*Devansh Jhamnani – Activities and Employability Officer*

**Activities Committee**

28th January 2025, 10-12pm

*Lara Parker – Sports Officer*

*Alex Keen – Education Officer*

*Student Group’s Representatives:*

*Benedict Morgan*

*Jacob Dyke*

*Matthew Widdop*

*Supporting Staff Present*

*Harriet Berrington-Hughes – Senior Student Group’s Co-ordinator*

*Annabella Lehner – Student Group’s Assistant, Minuting*

**Trigger Warnings:**

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| **Item No.** | **Item Title** | **Meeting Notes** | **Actions** |
| **Start** |  |  |  |
| 1 | **Welcome & Introductions** | DJ to chair the meeting  **Present: LP, AK, BM, DJ, HBH, JD, MW, AL** |  |
| 2 | **Constitutional Changes** | **K Cover**  LP: no problem  DJ: looks good  **LP, AK, BM, DJ, JD, MW vote to approve constitutional change**  **Action Against Homelessness**  LP: No problem  AK: Yep all good  **LP, AK, BM, DJ, JD, MW vote to approve constitutional change**  **Tea Society**  LP: yes looks good!  **LP, AK, BM, DJ, JD, MW vote to approve constitutional change**  **Roundnet**  DJ: New roles – Social sec, wellbeing officer, (plus one more?)  All happy?  JD: welfare isn’t the responsibilities of the societies; it is at the level at the Guild and University.  JD: do any other societies have one?  LP: No problem with it, can be clarified upon, most societies have them  AK: just need to include to signpost  LP: Send back to update the wording, then can be decided upon in Chair’s Action?  **LP, AK, BM, DJ, JD, MW vote to go back for further information, changing the wording to ensure the responsibilities are about signposting.**  **Benchball**  DJ: Want to add a semester 2 memberships.  BM: how would this work in practice?  HBH: just like the normal membership from the website  LP: unlikely to be confused, also Semester 2 memberships are half the price of the standard membership.  MW: System wouldn’t allow people to purchase two memberships anyway  **LP, AK, BM, DJ, JD, MW vote to approve constitutional change**  **Hookers and stitchers**.  DJ: Adding new roles: well-being  MW: Why two positions?  LP: quite common for wellbeing secretaries to share the load  MW: all good  **LP, AK, BM, DJ, JD, MW vote to approve constitutional change**  **Autism Soc**  DJ: Want to add some new roles: Vice President, Wellbeing Officers. Have also changed some objectives  LP: objectives not massively different so looks fine  MW: happy but looks like an old constitution, should be updated.  **LP, AK, BM, DJ, JD, MW vote to approve constitutional change**  **BEAMs**  LP: Want to add the role of Outreach Officer, all happy?  **LP, AK, BM, DJ, JD, MW vote to approve constitutional change**  **BACAS**  DJ: Three new committee positions, Publicity Officer, (plus two more)  MW: happy, but are on a 2011 version of the constitution, update.  **LP, AK, BM, DJ, JD, MW vote to approve constitutional change**  **Games development**  MW: interesting,  HBH: from the context given by co-ordinator, it seems group confused about what affiliations are.  AK: don’t need them in there  JB: are they happy?  LP: don’t need to be in there  MW: EPS long gone, so doesn’t need to be in the constitution  LP: should they not be affiliated to every school?  MW and LP: yes, take them back out  JD: is it a bit much for the Social Secretary to communicate with all the external bodies, students and members? Would probably normally be under the role of President or Vice President.  LP: but they have loads of correspondence normally and it seems to be fine.  **LP, AK, BM, DJ, JD, MW vote to partly approve - new role is approved, affiliations are rejected** | ACTION: Admin task to move onto correct template  ACTION: Admin task to move onto correct template |
| 3 | **New Group Proposals** | **Sport and entertainment society**  DV: any conflict?  HBH: No but you may want to consider they have a lot of responsibilities listed for head of marketing  LP: not marked in yellow  HBH: (points out area)  MW: I thought those were all separate roles  LP: they have said a lot, but in practice is not that much.  MW and BM: should be fine for one person  **LP, AK, BM, DJ, JD, MW vote to approve new group**  **Qatar Society**  MW: Application says will provide network for students in the US  LP: probably copy-pasted from somewhere.  MW: not stated in the constitution so should be fine  JD: also, it’s not University staff they have to deal with, it’s Guild staff.  BM: typos maybe if they’ve copy pasted  MW: any cross over?  HBH: none  JD: bit concerned with section 2.3…  MW: but standard in template, can’t change that  JD: should be the Guild, not committee dealing with safeguarding.  