

## WSU Executive Committee Minutes

Friday 18/08/2023 at 9:30 (Teams Meeting)

	ITEM	Owner
1.	Welcome & Introductions	AL
2.	Apologies	AL
3.	Declaration of interest	AL
4.	Minutes of previous meeting	AL
5.	Matters arising	AL
<b>Approval Items</b>		
6.	Society Approval: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oriental Society</li> <li>• Professional Policing Society</li> </ul>	IP
<b>Reporting Items</b>		
7.	Active Policy & Ideas Updates	Officers
8.	Officer Objective Update	Officers
9.	Additional Campaign Updates	Officers
<b>Discussion Items</b>		
10.	Current Student Issues	All
11.	Update on Relevant Projects and Discussions with the University	All
12.	Networks	All
<b>Any Other Business</b>		
13.	AOB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthscope</li> <li>• AROG Membership</li> </ul>	AL/All

Minutes

### **1.0 Welcome & Introduction**

AL welcomed all to August Executive Committee.

### **2.0 Apologies**

Apologies from SW

### **3.0 Declaration of Interest**

No declarations declared.

### **4.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

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

For - 3

Against - 0

Abstain - 0

The minutes from the Executive Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> July, were Approved

### **5.0 Matters Arising**

<b>Actions</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Update</b>
<b>Action June.01:</b> 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 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.

		<b>Completed</b>
<b>Action June.02:</b> SJ to keep abreast of how things are progressing with the decolonisation Working Group in LTSEC meetings and hold the Group to account	SJ	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.  <b>Completed</b>
<b>Action June.03</b> AL to update Exec Committee following next Fees, Bursaries and Scholarships Committee.	AL	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.  <b>Completed (?)</b>
<b>Action June.04:</b> 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.	IP	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.  <b>Ongoing</b>
<b>Action June.05:</b> 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.	AL/IP	AL has not contacted. IP has not contacted  <b><u>ACTION</u> carried to next meeting</b>

<b>Action June.06:</b> 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.	AL	University now thinks this possible. Board of governors behind idea.  <b>Completed</b>
<b>Action June.07:</b> RC to feedback issues with quality of food at next meeting with Chartwells	RC	RC did not attend meeting.  <b>ACTION carried to next meeting</b>
<b>Action June.08:</b> 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.	SJ	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.  <b>Completed</b>
<b>Action June.09:</b> IP to bring issue of mental health support for students on committee to the first SU Activities meeting to add into September committee training	IP	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.  <b>Completed</b>
<b>Action June.10:</b> Introductory meeting to be set up with PVC Academic and the Officers.		Meeting with PVC Academic and the Officers was set up and completed.  <b>Completed</b>
<b>Action June.11:</b> Student Council to be added as a discussion on the next Executive Committee agenda		Student Council has been added as a discussion item to this meeting agenda.  <b>Completed</b>
<b>Action July.01:</b> 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

		<b>Ongoing</b>
<b>Action July.02:</b> 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 <b>Completed</b>
<b>Action July.03:</b> RC will check for existing money from any previous Dodgeball Club.		There is money and this information has been passed on <b>Completed</b>
<b>Action July.04:</b> 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.		<b>Completed</b>
<b>Action July.05:</b> 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.  <b>ACTION:</b> Officers to visit city campus themselves to see what's happening regarding refurbishments  <b>Ongoing</b>
<b>Action July.06:</b> ARE to ensure all SC & EC meetings 2023/24 are in-person.		<b>Completed</b>
<b>Action July.07:</b> 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  <b>ACTION:</b> VP to provide SJ with refreshments quote for 2023/24 SC & EC meetings  <b>ACTION:</b> SJ to find where funding may be coming from in AJ absence  <b>Ongoing</b>
<b>Action July.08:</b> ARE to ask ASB to make a meeting with KB re: sustainability network.		<b>Completed</b>

<b>Action July.09:</b> SW requested Networks to be added to next meeting agenda.		<b>Completed</b>
<b>Action July.10:</b> 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  <b>Completed</b>
<b>Action July.11:</b> 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  <b>Completed</b>
<b>Action July.12:</b> RC to feedback issues with quality of food at next meeting with Chartwells		There has not been a meeting with Charwells since last meeting  <b>ACTION:</b> RC to feedback issues with quality of food at next meeting with Chartwells  <b>Ongoing</b>
<b>Action July.13:</b> ARE request hidden costs data from advice Service.		<b>Completed</b>

