

Societies Council – Meeting Minutes



Date: 1/2/2017

Time: 5pm

Room: NH209

	Agenda item	Person responsible
1	Welcome	Chair
2	In Attendance Philip Coupe, Jeff Barclay, Gabriele Maddaloni, Rachel Simpson, Declan McGallagly, Kevin Campbell, Gordon McTweed (Clerk)	Chair
3	Apologies Emma Duncan, Graham Samson	Clerk
4	Approval of Previous Minutes Accepted	Chair
5	Matters Arising from previous meeting Christian Union: The group discussed concerns around the rewording of the Christian Union Constitution. ACTION: Clerk to contact CU to ask for updated Constitution and bring to next Council.	Chair
6	Policy Motions <u>Activation of GCU Catholic Community:</u> The Clerk explained the research undertaken to find out good practice around Catholic Societies and that this was common place. The group voted to activate GCU Catholic Community: For 3, Against 0, Abstention 2. <u>Approval of Funding:</u> PC outlined the proposed funding allocation to the group and the group voted to accept the allocation: For 4 Against 0 Abstention 1.	Chair
7	Verbal Reports PC: Met with Activities Manager to discuss trimester 2 plans for council. RS: Nothing to report KC: Met with Activities Manager to plan out priorities for trimester 2, offered	Chair

	meetings to all societies, lobbying NUS about lack of Society awards. JB: Nothing to report DM: Nothing to report	
8	Council Objectives Objective 1: Building Soc Community – KC society community building over T1, societies collaborating well, RS set up Facebook Group. Objective 2: Council Pop In - No update. Objective 3: Soc Showcase – T1 activity complete, working group to be set up KC, PC, RS. ACTION: PC to set up meeting.	Chair
9	Accreditation Scheme and Funding Model Review The group discussed the accreditation scheme, it can be positive to encourage development; not many societies have completed; not enough awareness, incentives and onerous; doesn't work for course based societies; some elements seem out of date. Getting proof can be challenging and operationally it can be time consuming. The concept is good but maybe Societies need autonomy to do their own thing; HW have a system linked to social media – that might be a good option; it's good for Societies to show impact as it helps the organisation. The group voted to close the accreditation scheme For 3, Against 0, Abstention 2. The group agreed to look into options for the future. The group discussed the funding model; this would need to be reviewed now that the Accreditation Scheme is no longer in place. ACTION: KC to lead in looking into options.	Chair
10	Any other competent business <u>Society Awards:</u> The group had a brief discussion about the society awards and the Big Ball 2017. The group discussed hosting a Big Ball announcements party again as this was successful in 2016. ACTION: KC to source awards committee members. <u>Student Leaders Programme:</u> KC encouraged all members to participate and promote the SLP. <u>Volunteers Survey:</u> KC asked all of the committee to help support the Students' Association survey for volunteers. GM told the group that he may be too busy in the next few months to continue his role on the committee but would confirm.	Chair
11	Date of next meeting & deadline for agenda 1 st March 2017, 5pm	Clerk