

WSU Executive Committee Minutes

Monday 25/04/2022 at 11:00am (Online via MS Teams)

ITEM	
1.	Welcome & Introductions
2.	Apologies
3.	Declaration of interest
4.	Minutes of previous meeting
5.	Matters arising
Approval Items	
6.	Society Approvals - Business Society
Reporting Items	
7.	Active Policy & Ideas Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycling programme for hard to recycle waste (LL) • Create a student medic volunteer (NR) • Women's Workout Hour (NR) • Campus Community Garden (COMPLETE) • Recycling Bins on City Campus - outside (COMPLETE) • Calmatea (NR) (COMPLETE) • Make the 'free periods' poster in bathrooms more inclusive (COMPLETE) • Eduroam or other WIFI provider in Tramps and Mode (COMPLETE) • Open Facilities on Saturdays (LL) • Making scholarship criteria and changes available to students (COMPLETE) • Student Led Podcast (NR/LL)
8.	Officer Objective Update
9.	Additional Campaign Updates
Discussion Items	
10.	Current Student Issues - Religious Observance (Ramadan)
11.	Update on Relevant Projects and Discussions with the University
Any Other Business	
12.	AOB
Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 20 th May at 9:30am	

Minutes

1.0 Welcome & Introduction

LL welcomed all to April Executive Committee.

2.0 Apologies

Apologies received from Sophie Williams (CEO).

3.0 Declaration of Interest

NR gave a declaration of interest on Business Society.

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 March 24th 2022, were approved.

5.0 Matters Arising

Actions	Owner	Update
Action Sep.01: May Exec - VPE to work with and maintain liaison with Caryn Thorogood around a new Fit to Study policy. THB to ask Kate Gynn to go through Fit to Study Policy with RM. RM and SW are meeting Caryn in January to review the drafted policy	RM	Waiting for Caryn to send meeting request.
Action Jan.04: NR continue to build a portfolio of LifeSkills Workshops for students	NR	SU Marketing publishing some content on social media within the week to understand what else students may want.
Action Jan.09: THB & RM to meet with Marie Stowell to discuss the SU's contribution to the consultation.	THB/RM	Meeting requested. Marie responded and asked us to wait until the University has looked over their data.
Action Feb.01: THB/NR to liaise with SS to see how we can work with the University to make Women's workout hour happen.	NR/THB	NR/SS met with Stu, he's more than happy to do so. Women's network meeting with Stu next Tuesday to understand logistics moving forward.
Action Feb.03: RM to raise conversation with SR/CRs within Midwifery courses to test the water, see if these students are facing any issues.	RM	Rag raised with School Rep. No issues reported by Reps. Complete.
Action Mar.01: JA to respond to students via the forum to communicate that the SU do currently	JA	Complete.

provide free sanitary products to students.		
Action Mar.02: NR/LL to meet with student who proposed the idea to look at next steps into pushing Student Led Podcast.	NR/LL	Ongoing.
Action Mar.03: NR/LL to reach out and contact other SUs who have their own podcasts to see how it works, etc.	NR/LL	Ongoing.
Action Mar.04: THB/LL to look at how we support partners with the ideas forum and how we support them to reach 25 votes and or action them.	THB/LL	THB and LL met before Easter and have reached out to students. THB will also meet with Jacky Olver to discuss.
Action Mar.05: THB/LL look at actioning idea submitted by Hereford & Ludlow campus.	THB/LL	As above. Awaiting response.
Action Mar.06: SW to speak to TJ about the offering available to students who study on weekends.	SW	?
Action Mar.07: THB to add 'promoting employability skills from sports & societies into employability work that the SU offer.	THB	Complete, added to recommendations
Action Mar.08: THB/NR to plan an exercise around committee responsibilities in committee handovers.	THB/NR	Planning commenced.
Action Mar.09: THB to source some 'money saving tips' and get CS to post on WSU social media.	THB	Met with Tom who is updating website and providing Clement with content
Action Mar.10: THB to speak to clement about continuing to advertise on social media that we want to support our students who may be affected by covid/Ukraine.	THB	Complete

Action Mar.11: LL to speak with University about counselling provision for students effected by ongoing turmoil in Ukraine.	LL	LL spoke to the University including international team about how we support students. Complete.
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6.0 Approval Items

Society Approvals

Business Society -

NR spoke on behalf of the business society proposal. NR explained that she has been in communications with Business Society developing their constitution, NR had made recommendations to the constitutions and NR feels that this would be a really proactive society.

