

Minutes of the TeamWorc Committee Meeting
Wednesday 25th November 2020
Societies 13:00-14:00, Sports Clubs 14:00-15:00.
Microsoft Teams

Staff in attendance: Tish Manning (TM), Tim Hewes-Belton (THB), Sophie Smith (SS), Jack Moore (JM).

Societies in attendance: African and Caribbean, Anime and Manga, Arts Collective, Biomedical Science, British Sign Language, Creative Writing, Debate, Disney Pixar, Education Enhancement, Finnish, Harry Potter Society, Law, LOCO Show Co., Marvel & DC, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Poetry, Psychology, Spotlight, St John's, Student Minds, TableTop, UniBoob.

Societies not in attendance: Biology, Christian Union, Dungeons and Dragons, Film, Gaming, History, Islamic, Midwifery, Music, Occupational Therapy, Paramedics, Physicians Associates, Policing, Sober Socials.

Clubs in attendance: American Football, Athletics, Badminton, Boxing, Cheerleading, Climbing and Mountaineering, Dance, Equestrian, Men's Cricket, Men's Football, Men's Rugby, Netball, Paddlesports & Surf, Rowing, Social Sports, Swimming, Tennis, Trampolining, Volleyball, Women's Basketball, Women's Football, Women's Rugby, WorcSnow, Yoga.

Clubs not in attendance: eSports, Fencing, Handball, Jiu Jitsu, Men's Basketball, Men's Futsal, Men's Hockey, Mixed Hockey, Pole Fitness, Table Tennis, Ultimate Frisbee, Women's Cricket, Women's Futsal, Women's Hockey, Zumba.

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome and Introductions

- TM welcomed everyone to the second TeamWorc committee meetings.

2. COVID Update

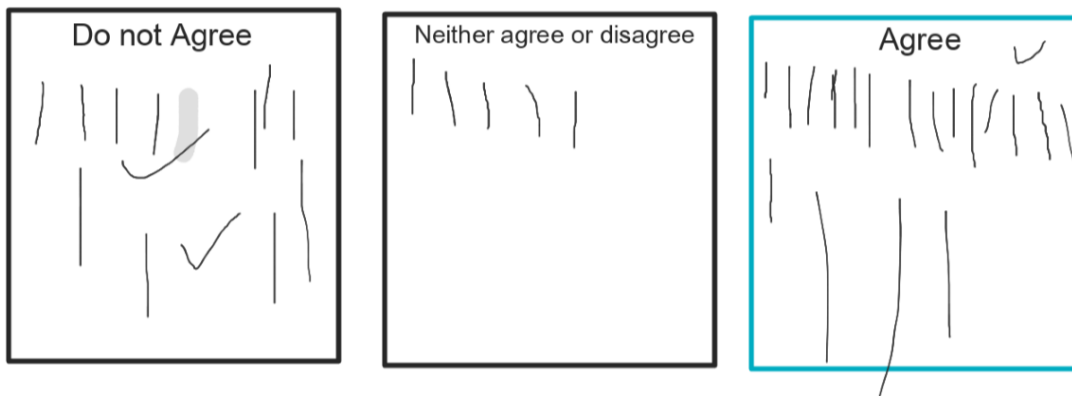
- TM gave an update on government guidance due to mixed messages.
- Guidance states: **"HE providers should not restart any social and extra-curricular activities when the period of national restrictions ends on 2 December and should work with hospitality settings in the local area to discourage opportunities for students to socialise extensively prior to their departure home."**

- TM reiterated it applies to clubs and societies and asked them to consider their choices if they are going home for Christmas and reiterated that in-person socials or Christmas parties cannot take place
- TM also reiterated that due to the guidelines, the SU recommends committees to take a break for Christmas however if clubs or societies wish to continue doing activities that they are welcome to

3. BUCS (Sports Clubs ONLY)

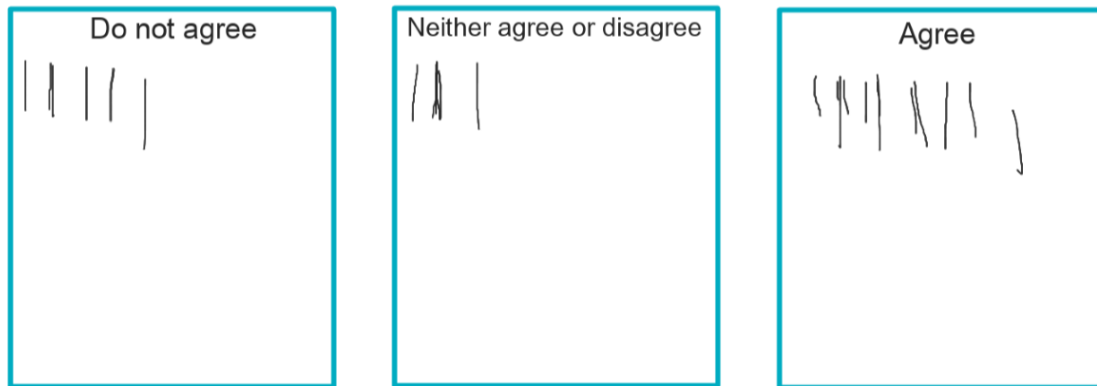
- TM asked students to express to what extent committee members agree with the decision to withdraw from BUCS via jamboard see responses below

To what extent do you agree with the decision to withdraw from BUCS this season?



