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<b>AGENDA FOR MEETING HELD ON:</b>	5.30pm, 29th January 2008, 2D7
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	
<b>19/0708</b>	<b>Minutes from previous meeting (13.11.07)</b>
<b>20/0708</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>
<b>21/0708</b>	<b>Activities President Report</b>
a	A written report from the Activities President
b	Questions put to the Activities President
<b>22/0708</b>	<b>Sub committee and Society Exec Reports</b>
	Verbal reports from:
a	Sub Committees
b	Societies Exec
c	Site committees
<b>23/0708</b>	<b>Motions</b>
a	Committee Training
b	Ethical and Socially Responsible Investment and Purchasing Policy
c	Transition University -UWE
<b>24/0708</b>	<b>UWESU Elections</b>
a	<b>Nominations</b> See attached 'Election Notice 2008'
b	<b>Voting</b> 10am, Monday 3 March – 2pm Friday 7 March
<b>25/0708</b>	<b>Society Committee Elections/Training</b>
a	<b>Committee Elections</b> All societies are to elect new committees at their AGM during February. Deadline for new committee details to be submitted is <b>Friday 29 February</b> .
b	<b>Committee Training/Safety Training</b> Committee training is compulsory for all society committee members and attendance is a requirement to exist as a society. Failure to attend will result in the closure of the society. It is your duty to tell incoming committee members that they have to attend. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Committee Training:</b> Wednesday 11 March, 17.30 – 19.00, 2D7. <i>All committee members to attend.</i></li> <li>• <b>Safety Training:</b> Thursday 12 March, 14.00 – 15.00, 2D7. <i>One committee member to attend.</i></li> </ul>
<b>26/0708</b>	<b>Volunteering within UWESU</b>
a	<b>Jo Earl</b> We welcome Jo Earl to the Sports and Activities team one day a week to help manage and promote volunteering within clubs and societies. If you would like to get involved in volunteering in anyway (noting that this has now been included in the society awards at the Activities Awards) please contact Jo.Earl@uwe.ac.uk
b	<b>Community Action Day – 28<sup>th</sup> February</b> If you'd like to get involved in a day for the local community promoting your activity then please get in contact with Jo who would be more than happy to have you on board and involved.
<b>27/0708</b>	<b>Announcements</b>
a	<b>Refreshers Fair – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> To publicise your society, get involved in refreshers fair – your best chance to get new members. Please let Chris Anthony know by Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan if you wish to take part.



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b	<b>Budgets</b> A reminder of allocations.
c	<b>Feel Good February</b> A UWE initiative helping students feel fitter and happier in anyway possible. If anyone would like to publicise an event
d	<b>UWEdnesdays</b> Re-launch of the Sports and Societies to include all aspects of UWESU including reps. £3 entry with £1.50 going to your society and £1.50 going to help fund the Activities Awards.
e	<b>Naked Playing Cards</b> Support RAG and UWESU clubs by purchasing a pack of limited edition playing cards.
f	<b>RAG Week</b> Over the course of the week, over £1,500 was raised for Health Unlimited, National Aids Trust and Wallace and Gromit's Grand Appeal. Special mentions go to the sabbs who raised over £900 for the sauce-a-sabb event.
g	<b>Varsity</b> <b>12th March - Football</b> , Manor Farm. Women's Kick off - 6pm; Men's kick off - 8pm. <b>26th April - Boat</b> , Bristol Harbourside. Launch of first race, 2pm. <b>30th April - Rugby</b> , Memorial Stadium. Women's Kick off 6pm, Men's kick off - 8pm.
<b>28/0708</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>
<b>29/0708</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>
	Tuesday 4 March 2008



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### 10/0708: Minutes of Previous Meeting

#### **Minutes for meeting held on:**

5.30pm, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2007, 2D7

#### **Apologies:**

Bower Ashton Site Chair, Capoeira, Islamic, Technology (to be late)

#### **10/0708 Minutes from previous meeting (09.10.06):**

Minutes accepted.

#### **11/0708 Matters Arising**

None.

#### **12/0708 Activities President Report**

A written report from the Activities President.

No questions.

#### **13/0708 Sub committee and Society Exec Reports**

No reports from Sub Committees or Site Chairs.

Elizabeth May reported on behalf of Societies Exec. Executive have ratified Malaysian and Media Production societies. Start-up grants of £50 have been granted for Psychology and Bar School. Details of M1 and M2 Societies given.