MW: always on there, it’s on the template, can’t change it. We can discuss the template at AOB if you liked  JD: No that’s fine  **LP, AK, BM, DJ, JD, MW vote to approve new group**  **Kurd soc**  AK: got 99 followers, shows lot of interest.  LP: yes looks good  HBH: also, no cross over  **LP, AK, BM, DJ, JD, MW vote to approve new group**    **Intergen**  LP: has had dealings with them, very friendly, lovely group. They did the Christmas hampers  AK: yes good group  JD: one part reads as social media rep, but read wrong bit  **LP, AK, BM, DJ, JD, MW vote to approve new group**  **Orthodox Christian Society**  HBH: had feedback from other Christian societies and Chaplaincy who seem happy and support it.  LP: good that they all agree, sounds good  MW: yes happy  **LP, AK, BM, DJ, JD, MW vote to approve new group**  **Cultural Arts soc**  AK: have we reached out for feedback?  HBH: no feedback given from Art, Craft, and Islamic Arts & Heritage  **LP, AK, BM, DJ, JD, MW vote to approve new group**  **Young professionals**  MW: format of constitution is deeply upsetting, but not a reason to reject.  JD: don’t other societies do this type of thing anyway?  AK: I suppose but I think this is fine  LP: this seems more general, I wouldn’t join Business Soc for example but I may join this as it’s more general  BM: they refer to both Chair and President, should pick one.  HBH: can just change it back to the template wording  MW: and can admin tasks fix formatting?  HBH: will fix that, it’s fine  **LP, AK, BM, DJ, JD, MW vote to approve new group**  **Girl coders**  HBH: similar societies have either not replied or are happy.  BM and MW: like name formatting  BM: might be due to a comma missing, but do they mean ethnic, nonbinary and people of colour?  Almost looks like only for women of colour.  MW: niche but good subgroup for people to have.  MW: email to CSS says both women and BAME  **LP, AK, BM, DJ, JD, MW vote to approve new group**  **Nahda**  HBH: this is one that you have looked at before and asked for further feedback from similar societies. To date only ACS responded but say they are happy, no concerns.  LP: sounds good then!  AK: all good  **LP, AK, BM, DJ, JD, MW vote to approve new group** | ACTION: Admin task to return President wording to the template, and fix formatting |
| 4 | **AOB** | HBH: elections proposal from GD, review dates and agree for student groups elections. Date is proposed as 1st March – 24th May? If any group can’t make those, will come to this committee to grant that.  **LP, AK, BM, DJ, JD, MW agree to AGM timescale**  HBH: Two grant requests  Fitness and wellbeing: £150 to go to puppy yoga, but now have concerns about the provider, can’t find another place to do it at, so want the “puppy” bit taken off so can just do different yoga, e.g yoga collab event  **LP, AK, BM, DJ, JD, MW approve grant change request**  HBH: 3bugs: had end of January as deadline for Fringe costs, but taking longer. Have not said how long they want to extend it to, probably not too long.  JD: money will really help, so happy to give them longer.  MW: how much was it and what was it for?  HBH: transport, etc  MW: can we check?  LP: push it the next deadline?  MW: would need it back before Easter  MW: give them until March?  All agree  MW: let them have it until March  HBH: was £150  **LP, AK, BM, DJ, JD, MW agree to grant extension request**  HBH: emergency grant application from guild TV  Two core committee members have resigned. Have to train for media law, £750 to train. Want funds to cover the cost.  JD: how much do they already have?  HBH: About £1600, £450 is already assigned for monitors, rest is assigned for new cameras in conjunction with UoB sport, so they are stating that they do not have any available funds  LP: lots of societies rely on them, so wouldn’t want to deny them. But frustrating from committee members, maybe check more on future members.  MW: not keen on doing this to volunteers  LP: agree, do not expect them to pay  HBH: we can think about talking to groups at start of the year  LP: talk to them to make sure they fully know all the responsibilities  MW: happy to give them this  LP: but look at what we do in future  HBH: will have conversation with the groups  **LP, AK, BM, DJ, JD, MW vote to give emergency grant request in full**  MW: as aside, part of constitution that says anyone should be able to join a group, JD did you want to revisit this discussion?  HBH: big topic, maybe for next meeting, with SM with more in-depth knowledge on the matter. Let me know if you want it adding to the next agenda  JD: it’s fine, don’t want to discuss  MW: how many groups do we have now?  AK: now about 380  LP: not including sports groups, otherwise would be about 500.  **Meeting ends and everyone says goodbye** |  |
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**Date & Time of next meeting:**