

WSU Executive Committee Minutes

Monday 14/07/2022

ITEM	
1.	Welcome & Introductions
2.	Apologies
3.	Declaration of interest
4.	Minutes of previous meeting
5.	Matters arising
Reporting Items	
6.	Active Policy & Ideas Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Workout Hour (ML/SS) • Open Facilities on Saturdays (AL) • Student Led Podcast (ML/AL) • Common room for students in the Jenny Lind Building (GA/AL)
7.	Officer Objective Update
8.	Additional Campaign Updates
9.	Ideas Forum - Closing Off Ideas. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Successful Ideas (worcsu.com) (Women's Workout) - Successful Ideas (worcsu.com) (Saturday Facilities) - Successful Ideas (worcsu.com) (Student Led Podcast) - Successful Ideas (worcsu.com) (Common Room in JL)
Discussion Items	
10.	Current Student Issues
11.	Update on Relevant Projects and Discussions with the University
Any Other Business	
12.	AOB

Minutes
1.0 Welcome & Introduction

AL welcomed all to July Executive Committee. AL welcomed Kristina to their first Executive Committee.

2.0 Apologies

No apologies received.

3.0 Declaration of Interest

No declarations declared.

4.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The committee reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting and then took a vote to approve:

For - 3

Against - 0

Abstain - 0

The minutes from the Executive Committee on June 17th 2022, were approved.

5.0 Matters Arising

Actions	Owner	Update
Action Feb.01: SS/ML to liaise with SS to see how we can work with the University to make Women's workout hour happen.	SS/ML	ML hasn't been involved in this so far but knows that SS/NR had done work previously. ACTION: ML to catch up with SS what progress Women's Workout has made.
Action Mar.02: ML/AL to meet with student who proposed the idea to look at next steps into pushing Student Led Podcast.	ML/AL	It has been agreed that this idea will fold, this is to support the development of TeamWorc TV which we believe create higher engagement levels than a podcast. Complete.
Action Mar.03: NR/LL to reach out and contact other SUs who have their own podcasts to see how it works, etc.	ML/AL	Complete.
Action Mar.06: SW to speak to TJ about the offering available to students who study on weekends.	SW	Complete.
Action Mar.09: THB to source some 'money saving tips' and get CS to post on WSU social media.	TM	Kristina to check that this has been done.
Action June.01: SW to amend wording in Anti-Racism Statement from BAME to REACH.	SW	Complete.
Action June.02: JA to ask TM to add Diwali celebration to SU Cultural Calendar.	JA	Complete.

Action June.03: Officers to keep an ear to the ground about what other SUs are doing around 'cost of living', as well as what NUS has to say about it especially whilst at Lead & Change.	Officers	Not been to L&C yet. Carry Over
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6.0 Active Ideas Update

- Women's Workout Hour (NR) - **Update given in Discussion Items**
- Open Facilities on Saturdays - **Update given in Discussion Items**
- Student Led Podcast - **Update given in Discussion Items**
- Common Room in Jenny Lind - **Update given in Discussion Items**

7.0 Officer Objective Updates

SW explained that this is a regular opportunity for officers to give a brief update of their objectives once set. Objectives won't be set until after Lead & Change.

No Updates given by officers.

8.0 Additional Campaign Updates

SW explained that this is an opportunity for offices to give updates on any additional campaigns that they want to achieve. These campaigns are in addition to their set objectives.

Cost of Living

SW explained that she had been approached by Hannah Sketchley from NUS about having 'trusty' officers on board to support NUS' work/campaigning to raise awareness of 'cost of living'.

AL noted that they have already signed NUS' 'Cost of Living Crisis' petition, which has already had 7500 supporters.

AL has contacted Julie McParland at FirstPoint about potentially sorting 'food vouchers'. JM cc'd the University money team into the email thread but there has yet to be a development.

SW suggested that we progress this at the next executive committee, FT officers would have been to Lead & Change.

Action: JA to add 'Cost of Living' to next Exec agenda.

Officer Campaign Ideas

AL:

- Pets as Therapy - 2 weekly initiative
- Well-Being Wednesday

GA:

- Study Smart Campaign
- De-STRESS-tival
- Degree Algorithm Calculator

ML:

- Be Kind to Your Mind (Wellbeing)
- Christmas Shoebox

No additional updates.

