

Societies Council – Meeting Minutes



Date: 29/9/2017

Time: 16:00 – 18:00

Room: NH208

In Attendance:

Rachel Simpson (RS)	VP GSBS
Jonnie England (JE)	Head of Membership & New Societies
Eilidh Fulton (EF)	Head of Communications
Declan McGallagly (DM)	Head of Logistics
Daniel Hauck (DH)	Head of Hobby, Political, and Social Societies
Adam Crawley (AC)	Societies Co-ordinator (clerk)

	Agenda item	Person responsible
1	Welcome & Declaration of Interests RS welcomed the Societies Council to the first meeting of the year. Noted that RS is acting as Chair until the Chair is elected, so will not be voting on motions Noted that JE is Chair of Student Voice	Chair
2	In Attendance RS confirmed that there are three vacant positions which are: Chair Head of Academic Societies Head of Culture, Faith, and Liberation Groups It is also noted that until these positions are filled, all members must be present for a meeting to be quorate.	Chair
3	Apologies No apologies	Clerk
4	Approval of Previous Minutes None to approve. Noted that it would be useful to see minutes from the previous meeting, though they don't need approved. ACTION: AC to circulate minutes from 16 th March 2017	Chair

5	Matters Arising from previous meeting None to approve.	Clerk
6	Policy Motions 1. Activation of SAMH Society Council noted that there is a crossover of aims with wellbeing volunteers and suggested they can collaborate on campaigns Approve: 4 Abstain: 0 Against: 0 2. Approval of name changes a) 'Risk Society' to 'Risk & Finance Society' Approve: 4 Abstain: 0 Against: 0 b) 'GSBS IBSN' to 'GCU Business Society' Approve: 4 Abstain: 0 Against: 0	Chair
7	Funding Model 1) Allocation of funds based on Funding League AC explained that the current funding model was approved at Societies Council in the previous year and allocation of funds are as follows: Funding League: £3000 (75%) Dragons' Den: £400 (10%) New Societies: £600 (15) AC explained how the funding league is broken down and what the criteria are. Council noted that the first requirement is to re-register, and the others after are weighted. RS noted that, now SAMH has been activated, there will be less in the New Societies pot. JE mentioned that there were only 2 members in IEEE. AC confirmed that the society has registered for the new year and had enough members on its	Chair

	<p>committee, though some details are still required.</p> <p>Approve: 3 Abstain: 1 Against: 0</p> <p>ACTION: AC to commence next steps to allocate funds</p> <p>2) Informing societies of funding league</p> <p>JE suggested that members of council can attend society events and committee meetings to explain the league and take feedback.</p> <p>DH suggested that the council could hold a drop in session in two weeks (w/c 16th October) as well as create a video to circulate.</p> <p>ACTION: RS to arrange drop-in session ACTION: AC to include an update on the funding league and information about the drop-in session in the fortnightly newsletter ACTION: RS to meet with the Communications & Media Co-Ordinator to discuss best ways to communicate</p> <p>3) Dragons' Den</p> <p>Council discussed the criteria and process for Dragons' Den. For more information on this, see Appendix A.</p> <p>ACTION: AC to type up discussion on Dragons' and circulate for clarification and corrections ACTION: AC to create the application form for societies to apply ACTION: AC to arrange meeting in Week 5 for presentations</p> <p>Approve: 4 Abstain: 0 Against: 0</p>	
8	<p>Society Council Membership</p> <p>1) To change 'Head of Culture, Faith and Liberation Groups' to 'Head of Culture and Faith Groups'</p> <p>RS explained that liberation groups are independent from societies, and as of this academic year there are no longer any liberation based societies. Liberation groups should be autonomous and the change in the title is to reflect that.</p> <p>Approve: 3</p>	Chair

	<p>Abstain: 1 Against: 0</p> <p>2) Plans to fill vacant positions</p> <p>Council will promote the vacancies in Week 3, when they arrange their sessions to explain the funding league. AC will mention in newsletters and 121s with societies.</p> <p>ACTION: AC to edit and reactivate nomination form for Societies Council</p>	
9	<p>Verbal Reports</p> <p>No verbal updates to give.</p> <p>Council decided that this agenda item can be used to update on progress relating to objectives.</p>	Chair
10	<p>Date of next meeting & deadline for agenda</p> <p>ACTION: AC to arrange a meeting in Week 3 to finalise Dragons' Den procedure.</p>	Clerk
11	<p>AOCB</p> <p>1) Objective Setting</p> <p>RS suggested that council should approve the objectives that it has approved and can begin to communicate these. For information, see Appendix B.</p> <p>Approved: 4 Abstain: 0 Against: 0</p> <p>2) Attendance at Equality and Diversity Committee and Student Voice.</p> <p>RS explained that a member of Societies Council should be present at both Equality and Diversity Committee and Student Voice. Council noted that JE cannot be the Societies Council Representative on Student Voice, as he is the Chair of that committee.</p> <p>EF volunteered to be on Equality and Diversity and DM volunteered to be on Student Voice</p> <p>ACTION: RS to inform relevant committees of attendance ACTION: AC to update website with photos</p>	

