

Societies Council – Meeting Minutes



Date: 05.09.2018

Time: 15:00 – 17:00

Room: NH209

In Attendance:

Declan McGallagly (DM)

Eilidh Fulton (EF)

Hannah Brown (HB)

Monica Allen (MA)

Emma Wallace (EW)

Adam Crawley (AC)

Jess O' Neill (JO'N)

Chair of Societies Council

VP SCEBE, Societies Policy Lead

Head of Logistics

Head of Faith & Culture Groups

Head of Academic Societies

Societies Coordinator (clerk)

Head of Communication

	Agenda item	Person responsible
1	Welcome & Declaration of Interests DM welcomed council to the 1 st council meeting of the year. JO'N declared interest in the Overwatch Society	Chair
2	In attendance & apologies JE sent apologies. Noted that DH has stepped down from his position as Head of Political, Hobby, and Social Societies. A by-election will be discussed later in the agenda. DM left meeting at 3:10 – HB took over chairing	
3	Approval of Previous Minutes Minutes approved – noted that it is a new council, so most members weren't at the last meeting.	
4	Matters arising from previous meeting Noted that the matters arising were no longer relevant for the new academic year.	
5	Policy Motions Change in name and constitution – Overwatch to eSports Society AC explained that this was brought to the previous council meeting, but was not approved as they requested to see Gaming Society's constitution as well. Gaming Society did not send an updated constitution, so council would only discuss Overwatch Society's constitution.	

	<p>Approve: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 1</p> <p>Activation of WES Society</p> <p>Approve: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0</p>	
6	<p>Societies Funding</p> <p>Funding League AC explained funding – has now been allocated to Societies. Council will review policy over the next year.</p> <p>Approve: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0</p> <p>Dragons' Den Societies Council discussed the Dragons' Den process and decided it worked well last year, so applications have now been opened.</p>	
7	<p>Academic Societies</p> <p>EF explained that the Association would like to look into academic societies and their impact on courses. HB noted that it would be interesting to see the correlation between courses and course-based societies. For example, are 'happier' courses performing better because of societies or are they just more likely to have societies as they are happier?</p> <p>ACTION: EF to research and present back to council</p>	
8	<p>Sustainability Development Goals – Dragons Den</p> <p>EF explained the possibility of linking Sustainability Development Goals to Dragons' Den. Council are happy to research this further but will wait until more information is provided by the University.</p>	
9	<p>Societies Training</p> <p>AC explained that society training is coming up and would appreciate Council helping out if available.</p> <p>ACTION: All council members to provide availability to AC</p>	
10	<p>Society Starter Process</p> <p>AC explained that the society starter process has changed and the information had previously been circulated. Main differences included being able to get membership online before activation and societies council approving societies online instead of in meetings.</p>	

11	Verbal Reports No updates	
12	Date of next meeting To be decided, looking at late October.	
13	AOCB	