#### **14/0708 Elections**

##### a) Media Chair

Three people stood for the position, Jonathon Jones, Maryam Bitege and Simon Randell. Each gave a 1 minute speech as to why they should be considered. Vote as follows:

Jonathon Jones – 3 votes

Maryam Bitege – 3 votes

Simon Randell – 17 votes

Simon Randell elected as Media Chair

##### b) Society Exec member: Activity Rep

Paul Jones (Paintball) stood for the position and gave a brief speech. Vote as follows:

For: 23 votes

Against: 0 votes

Abstention: 0 votes

Paul Jones elected as Activity Rep

#### **15/0708 Junction 49 Presentation**

Presentation by Jo Earl (CVP/J49 rep). Blurb:

“Got an idea? Junction49 is stumping up cash for Bristol UWE students to turn their ideas into reality. Nab up to £750 and you’ll also get training in project planning, plus ongoing support from your Junction49 staff based at your University.”

For more information please contact Jo on [Jo.Earl@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:Jo.Earl@uwe.ac.uk) or visit the J49 website:

[www.junction49.co.uk/university](http://www.junction49.co.uk/university) and click on the UWE link.

However, Jo had no idea what Junction 49 stood for. Disappointing.

#### **16/0708 Announcements**

##### a) Society Membership Numbers

See Activities Council pack for full details.

##### b) SHAG Week: 26-30.11.07

Sexual Health And Guidance Week is almost here. Alice’s report tells all; see the Activities Council pack for full details.



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c) UWESU AGM: 29.11.07

UWESU's AGM is open to all UWE students. Featuring guest speakers, updates from the SU Presidents, debate, discussion and YOU making the decisions!

d) RAG week: 03-09.12.07

RAG Week is coming! Be ready for the most fundraising events in one week that UWE has ever seen. Look out for events such as Speed Dating and the Christmas Bar Crawl, and most importantly Sauce-a-Sabb. Check out [www.uwesu.net/rag](http://www.uwesu.net/rag)

e) NUS Extraordinary Conference

December 4 2007, NUS will be holding an Extraordinary Conference in Leicester. Nominations must be by 12.00noon on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November. More info on [www.uwesu.org/democracy](http://www.uwesu.org/democracy)

f) First Aid Courses

For all 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](http://www.uwesu.org/societies)

g) Ave It! Accreditation

Keep sending in your hours! We already have a number of students over the 50-hour mark - congratulations to them all!

h) Florian's Birthday

Congratulations to Florian who reached the grand old age of 23. But everyone refused to sing.

**17/0708 Any Other Business**

No other business.

**18/0708 Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 29 January, 5.30pm, 2D7



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### 21/0708: Activities President Report

#### Campaigns

Studentification – an update. The National Vice President Welfare of NUS is working on removing MP's signatures from the EDM that Bristol City Council voted to support .

Shag week- I gave out 80 chlamydia tests to sports teams. Men's football, women's rugby, netball, cricket and American football got involved, all putting up teams for testing. The Presidential team also got tested! We gave out condoms at some nights during the week, but did not have as great a presence as I would like. Unfortunately during the week I had to go to London in place of another sabbatical officer, for a conference which took up a long and tiring 14 hours mid week. There are still some condoms, flyers etc to hand out, so will be revived in Feel Good February. Moving forward if the Activities President next year runs the campaign, I will be suggesting using some of the campaigns budget to fund student staff to cover more areas at more times.

#### Entertainment

Snowball –This event sold out, and was a huge success. There were obviously a few teething problems with the switch the a new venue and a company running it, but it used up significantly less staffing resources for an event with much better value for money.

Affiliate nights – The contract with Panache for Thursdays has now been terminated. Plans are in the pipeline to start an indie/electro night at Thekla on a Monday night, in association with Hub Radio.

#### RAG

Rag week raised over £1,500.00 and also saw myself getting sauced with pizza sauce for raising the least amount of money out of the Presidential team. In my defence, can I just point out that I was in the lead at the start of the week, but the others got so worried at how much I had raised that they stepped up their game. Plus Dom and Becca raided University staff. The President's were also auctioned for Children In Need.

#### Societies/Committee training

A few new societies have started up, including SSAGO, Accounting and Archaos. Chris, Lily and I have also been working on transforming committee training and have been putting together a proposal for a President's away day, followed by a day with other committee members.

#### Radio show

I'm now on Hub Radio from 1-2pm on Tuesdays for Activities Hour. Promoting everything activities wise that's going on in the Union. Please let me know what your society is up to so I can talk about it!

#### Constitutional review

The constitutional review group, lead by myself, have been meeting this term and are now in the consultation period. The group is made up of the Sabbatical officers and students who registered an interest after the presentation at AGM. Initial consultation period is two weeks, and then the group will work on options to present back to the student body. We hope to move to a vote in the third semester.

