

WSU Executive Committee Minuets

Thursday 19/010/2023 at 9:00 (TEAMS)

	ITEM	Owner
1.	Welcome & Introductions	AL
2.	Apologies	AL
3.	Declaration of interest	AL
4.	Minutes of previous meeting	AL
5.	Matters arising	AL
Approval Items		
6.	Society Approval -Gaming Society - PENSA Worcester Club Approval - Boccia	IP
Reporting Items		
7.	Active Policy & Ideas Updates	Officers
8.	Officer Objective Update	Officers
9.	Additional Campaign Updates	Officers
Discussion Items		
10.	Current Student Issues	All
11.	Update on Relevant Projects and Discussions with the University	All
12.	NUS	Officers
13.	Robert Halfon Visit	SJ
14.	Dudley Campus	SJ
15.	Student Sex Worker Toolkit/Support	IP
Any Other Business		
16.	AOB	AL/All

Minutes

1.0 Welcome & Introduction

AL welcomed all to September Executive Committee. Al welcomed HH to the first part of the meeting to assist with society approvals

2.0 Apologies

Apologies from RC

3.0 Declaration of Interest

No declarations declared.

4.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

For - 3

Against - 0

Abstain - 0

The minutes from the Executive Committee on 18th August, were Approved

5.0 Matters Arising

Actions	Owner	Update
Action June.01: GA to handover work with Josh Bowman, TJ to renovate Jenny Lind spaces to SJ	SJ	Hand over was done. TJ met with JB. Weakness on campus acknowledged. Chapel will not be used for teaching going forward. Possible wellbeing/ prayer area to

		<p>be added, but this has not been confirmed. TJ admitted bunker computer room not fit for purpose, Jenny Lind getting rejuvenated. No timeframe yet. Prayer space in St Johns may also be in future.</p> <p>Completed</p>
<p>Action June.02: SJ to keep abreast of how things are progressing with the decolonisation Working Group in LTSEC meetings and hold the Group to account</p>	SJ	<p>Decolonisation Working Group has changed from working group to forum. SJ is part of the forum. Wants to change perception on decolonisation to leaning environment not just leaning. Focus on challenging and voices not heard. Group is self is not currently diverse in its membership. The forum will have joint meetings with freedom of expression group when that group is implemented. SJ asking for addition of more diverse people to the forum, or at least have meetings with more diverse groups, which has been accepted.</p> <p>Completed</p>
<p>Action June.03 AL to update Exec Committee following next Fees, Bursaries and Scholarships Committee.</p>	AL	<p>Most rates staying fixed, luxury item rates increasing. Saver menu may be changing. Cost of some food items have increased causing issues. Some food has been acknowledged as being unappealing and changes will be investigated.</p> <p>Completed (?)</p>
<p>Action June.04: IP to contact student regarding varsity tickets to say that the SU is discussing ticket options and their ideas are something the team will be looking into.</p>	IP	<p>IP emailed student saying idea is being discussed. Not a current focus but will be mentioned at next varsity meeting and discussed with University of Gloucestershire. Intention to branch out students to events while retaining value.</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