## 6.0 Approval Items

### Society Approval

Oriental Society: IP informed that students were offered ownership of the Asian society (with previous funds), but this was declined as students want to start a fresh society. Anyone is welcome to join not just Southeast Asian students. AL asked if the society had previously been brought to exec for discussion with past officers, but had not been voted on. SJ raised concerns over the name and its status as 'reclaimed', as well as the recent approved of cultural festivals society. IP confirmed society has been deemed different enough from cultural festivals society due to its specific focus on Southeast Asian culture.

**ACTION:** IP to send follow up email surrounding name, whether this is considering changing the name or how the SU can work with to help educate around the word and its history.

Against - 0  
Abstain - 0

### **Oriental Society Approved**

Professional Policing Society: SJ queried the lack of focus on policing within the society. AL gave example from Midwifery society for possible improved aims.

**ACTION:** IP to talk to HH to request clearer aims from the society. Society response needed before 1<sup>st</sup> September.

No vote was taken pending confirmation of aims. Email vote to take place after the 1<sup>st</sup> September.

For -  
Against -  
Abstain -

## **6.0 Active Ideas Updates**

### **6.1 Ideas Forum**

No new ideas on ideas forum.

### **6.2 Active Policies**

- Women's Workout Hour (IP)

IP reported that Worcester women's pathway/ work out hour has been approved, will begin September/October

- Open Facilities on Saturdays (AL)
- Common room for students at Jenny Lind Building (SJ/AL)
- Accessible Defibrillators across campus (ALL)

Confusion was expressed over the above policies, their absence from the current policy document, where previous feedback on the above policies is if not on the policy document, and the absence of other policies from the agenda.

**ACTION:** VP to ensure all 'Active Policies' are combined with all current Policies for future Exec.

## **7.3 Policy Discussion**



Policy document was read through. Active policy was updated, and expiring policy was discussed.

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### **7.0 Officer Objective Updates**

No Updates as Officer Objectives have not yet been set (these will be set in August 2023)

**AL: N/A**

**SJ: N/A**

**IP: N/A**

**Joint Objective:**

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### **8.0 Additional Campaign Updates**

No campaigns currently (these will be set in August 2023).

### **9.0 Current Student Issues**

Nursing Student living on campus over the summer spoke to AL about a broken freezer that was left unfixed for over a week, as well as spoke about general disappointment and concern over their treatment over summer period especially in contrast to external groups who use university accommodation during this time.

**ACTION:** Exec to stay aware of how university is interacting with students who remain on campus over the summer.

### **10.0 Update on relevant projects & discussions with the University.**

No updates as many staff on annual leave.

### **11.0 Networks**

Meeting has been had around how network progress/growth data will be gathered to show to university.

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### **12.0 AOB**





**Strengthscope:** SU Officers have been offered strength-scope exercise, which generates a report on individual's strengths followed up with a meeting with relevant member of university staff and a team meeting to look at strengths as a wider officer team.

**ACTION:** ARE to message officers about Strengthscope.

**AROG Membership:** SJ updated on AROG and worries there is now not enough SU voices on the committee, especially regarding voting as there is an increasing amount of UEB representation, and suggested more SU representation should be added to the committee. Didn't believe Pres or VPSE were appropriate additions due to workload and remit. Raised the idea of including a SU student trustee. AL suggested SVA but acknowledged SVA is already minuting secretary. Raised concerns around meeting availability if using SU Student Trustee. RC agreed around moving SVA from minuting to voting for continuity as student trustees change frequently. AL suggested ASB as replacement minuting secretary. ARE raised concerns around increased workload. SJ suggested that responsibility for minuting AROG could be transferred to university staff member, such as JS.

**ACTION:** SJ to contact AJ around making SVA voting member of AROG and communicate around new minuting secretary.

## ACTIONS

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7. **ACTION:** VP to sort out 'Active Polices' item for future Exec
8. **ACTION:** Exec to stay aware of how university is interacting with students who remain on campus over the summer.
9. **ACTION:** Antiona to message officers about Strengthscope
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