#### Student media

We are currently advertising for next year's Publications Editor, and interviews start soon. This is to enable the new person to shadow the current editor for one issue of the paper before taking on the role full time.

#### NUS

We took a full delegation to the NUS EGM and voted on NUS governance. The main motion passed with a clear majority.

The next NUS regional conference is on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January, and will be attended by a mixture of the elected delegations for the last regional and the EGM.



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I attended NUS National Council as a rep for the south west. The next one is February 20<sup>th</sup>.

### NUSSL

NUSSL is the purchasing consortium that bulk buys everything we stock in our bars and shops, to get good deals. I am at a NUSSL event Jan 23-25<sup>th</sup>.

### John Denham

The Secretary of State for the Department of Innovation, Universities and Skills visited Bristol Uni in December. I wrote an article for the Western Eye about it. He is also set to visit UWE in February to talk to a group of students.

### Skydive

I have agreed to do a skydive for charity. I will be jumping out of a plane on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March. I am supporting Women's Aid who help victims of domestic violence.



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### 23/0708 Motions

#### a) Committee Training

**This Union notes** that all new committee members are required to attend compulsory committee training and safety training meetings, the dates and times of which are set by the UWESU at present. All societies are required to send at least one committee member to Safety Training, but the committee members who need to attend them do not currently have any choice over when these are to take place.

#### **This Union believes:**

- offering committee members a choice of a minimum of three dates with differing times to attend committee training and safety training meetings would be a fairer way of enabling committee members to meet their obligations in respect of mandatory attendance, whilst also enabling them to juggle the demands of study, work, family and social commitments, with their desire to be active in a university society;
- it believes would result in greater compliance of mandatory attendance, as committee members would be attending on a day and time of their own choosing;
- could limit the number of societies that may be forced to close due to failure to meet these mandatory obligations; and
- by giving committee members 'choice' over when to attend, this could also result in cost savings to the UWESU, due to a better allocation of resources.

**This Union resolves** that all society committee members be given a choice of a minimum of three different dates with which to attend Committee Training and Safety Training meetings respectively, spread over a three week period in each case; incorporating different days of the week where possible, and to include Saturdays; and also for each meeting respectively, to be at a different time of day, where staff availability permits it.

**Proposer:** Diane E. Folan

**Seconder:** Eleimon Gonis



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### b) Ethical and Socially Responsible Investment and Purchasing Policy

This Union Notes:

- That climate change is a serious and growing threat and the burning of fossil fuels such as oil and gas are a major contributor.
- That socially-responsible investment is growing rapidly and is supported by over 75% of UK adults.
- That a number of universities have successful ethical-investment policies, including Birmingham, East Anglia and several Oxbridge colleges.

This Union believes:

- The University should be socially responsible in its business interactions and investments and that the University has Fair Trade status but has no policy regarding the ethical-investment of university assets.
- This university invests in companies engaging in activities detrimental to society and the environment such as Natwest. The University should recognize that the purchasing decisions carried out across the campuses carry environmental and social implications and should seek to procure goods and services in an ethical manner.
- As a major public sector investor and Fair Trade institution, this university has a moral responsibility to ensure its investments do not negatively affect society or the environment.
- The university's ethical-investment stance is an important element in its reputation among the wider community, current and potential staff, students and stakeholders.
- Thousands of people are killed, injured, raped, and forced to flee from their homes as a result of the unregulated global arms trade.

This Union Resolves:

- To lead by example and adopt an ethical-investment policy, to include sponsorship received, for this union. To mandate the Activities President to take responsibility for developing this ethical-investment policy in consultation with independent ethical-investment advisors.
- To lobby the University not to invest in unethical companies (i.e. companies that invest money into oil and gas projects, arms trade etc) and encourage investment in companies with good governance and responsible management.
- To lobby the University not to promote or sell the goods and/or services of those companies known to contribute towards climate change or other unethical practices.

Note: In 2006 RBS, which NatWest and Direct Line are a part of, gave £10bn to fossil fuels. RBS have funded 655 million tonnes of carbon emissions over the past five years.

**Proposed:** Lisa Tozer  
**Seconded:** Harsh Kothari



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### c) Transition University -UWE

#### This Union Notes:

- That peak production of oil and gas threatens current levels of energy consumption and dependence on a global scale, with potentially profound impacts for human societies.
- The most recent IPCC 4th Assessment report highlights the pressing need to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels or risk mass extinctions and increased climate related disasters
- Transition towns and cities are acting now, all over the UK and abroad, to move away from dependence on fossil fuels and toward a healthy, resilient, and sustainable future.
- Bristol has a growing Transition movement, involving local groups within the city seeking to find community solutions to global energy problems.
- UWE has a vibrant and progressive academic base of faculty, staff and students with knowledge and skills relevant to finding positive solutions to energy security.