<p>Action June.05: AL and IP to contact student regarding committee Bursary idea to update that whilst the SU is trying to implement this for Networks, this wouldn't be possible for all the clubs and Societies.</p>	AL/IP	<p>AL has not contacted. IP has not contacted</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> carried to next meeting</p>
<p>Action June.06: AL to reach out to Presidents at other Universities and whether they would be happy to provide more information about how they make their International Hardship funding work as UoW is saying it is not possible.</p>	AL	<p>University now thinks this possible. Board of governors behind idea.</p> <p>Completed</p>
<p>Action June.07: RC to feedback issues with quality of food at next meeting with Chartwells</p>	RC	<p>RC did not attend meeting.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> carried to next meeting</p>
<p>Action June.08: SJ to contact Tim Jones regarding teaching moving from Bredon to Jenny Lind and that some students are not happy with the lack of communication.</p>	SJ	<p>Pushback from Tim Jones. Students are being moved to Jenny Lind, including art house, which is not fit for purpose. Simon Hary met with, an email was meant to go out to students, but did not. Students requiring to move will be referred to housing advice line if needed. 203 students not yet aware they are moving. Issue of mobility and access raised by SJ.</p> <p>Completed</p>
<p>Action June.09: IP to bring issue of mental health support for students on committee to the first SU Activities meeting to add into September committee training</p>	IP	<p>Developed and committee training has been planned. Mental health angle has been covered in training as well as EDI. 'Solve the scenario' part of training.</p> <p>Completed</p>
<p>Action June.10: Introductory meeting to be set up with PVC Academic and the Officers.</p>		<p>Meeting with PVC Academic and the Officers was set up and completed.</p> <p>Completed</p>
<p>Action June.11: Student Council to be added as a discussion on the next Executive Committee agenda</p>		<p>Student Council has been added as a discussion item to this meeting agenda.</p>

		Completed
Action July.01: IP to source and share clarification from newly proposed Cultural Festivals Society with Exec to confirm approval.		Email has been sent, did not hear back, sent another email and still not response however it is summer Ongoing
Action July.02: IP to confirm and circulate with Exec that Dodgeball Club will play sport to confirm approval of new club.		IP believes this has now been added Completed
Action July.03: RC will check for existing money from any previous Dodgeball Club.		There is money and this information has been passed on Completed
Action July.04: ARE to review the current policy document. Proposed waiting on this item. There is an upcoming meeting to discuss policies and a revised document will be brought to Exec meeting in August 2023.		Completed
Action July.05: Exec to keep on top of city campus refurbishment.		Nothing has been heard since last meeting. Officers to take trip next month to see themselves/ gain more info. SJ says nothing has changed in Jenny Lind. ACTION: Officers to visit city campus themselves to see what's happening regarding refurbishments Ongoing
Action July.06: ARE to ensure all SC & EC meetings 2023/24 are in-person.		Completed
Action July.07: VP to provide SJ with refreshments quote for 2023/24 SC & EC meetings to request funding from AJ.		VP has not sent quotes but as AJ is not going to be around for foreseeable future this need to be revisited in regards to budget ACTION: VP to provide SJ with refreshments quote for 2023/24 SC & EC meetings

		ACTION: SJ to find where funding may be coming from in AJ absence Ongoing
Action July.08: ARE to ask ASB to make a meeting with KB re: sustainability network.		Completed
Action July.09: SW requested Networks to be added to next meeting agenda.		Completed
Action July.10: AL to speak to TJ about network bursary benchmarks.		ARE and SW have spoken to TJ and no real benchmarks given, but ARE and SW know what data they desire to capture Completed
Action July.11: AL and IP to contact student regarding committee Bursary idea to update that whilst the SU is trying to implement this for Networks, this wouldn't be possible for all the clubs and Societies.		Email sent Completed
Action July.12: RC to feedback issues with quality of food at next meeting with Chartwells		There has not been a meeting with Chartwells since last meeting ACTION: RC to feedback issues with quality of food at next meeting with Chartwells Ongoing
Action July.13: ARE request hidden costs data from advice Service.		Completed
Action August.01: Officers to visit City Campus themselves to see what's happening regarding refurbishments		Nothing is happening. Updates from TJ, he is also not happy with city campus and is putting forward a proposal to refurbish Jenny Lind (and possible rest of city campus too) Completed
Action August.02: VP to provide SJ with refreshments quote for 2023/24 SC & EC meetings		From the quote provided refreshments were deemed too expensive for every ED and SC. Instead going to focus on catering

