

WSU TeamWorc Council

Monday 31/01/2023 at 11:30 (EE 1057)

**Staff in attendance:** Meg Lee (ML), Sophie Smith (SS), Barney Blake (BB), Hannah Heskin (HH), and Anna-Symone Bateman (ASB).

**Clubs in attendance:** Aerial Fitness, Lacrosse, Netball, Women's Cricket, Women's Football, and Women's Hockey.

**Clubs not in attendance:** American Football, Athletics, Badminton, Boxing, Cheerleading, Climbing & Mountaineering, Dance, Equestrian, Esports, Fencing, Men's Basketball, Men's Cricket, Men's Football, Men's Futsal, Men's Rugby, Paddlesport & Surf, Social Sports, Swimming, Tennis, Trampolining, Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball, Wheelchair Basketball, Women's Basketball, Women's Futsal, Women's Rugby, and WorcHike.

**Societies in attendance:** Anime & Manga, Asian, Biology, Creative Writing, Knit N Natter, Nigerian, Paramedics, Poetry, and Psychology.

**Societies not in attendance:** African & Caribbean, Allotment & Gardening, Boardgame, Chess, Christian Union, Criminology, Debate, Dungeons & Dragons, Education Enhancement, Geography, K-Pop, Law, Midwifery, Mindfulness, Nature, and Nursing & Associates.

**Apologies:** Archery, Business, LOCO Show Co, Men's Hockey, RAG Team, Spotlight, Uni Boob Team, and Yoga.

## Agenda Items

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

- ML welcomed all members to the third TeamWorc Council of 2022-23, and introduced the agenda
- Attendance and apologies are listed above

### 2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

- TeamWorc Council Meeting minutes from 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 were unanimously approved

### 3. Actions from Previous Meeting

- No actions raised in previous meeting

## Reporting Items

### 4. TeamWorc Council Reps Vote

- ML advised that applications had been received for the vacant General Interest Societies Rep position.
  - Applications heard from Zoe Dyas (Anime & Manga Chair), Kai Samuel (Anime & Manga Vice Chair Finance & Admin), and Isobel Price via pre-recorded video (LOCO Show Co Vice Chair Inclusivity & Promotions) for General Interest Societies Rep
  - Meeting attendance did not hit quoracy, votes recorded and additional votes requested via email
  - Isobel Price voted in (11 votes for IP, 7 votes for KS, 1 vote for ZD, 2 abstained votes)

### 5. Officer Updates

- ML discussed a few updates surrounding:
  - Varsity - pledge & campaign around #Proud2Play, dates 21<sup>st</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> March (schedule to be confirmed soon)
  - Annual Student Meeting - 14<sup>th</sup> February, opportunity for students to have their say
  - Worc Star - 16 Worc Star awards given out for Semester 1, reminder to nominate throughout Semester 2

### 6. Sports Club / Society / RAG Updates

- ML promoted the Student Choice Awards, nominations opened on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January
- ML promoted the Officer Elections, Recommend-a-Friend nominations opened on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January
  - ML advised that she is not re-running for Vice President Student Activities, signposted students to speak to current officers if interested in running
- ML announced the Activities' Elections, with available roles to be confirmed during W/C 27<sup>th</sup> February, and nominations to open on 13<sup>th</sup> March
- ML promoted the upcoming Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Training taking place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February for both committee members and all student group members
- HH provided a RAG update, with the total raised standing at £6,689.42
  - Reminded about booking in fundraising advice sessions
  - Advised that the nominated charity for 2023/24 will be voted on during Semester 2
  - Applications for RAG Team will be open 31<sup>st</sup> March to 14<sup>th</sup> April
- BB gave a BUCS Sport update, highlighting some high performing BUCS teams
- HH promoted the BRIT Challenge, reminding student groups to get planning their events around the number 23

- ML provided a TeamWorc Points leader board update, with Education Enhancement (235) leading the societies and Men's Hockey (165) leading the sports clubs

## **7. TeamWorc Action / Sustainability Updates**

- ASB provided an update on TeamWorc Action volunteering hours (3145.75 hours logged to date)
  - ML reminded that 50+ hours logged on V-Record gets added to student's degree transcript
- ASB promoted the upcoming volunteering opportunity for the Rec Sports Festival on 11<sup>th</sup> February
- ASB promoted the activities taking place during Go Green Week (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> February)

## **Discussion Items**

### **8. Volunteering Week**

- ASB gathered feedback on what student groups would like to see from a Volunteering Week:
  - Volunteering opportunities:
    - Volunteering in schools
    - Working with the elderly - tea dance was good, would be good to do another!
    - Nursing home visit
    - Colour run
    - Creative writing
    - "Speed Friending"
    - Community clean up nearer St John's
    - Advertise opportunities more Birmingham / Dudley direction
    - Helping with the Food Bank
    - Bake sale
    - Community hike
  - Rewarding volunteers:
    - Coffee and cake opportunity
    - Picnic
    - Pet therapy
    - Movie night
    - Lazer tag
    - Bingo
    - Brunch
    - Teddy bear picnic
    - Board games
    - Hive book rescue
    - Escape room

