

Minutes of the TeamWorc Committee Meeting

Thursday 28th January 2021

Sports Clubs 12:00-13:00, Societies 13:00-14:00.

Microsoft Teams

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

Clubs in attendance: Athletics, Boxing, Climbing and Mountaineering, Dance, Equestrian, Men's Cricket, Men's Hockey, Mixed Hockey, Paddlesports & Surf, Pole Fitness, Rowing, Social Sports, Tennis, Women's Football, Women's Hockey, WorcSnow.

Clubs not in attendance: American Football, Badminton, Cheerleading, eSports, Fencing, Handball, Jiu Jitsu, Men's Basketball, Men's Football, Men's Futsal, Men's Rugby, Netball, Swimming, Table Tennis, Trampolining, Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball, Women's Basketball, Women's Cricket, Women's Futsal, Women's Rugby, Yoga, Zumba.

Societies in attendance: Arts Collective, Biology, Biomedical Science, Debate, Disney Pixar, Dungeons and Dragons, Education Enhancement, Finnish, History, Law, LOCO Show Co., Marvel & DC, Nursing, Poetry, Psychology, Spotlight, TableTop, UniBoob.

Societies not in attendance: African and Caribbean, Anime and Manga, British Sign Language, Christian Union, Creative Writing, Film, Gaming, Harry Potter Society, Islamic, Journalism & Media, Midwifery, Music, Occupational Therapy, Paramedics, Physicians Associates, Physiotherapy, Policing, Sober Socials, St John's, Student Minds.

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome and Introductions

- TM welcomed everyone to the third TeamWorc committee meetings.

2. COVID Update

- TM explained due to another national lockdown all activities must continue to be online
- TM expressed sympathy explaining we know how difficult it is but urged committees to keep going with the online activities
- Online inspiration for activities include: icebreaker, backyard, 'Heads up' and psych

- If clubs/societies are running online events, TM reminded them to 'shout about it' and share it on social media so the SU can share it
- Potential for an all student groups online games night being run externally
- Every Thursday on TM Instagram there is going to be different activities for students to engage with
 - First activity is today 28/1 with a cocktail/mocktail masterclass
- Virtual BUCS Wednesdays – BUCS have launched a challenge for February called the 'Great BUCS Run'. TM encouraged students to put on their Akuma kit every Wednesday and run/walk 5km and log it through BUCS Play (*Clubs ONLY*)
- TM and Meg Price are still running 'Checking in During Lockdown' call service.
- Reminded clubs and societies this available to them and asked them to promote it to their members
- University have launched COVID-19 Relief Fund. TM outlined this and told students they can apply if they need and how to do this

3. Sports Facilities (*Clubs ONLY*)

- TM explained to students how SU are in discussions with the University about the condition of the sports facilities and the need for improvements
- Main areas of discussion are 3G/Hockey Astro/Gym
- TM asked committees if there are any particular points/concerns they would like fed back
 - Women's Hockey reemphasised the need for Hockey Astro to be replaced as it is mostly unusable
 - SS noted the point and explained there is the possibility for hockey to use the new facility being built on the other side of town. Hockey were pleased with this news.
- TM asked if there would be a preference on the location of a new gym and there was no feedback.
- No other points were raised

4. Activity and Leadership Elections

- TM presented dates for activity elections for when nominations open/close and when voting opens/closes
- Encouraged students to start considering whether they would rerun for next year's committee
- Also outlined the Leadership Elections are also fast approaching and to think if they would like to run for a position / if they know someone who would be good for a position

- TM told students to check social media/emails regularly as more information will be coming very soon

5. Varsity (*Clubs ONLY*)

- TM explained Varsity was planned for last week of March but given current lockdown and DfE guidance this will not be possible
- TM is working with Gloucester to look at what possibilities there are for an in-person varsity
- TM asked if as a last resort would be people want a virtual varsity.
 - A poll was conducted in the meeting chat