		specific meetings, such as SC before Christmas. Completed
Action August.03: SJ to find where funding may be coming from in AJ absence		Since the last Exec in August where this action arose, AJ is now back. Completed
Action August.04: RC to feedback issues with quality of food at next meeting with Chartwells		SJ invited to next Chartwells meeting, as Chartwells are not listening to RC Completed
Action August.05: IP to send follow up email to Oriental Society about questions surrounding name, and how the SU can work with to help educate around the word and its history.		Sent email update. Soc was understanding, name hasn't changed, Su continuing to provide support. COMPLETE
Action August.07: IP to talk to HH to get more information and get clearer aims from Professional Policing. Society response needed before 1 st September		Aims updated Completed
Action August.08: VP to sort out 'Active Polices' item for future Exec		Completed
Action August.09: Exec to stay aware of how university is interacting with students who remain on campus over the summer.		TJ more courses over the summer to bring in students. Al fed back around catering. SW spoken to TJ about an end of year picnic for nursing students Completed
Action August.10: Antiona to message officers about Strengthscope		Completed
Action August.11: SJ to contact AJ around making SVA voting member of AROG and communicate around new minuting secretary.		No progress, university EA are busy, will be reviewed in future ACTION CARRIED

6.0 Approval Items

Society Approval

-Gaming Society

IP explained Gaming Society to Exec. AL asked if this was an 'adopt a soc' and HH clarified that there was a gaming soc but it has been folded for two years so has not been adopted. HH also shared that the old society do have a cupboard of relevant things (eg Consoles and games) that the new society have inherited.

For - 3

Against - 0

Abstain - 0

Approved

- PENZA Worcester

IP explained PENSA to Exec. Al complimented the aims and focus on inclusion. SJ asked about 'prayer warriors' and HH explained the term and how it is used for those who lead prayer and how it's a common term in the sector. SW raised 'freedom of speech act' and agreed definitions would be good to ensure understanding. AL asked for clarification over Praises and Worship Leader and if this was a grammatical mistake or intentional title. SJ asked about connections/conflict with CU, HH said the soc had spoken to CU initially and they will have their events on different days. SW asked for clarification over Promotions rep and how its different to social media, which HH explained. SJ pointed out that promotions and inclusivity both say they will manage social media and asked which would be responsible, HH said this would be clarified but it is normally a shared role.

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Abstain - 0

Approved

-Med Soc

IP explained Med Soc to Exec. AL asked about how the society will support students 'beyond' their time at Worcester as stated in their aims. IP said that they can ask the society this. AL asked if this aim could just be removed. SW agreed. SJ said from aims it is unclear what the society does to support current students, wide reaching. SW suggested sharing paramedic society constitution with the soc and what suggestions could be made. HH said paramedic constitution is very similar already, and open-ended allows flexibility. HH pointed out that some roles do not have descriptions. AL said Additional role descriptions need to be solidified before approval

Email Vote when descriptions are completed

ACTION: Issy to go back to Med Soc to complete/refine constitution

Club Approval

- Boccia:

IP explained Boccia to Exec. AL asked for clarification over an acronym (BE) and asked for the full name to be quoted next to it (Boccia England).

For - 3

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Approved

6.0 Active Policy and Ideas Updates

6.1 Ideas Forum

An update was given on the ideas form and active ideas

ACTION: AL to share open mic idea with hanger

6.2 Active Policies

Updates were given on active policies

Policies going to SC-

- All Gender/ Disabled Toilet Separation Policy
- Incorrect Terminology Policy
- Action for Accessibility
- Email Name Change
- TeamWorc Council Name Change
- Increase to Academic Representation membership on Student Council

7.3 Policy Discussion

7.0 Officer Objective Updates



AL:

- Community Cupboard has a £100 gift card from governors, AL is using to keep up the cupboard stock.
- Period product distribution from HeyGirls is going well.
- Hardship funding for international has a roadblock as University has no appetite for this currently. Asked for meeting with JB not heard back.
- Multi faith space, lot of correspondence with students, feedback has been passed on.

SJ:

- Looking at implementing a 10-working day agreement with the university for students undergoing academic integrity between academic integrity meeting and academic misconduct committees.
- Outreach, have been to City Campus, Jenny Lind and Riverside.