- Sessions suitable for commuters
  - Party/celebration
  - Buffet meal
  - Activities e.g. sports/arts/crafts
- Time of year:
    - To be held before or after Varsity

## 9. Emoji Check-In

- ML promoted the Students' Union Insights Survey
- ML gathered feedback on the students' university experience using an Emoji Check-In:

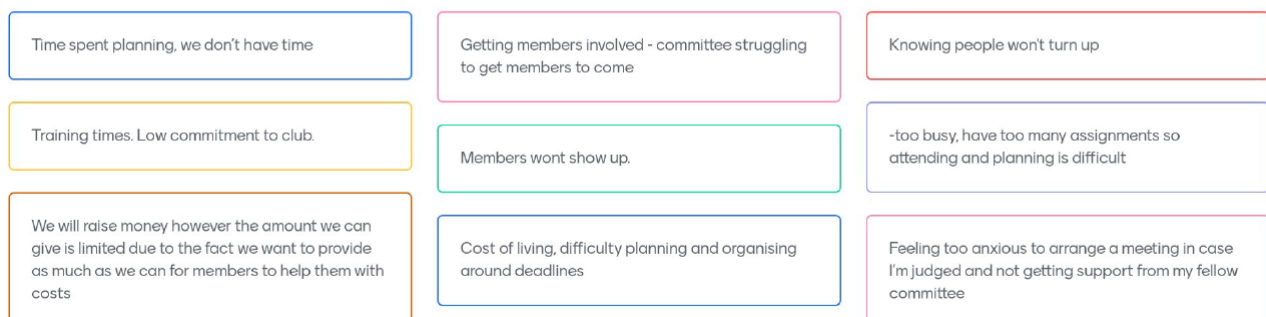


## 10. RAG Events - Barriers

- HH gathered feedback on the barriers to students planning, attending, and engaging with RAG events

### What barriers do you face when planning / organising and hosting RAG Events?

Mentimeter



<p>🌟 technology 🌟 .. can we do in-person meetings to plan events, rather than submitting via online forms &amp; portals? 🙌❤️</p>	<p>Knowing how many of our members will turn up. Supplies to host an Event for the RAG charity.</p>	<p>Very short notice sometimes meaning a lack of time to get people to attend and plan around events eg if we are training</p>
<p>Trying to plan between meetings, lectures, assignments and work makes it difficult to plan sometimes</p>	<p>Buying tickets for events and having members not buy all of them</p>	<p>More promotion of events as some events aren't always</p>
<p>Garantee of people showing up, people saying they will participate and then changing their mind at the last minute</p>		

## What barriers do you face when attending or participating in RAG events?

Mentimeter

Fitting around lectures and training	A	Clashes with other commitments.
Finding time to go	Not knowing when or where as well as fear I won't fit in at the event	Depends on the time of day
So many are at night and so many of us commute	Fitting it in around placement and personal life	Clashes with other aspects of uni work/life
My financial situation and scheduling it between doing my lectures and work.	Being busy - don't have time to attend	Clashes with other commitments and lack of money
Being judged	Money	Some of the events I have attended have been so long. When we finish training and they are hours (2+) it can be quite draining
Afraid that I or my society won't fit in at the event, or that I will let my society down	- organisation of actual events	Lack of dietary options for allergies
Mental health problems	So many are based around drinking	Cost and finding time
im intimidated by sports (or movement based) fundraisers (ie cycleathon, rowathon).		

### 11. Food on Campus

- ASB led an engagement activity about food & drink costs on campus, sparking discussion about costs across campuses and outlets
  - ASB gave students a challenge to take photos of the food & drink they purchase on campus and submit to Students' Union Welcome Desk

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## **Any Other Business**

### **12. AOB**

- Questions raised from the floor about Varsity:
  - Coach transport will be provided as an option with Varsity ticket purchases
  - Live streaming events is under discussion, decision will be based on availability of equipment and expertise available

### **13. Event Promotion**

- HH promoted two upcoming Students' Union events
  - Lip Sync Battle (Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February)
  - Take Me Out (Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February)
- Student groups took the opportunity to promote their upcoming events:
  - Paramedics - CPR Marathon
  - Knit N Knatter - Knitathon
  - Women's Cricket - Darts Night
  - Women's Hockey - Bonkers Bingo
  - Aerial Fitness - Beat Week

**Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 - 1:30pm

ML thanked all attendees and closed the meeting

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