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| Yes | 7 | Neve (Dance), Callum (Boxing), Molly (Mixed Hockey), Jordan (Dance), Josh (Men's Hockey), Sophie (Women's Football), Perran (Rowing) |
| No | 7 | Reed (Climbing), Thomas (Social Sports), Will (Men's Cricket), Nadia (Women's Hockey), Alisha (Athletics), Rani (Social Sports), Harvey (Athletics) |
| Didn't vote | 9 | Equestrian, Paddlesports & Surf, Pole Fitness, Tennis, WorcSnow |

6. Battle of the Societies (*Societies ONLY*)

- TM asked for student input on what activities societies would like to see as part of Battle of the Societies
- General agreement of activities similar to Battle of the Sports but more focussed to societies
- Task master style challenges

7. RAG and Volunteering

- TM announced at just over £19,000 we are closing in on last year's RAG total
- Reminder that if clubs/societies are running RAG events they can contact JM/the RAG committee for support
- Would be a fantastic achievement to beat last year's total
- TM told students to keep logging their committee hours, including time taken for things like this meeting
- Range of volunteering and volunteer at home opportunities available on SU website – including COVID-19 vaccinators
- Student Volunteering week is 8th -14th February

8. Semester 1 Feedback Survey

- TM thanked those that took the time to fill in the survey and provide honest and constructive feedback as well as positive experiences
- TM provided a summary of feedback given. Key highlights were:

- More than 96% were either satisfied or very satisfied with our communication with you
- More than 81% either agreed or strongly agreed that they have gained skills since being on committee and more than 88% either agreed or strongly agreed that they have been able to develop their existing skills in their role
- More than 81% rated their experience as a committee member as either good or very good and more than 66% rated the experience of their student groups member's as either good or very good
- More than 81% rated the support provided by the SU to enhance the experience of your student group as either good or very good
- Things to do better include improving communication e.g. record TeamWorc meetings (this meeting was recorded as a result) and more frequent emails. Provide workshops if possible, to enhance skills and more promotion of student groups (TM asked students to shout about their activities in COVID update to make this easier

9. Staffing

- TM informed committees that Students' Union staff are flexi- furloughed so to expect delays in responses to queries and politely asked them to be patient with the team

10. Consent Campaign

- TM announced there will be Bystander Intervention training run
- Members were asked to vote on whether they would prefer 2 x longer sessions or 3 x shorter sessions

| Sport Clubs | |
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| 2 x longer sessions | 6 |
| 3 x shorter sessions | 3 |
| Societies | |
| 2 x longer sessions | 13 |
| 3 x shorter sessions | 4 |

- TM to arrange 2 longer sessions for the Bystander training

11. Memberships

- Memberships are now on sale via Reach so people can use their funds on there to purchase memberships

- TM reminded everyone that committee members need to have at least a joining membership (sports clubs), or a standard membership (societies)
- Committee members will not be able to rerun or vote in activity elections without a paid membership

12. TeamWorc Points

- TM provided an update on teamwork point tables

13. TeamWorc UNITED

- Project that was launched by TM and SS this year. The first application window was end of Semester 1
- TM congratulated Cheerleading for being the first club or society to be awarded TeamWorc UNITED
 - participation in Battle of the Sports. They went above and

14. Closing and Q&A

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

| Question | Answer |
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| Societies | |
| Thomas Pyle (Disney and Pixar) – asked how to arrangement payment for an online escape room activity, cost might vary between £15-£60 | JM – ideal situation is you forward us the link and we would pay and then send you the details. If paying for it yourself fill in a claim form and bank details with receipt, then it can be forwarded to finance. JM said not to pay for anything over £40. TM informed Thomas she now has his Akuma order. |
| Sports Clubs | |
| Reed Goodman (Climbing & Mountaineering) – asked what support we are planning for new committee members | TM – will be launching 'adopt a club/soc' where any student can come in and help run a committee to help ensure clubs can continue to run next year |
| Thomas Pyle (Social Sports) – asked if club/society can pay for a Zoom membership for activities | TM – explained that we would encourage groups to use Microsoft Teams as it has same functionality including breakout rooms. DC to investigate Teams training for students |

Actions

Action 01: TM to arrange Bystander training

Action 02: DC to investigate Microsoft Teams training for student groups focusing on setting up online meetings and breakout rooms