- TM explained the Sport Development Board's decision to withdraw from the BUCS season emphasising student safety. TM informed the committee that the Board believes teams will play more games through arranging friendlies outside of BUCS.
- Chloe McCleod (Women's Basketball) enquired whether teams will be guaranteed friendlies, restrictions depending
- TM responded to say teams will have friendlies and that she will be explaining the approach to this later in the meeting
- Following the explanation, the committee were asked to answer the same question again. See responses below:

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4. Planning for Semester 2

Societies Only:

- TM encouraged societies to plan for semester 2 using action plans and reminded societies to book in catch up meeting if they haven't already

Sports Clubs Only:

- TM informed sports club committees that once they return in January, the sports team will be in contact to arrange catch ups to hear about their plans, in terms of what friendlies they would like to have, and offer any support for semester 2
- TM asked committees to look out for an action plan that will be sent to them prior to the meeting and ask them to complete it before the meeting to discuss

5. Geek Week (Societies ONLY)

- TM invited Keenan from Marvel & DC to talk about Geek Week
- Keenan outlined what the society have been doing for Geek Week (running 23rd-29th November)
- Keenan encouraged societies to collaborate and the important part of making something successful is communication so to not be afraid approaching other societies.

6. RAGMas

- TM revealed RAGMas and asked committees to promote and buy raffle tickets with all money going to Smile for Joel
- TM to send RAGMas ticket purchase link to committees*

7. Consent

- TM introduced her consent campaign to the committee and said in semester 2 she will be setting up working groups around all areas of consent with the marketing team and if anyone wants to get involved to email her
- TM encouraged the committee to share the link to the form to members for them to contribute ideas on what the campaign should focus on

8. Checking in

- TM told the committee about the call in service the Students' Union is providing over lockdown and post-lockdown
- TM asked the committee to promote the checking in service to members and to sign post members to the service if committee members think it will be of benefit to an individual
- TM stressed that it's not a counselling service

9. Movember

- TM congratulated and thanked the clubs and societies who have got involved with the fundraising efforts and announced the team have currently raised ~£7k
- TM reminded those who are raising money from Movember to join the University's challenge on the Movember page
- TM to share link to the page in TeamWorc Facebook group*

10. Discussion Groups

- The attendees were split into four breakout rooms with one staff member facilitating each discussion
- They were asked to comment on jamboard about the following questions
- Members given opportunity to ask questions
 1. What have gone well in your society this Semester?
 2. What challenges has your society faced this Semester?
 3. What support do you need from us?
- Responses have been saved as PDF files.

11. Staffing

- TM informed committees that the Students' Union has furloughed some staff and warned the staffing levels could reduce again so to expect delays in responses to queries and politely asked them to be patient with the team

12. TeamWorc Points

- TM provided an update on teamwork point tables

13. Battle of the Sports (Sports Clubs ONLY)

- TM thanked those teams who participated in Battle of the Sports and said how excited the team is to plan an in-person event in semester 2.
- Morgan Hallett (Men's Football) asked whether it could avoid clashing with their training time – SS responded to say it is difficult to avoid any clashes

14. Don't Rent Yet

- TM requested for students who have housing stories to tell that if they want to get involved in the Don't Rent Yet campaign to get in contact with Meg Price (President) via email

15. Akuma

- TM reminded committee members to put the Students' Union address on their order to ensure it is sent to the Students' Union building

16. Varsity (Sports Clubs Only)

- TM informed committees that varsity planning has been taking place since September and warned committees it may be a bit different to normal

17. Sports Club and Society of the Month Nominations

- TM announced the nominations for club and society of the month
- Societies
 - **Harry Potter** - For keeping engaged throughout their creative stall at sports and societies fair which engaged a lot of new members to sign up to their interest list.
 - **Marvel and DC** - For arranging 'Geek Week' with enthusiasm and hard work. They have worked alongside lots of different societies to put this week on and even adapted to being in lockdown.
 - **British Sign Language** - For setting up the courses for their members. They have also dedicated some time to teach basic sign language for Disability Awareness Month,
- Sports Clubs

- **Men's Cricket and Men's Rugby** - For their fundraising throughout November for Movember. Raising over £7,000 so far. Also, providing members with Ambassador training for the month.
- **Badminton** - For their amazing participation in Battle of the Sports. They went above and beyond in every task.
- **Dance**- For their 'Vogue' workshop with the LGBTQ+ Network. They have also worked to raise money for Movember and Children in Need.
- TM said the winners will be revealed next week

18. Committee Member of the Month

- TM revealed our new monthly award that we are introducing
- TM said that there has been really impressive committee members so far this year and because of that we want to recognise and reward these
- TM said the winners of September, October and November will be announced on TeamWorc social media

19. Closing and Q&A

- TM thanked attendees for attending and opened up for a Q&A

Question	Answer
Societies	
THB raised that in his discussion group, the question around whether socials could go ahead was asked.	JM reiterated that socials are not allowed, and it is the governments restrictions not the University's or the Students' Union's
Sports Clubs	
Caitlin Dowie (WorcSnow) – Akuma query about collection	TM responded
Rianna Elsmore (Dance) - how long for Akuma delivery	TM – 2-4 weeks but when you receive an email that it has arrived come the next day as it may not have been delivered to the SU straight away
Callum Summerfield (Boxing) – guidance on how to get members more engaged virtually	TM – referred to the guide sent to committees
Morgan Hallett (Men's Football) – should we be discouraging socials like those that Chris (Tramps) is suggesting?	TM – Yes as it is against government guidance
Katie Oswell (Paddlesports & Surf) – asked whether risk asesement trining will be provded for extreme sports	SS – the club will have a technical advisor to go through it with the club

Chloe McLeod (Women's Basketball) – first years don't feel online socials are great despite never going to one, how can we engage them?	JM – suggested to do a poll in the social media group and ask them to vote what social they would like to do online – accountability
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Actions

Action 01: TM to send RAGMas ticket purchase link to committees

Action 02: TM to share link to the page in TeamWorc Facebook group