NR asked the Executive Committee if they had any questions. There were no questions asked.

Idea Passed.

ACTION: THB to ensure that sponsorship & coordination secretary to the finance and admin training during committee training.

7.0 Active Policy Updates

- Recycling programme for hard to recycle waste - THB met with KB to implement this. KB said this is quite a hard to achieve. The SU need to collate a list of what we've already got and the companies in the local area that can recycle these items and advertise it to students via social media platforms.

CARRY OVER

Action: JA to speak to HB creating a list of recycling points around the city.

- Create a student medic volunteer programme - No Update. **CARRY OVER**
- Create a bookshelf swap on campus - **COMPLETE**
- Women's Workout Hour (NR) - **CARRY OVER**
- Campus Community Garden - **COMPLETE**
- Recycling Bins on City Campus (outside) - **COMPLETE**
- Calma-tea, Arts & Mindfulness on Campus (outside) - **COMPLETE**
- Make the 'free periods' poster in bathrooms more inclusive - **COMPLETE**
- Eduroam or other WIFI provider in Tramps and Mode- **COMPLETE**
- Open Facilities on Saturdays - **CARRY OVER**
- Making scholarship criteria and changes available to students - **COMPLETE**
- Student Led Podcast - NR gave an update in Matters Arising. **CARRY OVER**

8.0 Officer Objective Updates

LL:

LL explained that he feels he has completed the majority of his objectives.

LL has recently developed a new objective which is to lobby the University to open a Mental Health room.

RM:

No Updates Given

NR:

Never OK at Varsity

NR is really happy that the Never OK campaign was a success at Varsity, hopes that the Union look to continue this into next year.

No Further Updates were given by the Officers.

9.0 Additional Campaign Updates

No Updates given.

10.0 Current Student Issues**Religious Observance Policy**

THB explained following an advice case, the union discovered that the University doesn't have an affective religious observance policy. The SU feel strongly that the University should be supporting students with studies and exams which fall within religious festivals and/or holidays.

JA has already been tasked to look at examples of religious observance policies from other Universities, which the SU will then use to encourage the University to adopt an affective policy.

11.0 Update on Relevant Projects and Discussions with the University

RM has been approached by the University to get students involved in developing & improving the Digital Learning Strategy.

The Students' Union wanted to note a congratulations to Tim Jones for being appointed into his new role as PVC Students.

No further updates were given.

12.0 AOB

THB wanted to minute that NUS has passed policies at National Conference. These policies are:

- Fight For Funds
- Making University Accessible To Students Of All Backgrounds
- New Vision For Education
- Tackling Gender Based Violence
- Student Housing Co-Operatives
- The International Student Experience During And Post-Study

THB noted that it is important that the SU acknowledge these policies, we need to ensure that we understand their potential implications and what effects it could have on WSU and its students.

ACTION: All exec members need to read the NUS passed policies to allow the exec to have a discussion at the next meeting.

THB wanted to note the statement published by NUS around antisemitism.

No additional comments were made.

LL closed the meeting.

The next Executive Committee is 20th May 2022.

Actions:

Action Apr.01: THB to ensure that staff organising Committee Fest invite the Business' Society's new Sponsorship & Coordination Secretary to the Finance and Admin parts of the training.

Action Apr.02: JA to speak to HB creating a list of recycling points around the city, so the SU can advertise to students.

Action Apr.03: All executive committee members to read NUS passed policies to allow exec to have a discussion at the next meeting. [Policy Proposals for National Conference Voting 2022 @ NUS](#)