



Activities Council

09.10.07



Agenda

AGENDA FOR MEETING HELD ON:		5.30pm, 2 nd October 2007, 2D7
APOLOGIES:		
01/0708	Minutes from previous meeting (24.04.07)	
02/0708	Matters Arising	
03/0708	Activities President Report	
a	A written report from the Activities President	
b	Questions put to the Activities President	
04/0708	Sub committee and Society Exec Reports	
	Verbal reports from:	
a	Sub Committees	
b	Societies Exec	
c	Site committees	
05/0708	Ratification of New or Re-formed Societies	
a	African-Caribbean Society (ACS)	
b	Anime	
c	Asian	
d	Bar School	
e	Being In Good Health	
f	Bike Polo	
g	Conservative Society	
h	Games Development	
i	Psychology	
06/0708	Motions	
07/0708	Announcements	
a	<p>Society Exec Ratification To speed up both the ratification process and Council meetings, from this point on all ratifications of new and re-forming societies will be made in Societies Exec with information on all provided during the subsequent Soc Exec Report.</p>	
b	<p>Start-up Grants Although new societies are not eligible for funding from the start of their ratification, they will now be able to apply for a maximum of a £50 start-up grant. A detailed proposal will be made to Societies Exec who will decide and then report back to the council during the subsequent Soc Exec Report.</p>	
c	<p>Membership Deadline and Stickers The date for you to achieve 15 paid AND registered members is Friday 2nd November (Alice's birthday). Any society that does not make this number will have the choice of shutting down or (as long as they have 5 members) becoming a M2 society, therefore losing their allocation until such time that they reach 15 members or a new academic year begins. You are reminded that all members need to have stickers on their UWESU cards to complete our insurance procedure.</p>	



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d	<p>First Aid Courses For all club trips you must have at least two members that have attended first aid training in the last three years. First Aid courses are run free of charge by the Union; for a list of sessions go to www.uwesu.org/societies</p>
e	<p>Ave It! Accreditation Included with your council documents is an application form for the Union's accreditation scheme, <i>Ave it!</i>. To take part in this free scheme that recognises all your hard work, just return your forms to the Sports and Activities Centre.</p>
f	<p>How2 Guides A new section on the web has been created to help with some of the more frequently asked questions. If you have any simple queries try looking there first; may Fred Dinenage be your guiding light.</p>
g	<p>Activities Awards Members of Societies Exec will shortly be contacting you with regards to the format of the Activities Awards. Please let them know your feelings about how to take the event forward before we discuss it at the next council.</p>
h	<p>Website Difficulties We are currently experiencing difficulties with our web server and, as a result, changes to our webpages may or may not be able to be completed. However, if all details could be checked on your webpages and any changes emailed to Chris.Anthony@uwe.ac.uk we will try our best to make them.</p>
i	<p>Sports and Societies Night A new venue, Jongleurs, is being used for this year's SAS night. For every £3 entry, £1.50 goes back to your society.</p>
08/0708	Any Other Business
09/0708	Date of Next Meeting
	Tuesday 13 November 2007



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02/0708: Minutes From Previous Meeting (24.04.07)

Minutes FOR MEETING HELD ON:	5.30pm, 24 th April 2007, 2D7
APOLOGIES:	
43/0607	Minutes from previous meeting (14.11.06)
	Minutes accepted
44/0607	Matters Arising
45/0607	Activities President Report
a	A written report from the Activities President
b	Questions put to the Activities President
46/0607	Sub committee and Society Exec Reports
	No committees present to report.
47/0607	Ratification of New Societies
a	Hispanic Vote: 20 For; 0 Against; 0 Abstentions Society ratified
b	Nursing Vote: 20 For; 0 Against; 0 Abstentions Society ratified
c	Psychology Non attendance – ratification deferred to next council
d	Western Footlights Vote: 20 For; 0 Against; 0 Abstentions Society ratified
48/0607	Motions
a	Motion for support to the Greek student movement Tom Ramplin stood as the proposer Vote: 21 For; 0 Against; 2 Abstentions Motion passed
b	Bower site committee & its 'Yellow Revolution' Vote: 17 For; 1 Against; 3 Abstentions Motion passed
49/0607	Elections
a	Finance and General Purposes committee Candidate: Max Bossdorf (27 For; 0 Against; 0 Abstentions) Max Bossdorf elected
b	Ethics and Quality committee Candidate: Isabel Garcia and Natalia Perez as joint chair (27 For; 0 Against; 0 Abstentions) Isabel Garcia and Natalia Perez elected
c	Chair of Campaigns committee Candidate: Elizabeth May (27 For; 0 Against; 0 Abstentions) Elizabeth May elected
d	Honorary Life Membership Panel Candidate: Max Bossdorf (27 For; 0 Against; 0 Abstentions) Max Bossdorf elected



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e	Events Chair Candidate: Dee Singh (27 For; 0 Against; 0 Abstentions) Dee Singh elected
f	Media Chair No candidate, election deferred to next council.
g	RAG chair Candidate: Emma Munslow and Rebekah Taylor as joint chair (27 For; 0 Against; 0 Abstentions) Emma Munslow and Rebekah Taylor elected
h	Society Executive Members Cultural and Religious Rep Candidate: Theodosia Demetrido – Hellenic (2 For; 0 Against; 0 Abstentions) Theodosia Demetrido elected Activity Rep Candidate: Dan Williams – Shorinji Kempo (2 For; 0 Against; 0 Abstentions) Dan Williams elected Interest Rep Candidate: Elizabeth May - Out (10 For; 0 Against; 0 Abstentions) Elizabeth May elected Music and Arts Candidate: Ben Brook- Live Music (4 For; 0 Against; 0 Abstentions) Ben Brook elected Political Rep Candidate: Bill Boon - Respect (2 For; 0 Against; 0 Abstentions) Bill Boon elected
50/0607	Announcements
a	Activities Awards Congratulations to all that won and thank you to all that were there. If you have any thoughts for next year's event then please email Chris.Anthony@uwe.ac.uk
51/0607	Any Other Business
a	Sign name change Proposed name change from Sign to Sign Language to clarify the activity of the society. Vote: 27 For; 0 Against; 0 Abstentions Name change accepted
42/0607	Date of Next Meeting
	9th October 2007



