

WSU Executive Committee Minutes

Friday 26/08/2022

	ITEM	Timings	Owner
1.	Welcome & Introductions	13:00	AL
2.	Apologies	13:01	AL
3.	Declaration of interest	13:02	AL
4.	Minutes of previous meeting	13:03	AL
5.	Matters arising	13:05	AL
Approval Items			
6.	Society Approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mindfulness Society (Approved via Email) * - Merging Occupation Therapy & Physiotherapy Societies 	13:15	ML
Reporting Items			
7.	Active Policy & Ideas Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Workout Hour (ML/SS) • Open Facilities on Saturdays (AL) • Common room for students in the Jenny Lind Building (GA/AL) 	13:25	Officers
8.	Officer Objective Update	13:30	Officers
9.	Additional Campaign Updates	13:35	Officers
Discussion Items			
10.	WonkHE : Students need to know what SUs think about things	13:40	GA
11.	Cost of Living Crisis	13:50	SW
12.	Student Written Submission	14:00	SW
13.	Current Student Issues	14:10	All
14.	Update on Relevant Projects and Discussions with the University	14:20	All
Any Other Business			
15.	AOB	14:25	AL
Date of Next Meeting: 22 nd September at 13:00hr			

Minutes

1.0 Welcome & Introduction

AL welcomed all to August Executive Committee.

2.0 Apologies

Apologies received from Sophie Williams (Chief Executive Officer). AL wishes that SW feels better soon ❤️

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 14th July 2022, were approved.

5.0 Matters Arising

Actions	Owner	Update
Action Mar.09: THB to source some 'money saving tips' and get CS to post on WSU social media. Kristina to check with TM that this has been done.	TM	Money saving tips are now on our website, KrCR will be asking CS to add to social media.
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	Updated given in 'Cost of Living Crisis' discussion item.
Action July.01: ML to catch up with SS what progress Women's Workout has made.	ML	ML has contacted Women's Network directly. They are working with Stu Greeves to agree what times are best to carry this out. Ongoing.
Action July.02: JA to add 'Cost of Living' to next Exec agenda.	JA	Complete.
Action July.03: AL to reach out to Matt (Student Trustee) to work out what students at Jenny Lind would like to see happen down there in that	AL	University have advised that discussion will be postponed until summer due to staff being off work. AL has held of

space and how we can engage the Law students.		contacting Matt until initial discussion has been held with University. Ongoing.
Action July.04: At the next SU/Facilities catch up, officer team to bring up plans about spaces at Jenny Lind.	Officers	Facilities catch up has been postponed due to staff of work, discussion will happen at next meeting. Ongoing.
Action July.05: Kristina to bring changes to private landlord policy changes up with Jim at the first available WonkHe catchup.	KrCR	A lot of content has been published online. WonkHE sessions are being changed, so we aren't sure about when they are being reinstated. ACTION: KrCR to ask TM to looking into changes into private landlord policy changes.
Action July.06: JA to add Student Written Submission to next Exec agenda.	JA	Complete.
Action July.07: SW to compose an email to address the heatwave next week and to provide SU staff with alternative options for working.	SW	Complete.

6.0 Approval Items

Society Approvals

Mindfulness Society * - This society was approved and passed via email.

Merging Occupation Therapy & Physiotherapy Academic Societies

KrCR explained that both occupational therapy & physiotherapy societies are at risk of not being able to continue. It was then recommended that the 2 societies merge so they can continue to be a society for the year 2022/23. The proposal asks for the new society to be called 'Physiotherapy & OT Society'.

JA asked about the financial implications, with reference to society funds. What process would we follow if the societies decide to split later down the line. RC explained the only way to logistically manage finances would be to split the society funds 50/50 if they decided to split.

JA removing opportunities from students to adopt Occupational Therapy. Merging societies before it's started

Officers feel that it is unfair to remove the opportunity for incoming Occupational Therapy students to support/adopt the society.