IP:

- Consent Campaign, mostly booked in. Have sent emails to university staff, arranged game afternoon, set up quiz take over and have arranged popup spaces for the whole week at St Johns and city.
- Increasing extracurricular, there has been a big membership increase for clubs/soc.

Joint Objective:

8.0 Additional Campaign Updates:

Breakfast club is back 2nd November. One planned for medical school on the med course approval day. One in SU in December, plans for one at Jenny Lind in semester two.

9.0 Current Student Issues:

Many student issues raised at 'Pizza with the PVC' with TJ including Parking, Cars apparently not moving for days (including overnight). TJ approachability, students feel TJ is not easily approachable Jenny Lind, Students are still unhappy with the space

A student contacted the union disappointed in lack of event (such as moments silence) for Palestine civilian casualties from the university as has been done for Israel. Pointed student to complaint process.

10.0 Update on relevant projects & discussions with the University.

LTSEC: Separation of LTSEC and student experience.



11.0 NUS

SJ Can't see disaffiliation happening as there are local issues, and with officer elections this year being NUS members allows involvement in the election process. AL agreed we haven't got the capacity needed for the campaign this year, maybe a future officer would want to take it on. Students are simply focused on other things. Officers will continue to hold NUS accountable, however.

12.0 Robbert Halfon Visit

SJ Tried to include the visit with rep conference, but unfortunately not possible. University is absorbing the cost of the visit. Will be an opportunity for key engaged students. The University is looking for students who are 'politically aware but not going to politically attack' for the visit. Mainly awaiting more details. Robert keen to make it work, but we and the university are aware of his impairments.

13.0 Dudley Campus

Main issue is 'What is equity', our view on this is different to TJ. We need commitment in writing as to what provision is wanted from the SU. ARE beginning to understand more clearly what different bodies in the university believe and how they are feeling. Worries around (nursing body) and what they see as equity/ if they would approve course. We have been speaking to other universities that operate satellite locations, and common theme is that everywhere that the satiate location works well has paid member of staff in place co-ordinating this.

Nursing have also raised that there is not enough staff to teach the 2025 intake. Student Support are having similar conversations as we are and are worried that services they provide cannot all work remotely. SW stressed that the SU need to keep raising issue with Tim. SJ has reached out to Dudley Collage SU.

14.0 SSWT

More than happy to see if this can go ahead. There has not been much progress and TJ is quite against this for the university. However, the SU could do something independent.

ACTION: IP to talk to VP to know more about Keeles SSWT.

15.0 AOB

TW Council Feedback:

HH said she can share minuets from TW council while discussing.



Overall people did enjoy mixed event but there was just not enough capacity/limited amount of committee could attend. Main question from students being "Why has end of year ball been prioritised?". Students do not see the appeal in summer ball.

IP said member feedback was taken. The SU cannot afford arena as a bigger venue and while some students like Sixways others did not. Most don't want students to have to pay to go to awards, and still would want summer ball separate and TeamWorc Awards in the hanger, but need to look at ways to increase capacity of the hanger for this. SJ said that he thought there was already a meeting with the officers about capacity.

SW suggested a student committee for TeamWorc awards/Summer Ball to make sure membership is being engaged in decisions. No further decisions should be made until this committee has met. SJ suggested adding to SC agenda. AL committee for TeamWorc awards needs to not just be TeamWorc council. Also as the ball partly exists to engage students who don't engage, merging the events may defeat this point. Could do awards and an open afterparty? SW said this needs to be discussed with students as part of committee, as students who are engaged are not aware of this reasoning behind Summer Ball. IP mentioned marketing may be going out very soon so need to ensure this is pushed back if necessary. SW suggested a meeting early as possible next week for discussion involving students. IP to organise this.

ACTION: IP to set up student committee to discuss Summer Ball/TeamWorc Awards

SW BOG report. ARE and SJ to do it. VP to put dates in diary 3 weeks before the BoG report is due. SJ to clarify deadline for sending report.

AL to chase time about presenting (Structural reports?). AL to complete community reports.

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ACTION: AL to complete community reports.

ACTIONS

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