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03/0708: Activities President Report

Studentification

Over the summer a motion was brought to Bristol City Council debated a motion regarding the 'distribution and local density' of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO's), which called to instruct the Government to amend the Housing Act (2004) to include for a separate Use Class for HMO's, with the purpose of restricting houses from being converted from family homes to HMO's. Whilst the BCC motion did not specifically cite that it was attacking students, it urged Bristol MP's to sign Early Day Motion 1488 which specifically desires to control the 'saturation' of student properties.

This was the result of numerous meetings regarding student/resident relations in Bristol. Complaints against –a minority- of students usually fall into the general categories of 'waste, parking and noise'. However, these problems are more indicative of Bristol's transport infrastructure, and fortnightly refuse collections. Legislation should be a last resort, as the Council have clearly not exhausted all the other options.

We have been working closely with Bristol University on this issue, as between us we represent over 45,000 students, who contribute over £203 million to Bristol's economy. With student debt increasing due to fees it's unlikely that you'll be able to afford your first home as soon as you graduate. Graduate retention in Bristol is high, and you'll probably be renting an HMO. If a restriction on new HMO's was made, rents would also rise in typical 'student' areas due to an increase in demand. Students would be 'encouraged' to live in city-centre new build private halls of residence for their three years, but for many this is just not an affordable option.

Unfortunately the motion passed at the Council, with the Councillors appearing to ignore the fact that they represent both the permanent and transient residents in their area. Please write to your local MP, either from your home town or student address, and urge them to not support the EDM 1488.

Campaigns

We sent two students to the NUS Campaigns Convention on 4th September. Elizabeth May (Chair of Campaigns Committee) and a member of the Sports Executive. Campaigns planned for this year include a Sexual Health And Guidance (SHAG) week, education funding issues, and mental health (around exam time).

Entertainment

- **Fresher's Week**
Fresher's week was a big success with the new style Monday night Welcome Party selling out. Feedback and debrief information is being gathered now so expect a more detailed report next Council. Plans for next year include increased the amount of daytime social events.
- **Affiliate Nights**
We now have four nights in the centre of Bristol in the week to cater for those who live closer to town. Monday night is 'Guilty' at Syndicate, Tuesday night 'Shipwrecked' at Oceana, Wednesday night 'SAS' at Jongleurs, and Thursday 'Glamorous' at Panache. This is in addition to Pre-Shipwrecked, Route, Crunchie and Subculture at Red Bar.
- **Snowball**
This year the Snowball will be at the British Empire and Commonwealth Museum on Monday 10th December. It will remain at £30 per ticket and be the first formal of the year. With the change of venue (from Ashton Court) we are able to offer much better value for money for guests.



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RAG

Last week saw the first RAG bar crawl of the year and around 260 t-shirts sold with £460 made for our charities. RAG week is set as the first week in December and will feature lots of crazy stuff to raise money including a scavenger hunt type thing, quiz night (you vs. the Presidents), 'Soak a Sabb', a pizza eating competition, and a xmas bar crawl.

Societies

I hope everything has been going well and you all got loads of interest/new members. It was great to see so many societies at the Frenchay Fresher's fair but I think the presence could have been bigger at the other campuses. I will be trying to make it to one of your meetings/socials soon, so any invites are welcome!

Diversity Week

After a changeover of staff in the International office and a not so great handover, this has now been postponed to later in the academic year to allow for greater involvement from societies. There will also hopefully be a collaboration with Love Music Hate Racism events.

Alcohol/Addiction training

I have been discussing the possibility of offering alcohol addiction awareness training to all UWESU bar staff in conjunction with lecturers in Addiction studies (based on Glenside campus) and hope to get it set up very soon.

Student Media

Student Media have had an excellent launch over Fresher's, with a presence at every Fair, and over the events. Student Media are a key communicative tool, which need to be supported because then they can advertise everything else we do, from campaigns, to entertainment, to RAG etc etc. We will therefore reach more of the student body and be able to let them know about issues that affect them. In light of this, we have invested in new equipment for the Hub studio, Western Eye distribution and aim to be playing the Hub in all the bars and shops, etc as soon as possible.

Campuses

- **Bower**
Bower's Campus Committee organised loads of yellow related activities over Fresher's to make Bower students feel at home more quickly. The Trustees agreed to a badly needed redecoration the FoCA bar.
- **St Matts**
The St Matts bar now has a salad bar and temporary umbrellas for smoking provision while we investigate into costings.
- **Glenside**
There is still money available for investing in the Student centre but we have had to put it on hold as we are currently lending the University space due to a dry rot problem at Glenside Campus.
- **Frenchay**
Now has smoking provision (for the glorious weather) outside the Escape bar and additional seating space outside the UWESU shop. We requested that the two umbrellas on our side of the steps should not be fitted with heaters, however the University refused to change their mind on the remaining heaters even after the environmental impact was pointed out.