#### This Union Believes:

- The peaking of global oil supply, and its effect on the availability of resources, food and transport is a global issue and we should be preparing for it both on a global and local scale.
- UWE should set an example and become a hub for information and education to the wider Bristol community by adopting 'transition status' on all campuses.
- There are great opportunities to create bonds with local groups, students and the wider public and to begin build skills and knowledge relevant to increasing resilience within our community.

#### This Union Resolves:

- To dedicate staff time to Transition UWE and to lobby the university body to adopt 'transition status'
- To create and actively support a dedicated volunteer working group aimed at informing and educating the UWE community on the energy crisis and the concept of transition.
- To support and advertise once monthly events for transition UWE. Eg. film screenings, skill workshops and talks.
- To actively attempt to forge links with the wider Bristol community, specifically the transition movement, to share knowledge, speakers and resources.

**Proposer:** Lewis Winks

**Secunder:** Ysanne Friend



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24/0708 UWESU Elections

## **ELECTION NOTICE 2008**

I, Nerys Neath, being the Deputy Returning Officer for the UWE Students' Union, hereby give notice that nominations open on the 4<sup>th</sup> February for the following elected SU Officer positions.

### **Full Time**

**Student Representative President**

**Student Representative Vice President**

**Sports President**

**Activities President**

### **Part Time Voluntary**

**Sports Vice President**

**Activities Vice President**

**Campus Chair (Bower Ashton)**

**Campus Chair (St Matthias)**

**Campus Chair (Hartpury)**

**Campus Chair (Glenside)**

**Campus Chair (Frenchay)**

**UWESU Chair of Meetings**

### **Also**

**NUS Conference Delegation (11 positions available)  
(NUS Annual Conference will take 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2008 in Blackpool)**

**To receive a nomination form or further information ask at your Campus SU Office or email [nerys.neath@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:nerys.neath@uwe.ac.uk)**

**Deadline for completed nominations – 1pm Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2008**



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### 27/0708 Announcements

#### a) Society Budget Allocations 2007/8 - Term 2

**Date:** 07.06.07

**Present:** Alice Bouquet; Elizabeth May; William Boon; Theodosia Demetriou; Paul Jones; Chris Anthony.

#### Summary

Total Society Term 2 Allocation £5,000

Society	Allocations
Comets Cheerleading	£1,600.00
Dance	£737.50
Hellenic	£450.00
History	£300.00
Malaysian Students Association	£400.00
Out	£750.00
Paintball	£632.50
Psychology	£30.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£4,900.00</b>
<b>Remaining</b>	<b>£100.00</b>

#### Details of meeting

##### **Anime**

Asked for: no money. Merchandising to be covered by money in account.

⇒ no allocation

##### **Comets Cheerleading**

Asked for: Subsidy for two cheer competitions (Telford and Loughborough), funds for American Football away game travel and for replacement poms.

⇒ £1,600.00 allocated

##### **Dance**

Asked for: money for a Ballet Barre, funds towards rehearsals times and to subsidise a February Dance Show and Dance Competition.

⇒ £737.50 allocated

##### **Hellenic**

Asked for: money towards three events including Greek Easter celebrations and a cultural dinner.

⇒ £450.00 allocated

##### **History**

Asked for: money towards guest lecturer expenses and for subsidies of various trips.

⇒ £300.00 allocated

##### **Live Music**

Asked for: equipment – decided that RED Bar needed to contribute towards this. Alice to talk to Paul McCoulough. Provision of a PA system in continued discussion with RED bar/entertainments.

⇒ no allocation

##### **Malaysian Student Association**

Asked for: Money towards various trips including a small subsidy towards an 'Explore UK' trip and to help organise Chinese New Year Ball.



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⇒ £400.00 allocated

**Out**

Asked for: money towards Brighton trip, Flamingo's Charity Ball.

⇒ £750.00 allocated

**Paintball**

Asked for: money to support them in the later rounds of the University Paintball Leagues, and for equipment to enable more people to attend training sessions.

⇒ £632.50 allocated

**Postgrad**

Asked for: subsidies towards a number of trips including a Stratford theatre trip and a Go-karting day. No money has been used from the Term 1 allocation so Exec saw no reason to give more.

⇒ no allocation

**Psychology**

Asked for: a small subsidy for presents for lecturers who help with debates.

⇒ £30.00 allocated