All officers were in agreement to delay the decision on merging societies. This will be revisited at the October executive committee.

No further discussion.

7.0 Active Policy Updates

Women's Workout Hour (ML) - Update given in Matters Arising.

Open Facilities on Saturdays (AL) - Lucy Blunt update says that they're still awaiting confirmation on opening times for Saturdays.

RC, they need to look at reevaluating why facilities are needed to be open. This doesn't just include students who are on campus to study on campus post 5pm and Saturdays. It should include a provision for students who live on campus.

AL will continue to keep this as a conversation at the SU/Facilities meetings with Lucy Blunt.

Common room for students at Jenny Lind Building (GA/AL) - Update given in Matters Arising.

8.0 Officer Objective Updates

AL wanted to note that the SU Staff team has now been breached on the officers objectives for the year.

AL:

No updates given.

GA:

Reward & Recognition of reps has made progress. GA has now put together a framework for eligibility of reps to receive accreditation.

ML:

TeamWorc TV has been well received from sports and societies and that there is some serious interest from them.

No further updates were given by the Officers.

9.0 Additional Campaign Updates

No additional updates.

10.0 WonkHE: Students need to know what SUs think about things

Jim Dickinson wrote an article about SU's/Officers not effectively sharing with students what they do whilst in office.

GA it's important for us to be transparent with our progress on objectives, what we've done recently etc. Officer VLOGs are being reintroduced, which will hopefully be a steppingstone for

us to share what we've been doing. GA asked, 'what else could we be doing to advertise to students what is going on'.

AL - the use of Campus Chats will be a priority option for us to communicate what the SU is doing to students.

No Further discussion had.

11.0 Cost of Living Crisis

KrCR, this is something that the SU should put together a working group together, to allow the SU an opportunity to plan how we plan to move forward in supporting students through this crisis. Which will include whether or not the Union takes part in NUS' national campaigns as well as the campaigns the Union undertakes to lobby the University to help support students.

GA noted that a small group met last week to discuss an initial plan on what could be done to support students at Worcester.

- Student Hardship Funds
- Writing a letter to local MPs
- Costs of Graduation

GA is eager for the Union to take a stance, especially sending a letter to local MPs. KrCR, asked if we were happy to have the letter to be open, where we advertise it to students.

ACTION: AL to set up a working group to tackle the 'Cost of Living Crisis'

ACTION: GA to speak to marketing about advertising an open letter to MPs to be promoted across Union socials.

No further discussion.

12.0 TEF: Student Written Submission

KrCR, The SU has scored quite well in TEF this past year, KrCR is putting together a spreadsheet together. This will enable the Union to target certain student groups for feedback when writing the Student Written Submission.

Both Gemma & Kristina are the lead contacts for the TEF Submission.

No further discussion.

13.0 Current Student Issues

AL (Dance Students) - The dance studio on Riverside campus has been taken away from students. This may affect up to 60 students on the course, as well as students on from Dance society. The student who feedback to AL, has not been told of any

ACTION: JA to compose an email to course leader of Dance courses, to understand whether there is any cause for concern and how we support dance students. Officers will sign and send the email.

No further discussion.

14.0 Update on Relevant Projects & Discussions the University

GA wanted to acknowledge the amount of committees, meeting and sub-committees they are already apart of. Are they an effective use of their time. JA suggested that GA meets with SMT outside of Exec to evaluate what meetings off

ACTION: JA to set up a meeting with officers and SMT around evaluating frequency of meetings and the worth of having a presence on them. A particular focus on officers but an evaluation of internal SU meetings.

KrCR wanted to note that TJ wants to introduce Student Experience Group (SEG).

ACTION: Officers to make contact with Tim Jones around the logistics of SEG.

There was no additional updates.

15.0 AOB

No additional comments were made.

AL closed the meeting.

The next Executive Committee is 22nd September 2022.
