:30-13:00 - EE1106

IP thanked all attendees and closed the meeting.

Table of Actions

SS/BB	Raise request for VIP seating in Joel Richards Suite and/or courtside seating with Varsity Operations Working Group.
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