

Societies Council-Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 26th March 2019

17:00

NH209

In attendance:

Calum McCormack (CMC)
Eilidh Fulton (EF)
Emma Wallace (EW)
Hannah Brown (HB)
Monica Allen (MA)
Rachael Brown (RB)
Una Marie Darragh (UMD)

Head of Hobby, Social and Political Societies
VP SCEBE, Societies Policy Lead
Head of Academic Societies
Head of Logistics
Head of Culture and Faith Groups
Chair
Societies Co-ordinator (Clerk)



	Agenda item	Person responsible
1.	Welcome & Declaration of Interests RB welcomed the committee and HB declared interest in the GCU Racing Society.	Chair
2.	Apologies Jonnie England (JE) Head of Membership and New Societies	Clerk
3.	Approval of Previous Minutes The minutes were approved by those at the previous meeting.	Chair
4.	Matters Arising from previous meeting EF is going to speak to the director of student life on 27 th about certificates for council members and will update after. EW has not had many responses from her survey sent out to academic societies. ACTION EW to send UMD any feedback from the survey.	Chair
5.	Policy Motions Activation of the Professional Doctorate Society	Chair

	<p>6 Approve 0 Abstain 0 Against</p> <p>Activation of the National Union of Ghana Students Society</p> <p>5 Approve 0 Abstain 0 Against</p> <p>Activation of GCU Check Mate Society</p> <p>6 Approve 0 Abstain 0 Against</p> <p>Activation of the Socialist Students Society</p> <p>5 Approve 1 Abstain 0 Against</p> <p>Activation of the Accountancy Society</p> <p>7 Approve 0 Abstain 0 Against</p> <p>Activation of the GCU Racing Society</p> <p>6 Approve 1 Abstain 0 Against</p> <p>Changes to Section 12.0- Society Awards</p> <p>Section 12:0 to be updated to include the new Best Overall Contribution from a Society Committee Member Award.</p> <p>6 Approve 0 Abstain 0 Against</p>	
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6.	<p>The STAR Awards</p> <p>UMD asked council if they could help to promote the STAR Awards by sharing on social media. Tickets are on sale until 9am on Monday 15th April and the Award Ceremony will be on Thursday 18th April starting at 6:30pm in Re:union Bar and Grill.</p>	Council Members
7.	<p>Dragons' Den</p> <p>UMD has received two applications and believes the number will increase on the week of the deadline but will remind societies a few days before.</p>	
8.	<p>Society Council Elections</p> <p>Council decided that voting should be open for a week and a half, with three working days for voting if positions were contested.</p> <p>ACTION UMD to decide on dates, update council and open nominations.</p>	
9.	<p>Verbal Reports</p> <p>RB submitted a report to student voice with updates from the council. EW has been trying to gather replies from the survey. EW met with some academic societies to find out about their upcoming plans and offer assistance.</p> <p>CmcC-met with a couple of hobby based societies, and they were not having any problems.</p> <p><i>CmcC leaves.</i></p> <p>EF is working on certificates and with Student Life to try and improve promotion for clubs and societies. She will put out communications on social media for Dragons' Den and is considering introducing more information into inductions about societies.</p> <p>MA's societies are very self-sufficient and have not required any assistance.</p> <p>HB helped with setting up the GCU Racing society and with filling in their starter society pack. HB has also been helping societies with finance forms. She noted the finance training was not very well</p>	Council Members

	attended in trimester one, which may be part of the reason why societies were getting in touch.	
10.	Date of the Next Meeting N/A	Chair
11.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Some societies have been unhappy with the catering booked in Re:union. They have reported that the food is too expensive and that there are often delays.</p> <p>UMD will be organising some committee training for after the exam diet in May. The committee thought it would be beneficial to include information and tips and tricks for running a successful Freshers' Week.</p> <p>ACTION UMD will make a new sheet with society codes. ACTION EW to send EF an email regarding cater complaints and they will follow up after the next catering meeting.</p>	All

Matters Arising

Action	Date of Meeting	Notes	Progress
EW to inform council of the survey outcome at the next meeting.	29.01.19	Discussed at the meeting on 26.03.19.	
EF to ask the Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic to sign some recognition certificates.	29.01.19	In progress.	
EW to send UMD any feedback from the survey.	26.03.19		
UMD to decide on dates, update council and open nominations.	26.03.19		
ACTION- UMD will make a new sheet with society codes.	26.03.19		
ACTION- EW to send EF an email regarding cater complaints and they will follow up after the next catering meeting.	26.03.19		