9.0 Closing of Current Ideas**[Successful Ideas \(worcsu.com\)](#) (Women's Workout)**

Officers agreed to carry over this idea to 2022/23. This idea is near complete but we want to ensure that this idea is completed.

[Successful Ideas \(worcsu.com\)](#) (Saturday Facilities)

This has now been agreed by the University but the officers agreed to carry over this idea to 2022/23 to make sure that it comes to fruition when the new academic year commences.

[Successful Ideas \(worcsu.com\)](#) (Student Led Podcast)

Looking to reinstate TeamWorc TV, this idea could be affecting the efficiency of TeamWorc TV. Officers agreed to allow this idea to fold.

[Successful Ideas \(worcsu.com\)](#) (Common Room in JL)

SW noted that our student trustee Matt is really passionate about creating more student opportunities down at City Campus/Jenny Lind.

ACTION: AL to reach out to Matt to work out what students at Jenny Lind would like to see happen down there in that space and how we can engage the Law students.

ACTION: At the next SU/Facilities catch up, officer team to bring up plans about spaces at Jenny Lind.

Officers noted that at the most recent open day, parents had mentioned how isolating both City Campus and Jenny Lind are and how are the University working to ensure they're not isolated. AL noted that this has already been feedback to TJ.

The officers agreed to carry over this idea to 2022/23 to enable the SU to see how we can support students and engage students at Jenny Lind.

10.0 Current Student Issues

AL noted that we have already discussed 'Cost of Living Crisis'.

Academic Integrity within International Students

GA wanted to note that the Advice team has seen a surplus in AI cases from International Students. Although this may seem like a course issue, opposed to individuality.

SW this needs to be added to the Feedback & Intelligence meeting, so we can continue to assess the risk of this moving forward.

Paramedic Science

This is being reviewed by the HCPC, their job is looking into ensuring that students were taught to a certain level of standard. TJ is confident that the course will pass the review.

Landlords/Accommodation

ML noted that her landlord has shared the changes that has happened to contracts. Private landlords who specialise in student accommodation are no longer allowed to restrict tenancy to just students. There is a potential issue which could find students having to live with random members of the public.

The document supplied by ML previous landlord says that there are 3 key changes which could have a negative impact on students at Worcester:

1. Students can be evicted during term time.
2. Students could be forced to live with non-students.
3. Non-students could stay in rented accommodation which could have a knock-on effect on the availability of student housing.

SW this is something that we need to keep an eye on moving forward to September.

ACTION: Kristina to bring this up with Jim at the first available WonkHe catchup.

No additional updates.

11.0 Update on Relevant Projects and Discussions with the University

SW explained that this was put in as a standing item on the agenda because the previous officer team were being asked to be involved in lots of University projects. This is an opportunity for us to discuss these ideas but also ensure that officers aren't taking on too many responsibilities.


AL:

Harper Adams - AL has agreed to host Harper Adams early September so they can see the University and the SU.

GA:

- Virtual Experience Learning Group
- Digital Experience Learning Group
- RRRP Steering Group

Gemma just wanted to note that there is a lot of steering groups which Rag didn't mention in their handover. GA feels confident in attending these meetings.



Timetabling - GA will be working with KP moving forward to look at how we can improve it for students.

ML:

Just weary that wellbeing services are super keen to have us involved in lots of stuff when it comes around, just important to ensure they don't rely on the SU too much.

No additional updates.

ACTION: JA to add Student Written Submission to exec agenda

No further updates were given.

12.0 AOB

SU Website

Following conversations with officers and other members of staff, SW is aware that people aren't happy with the quality/offering that our website offers. SW has started a conversation with CS/CR to look at how we can look to improve the website. We need to establish what we can do with the website and if not strategically plan what we have to spend to improve the website moving forward.

Weather Warning

RC wanted to note that the Weather warning for next week is going to be at high as 37c. RC suggested that we look at having a offering to staff that working hours may be adjusted as well offering to WFH if they seem fit.

ACTION: SW to compose an email to address the heatwave next week and to provide SU staff with alternative options for working.

AL brought the meeting to a close.

The next Executive Committee is 26th August 2022.

