



## **Entertainment Zone Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 4pm**

### **Present:**

#### **Chair**

Laurie Illingworth - SU President (PRES)

#### **Students' Union Officers/staff**

Izzy Tooke – VP Education (VPE), David Tait – Operations and Events Manager (DT), Harriet Stainton - Events & Venue Co-ordinator (HS)

#### **York St. John University Staff**

Emma Wilkins – Director of Student and Staff Services (DSS)

**Chairs of School :** Fran Ansell (Chair of School of Sport)

#### **Student members**

Ellis Walsh (EW), Millie Saunders (MS), Shannon Davies (SD), Niamh Boylan (ND)

#### **Apologies**

Chris Bateman - Chief Executive Officer

#### **Welcome & Introductions**

Laurie Illingworth (PRES) welcomes everyone to the first zone.

#### **Items for Any Other Business**

No items were taken

### **Agenda Items**

- 1. Election of the Zone Senators**
- 2. Fresher's Week**
- 3. Future events**
- 4. The next few weeks**
- 5. The summer ball**
- 6. Open discussion**

## 1. Election of the Zone Senators

PRES gives an introduction to Senate and what that entails. The following students put themselves forward for election to Senate:

Niamh Boylan  
Ellis Walsh  
Millie Saunders

PRES informs them they will be sent an email with the relevant information in time for the first Senate on the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

## 2. Fresher's Week

PRES asks for feedback on Fresher's week. Only 3 out of 5 of the attending students were in York for Fresher's; limited feedback was given.

They all liked the marquee and thought it was cosy; they did not go in the Dining Hall because the marquee was so much better and it wasn't an inviting atmosphere due to lack of people in there. They determined it was a satisfactory replacement for the delayed new build.

The quiz night during fresher's was the most popular event.

Chair of School (Sport) pointed out that the snapchat filter was a brilliant idea and that we should look into having a permanent one.

The first karaoke £1 a pint night in Temple Hall was successful and students were pleased that there was a healthy mix of fresher's versus second and third years. HS advised that although this was successful, the Saturday night would have to be held in the Dining Hall until the building is ready due to university regulations/availability.

Day time events were also a significant improvement on previous years however some events did not go on long enough. Some students missed out on the animals visit due to the length it was on.

Quidditch, however, was a massive success and people are keen to do this again.

Sunday Night Live was extremely popular and students expressed that they want more of this. There were concerns however that it would not work as well in the building rather than a marquee

**Action:** DT to look into the viability of the permanent Snapchat filter

**Action:** PRES/HS to look into creating 'Sunday night live' as a monthly/termly event

### 3. Future events

PRES asked what students would like to see as future events. Summer Ball/End of Year Event was mentioned but PRES/HS both advised this is to be discussed as a separate item.

HS asked if students would prefer a specific events on club nights rather than just a warm up as club nights were poorly attended over Fresher's week. General response was in favour of this, Chair of School (Sport) suggested the main reason why students did not attend a warm up night was down to location. If students live in town, they would not want to walk to the SU just to drink and then have to walk back into town for the club they would however be more likely to attend the SU if there was an event to entice them.

EW suggested more signage around to make it clearer when the bar is open/where it is. This may not be such an issue when the new building is open, whoever many people do not know about the Dining Hall bar or where it is.

EW and MS have also suggested as a general thing to have games in the building to replace the pool tables from the old building. They both agreed that they came purely to play pool with their friends, and without pool tables, there may be a lack of attraction as a social space.

DSS suggested having alternative games such as magnetic darts or Bagatelle.

SD has suggested doing an event for Bonfire Night with toffee apples and fireworks.

HS responded by advising this could not be done on campus due the health and safety regulations. Toffee Apples can however been done for Halloween.

SD and PRES then raised the idea of hosting it at Haxby Road.

DT then responded advising the limitations of this placed on by the university as he has previously looked into this possibility.

### 4. The next few weeks

The delayed opening of the new building is acknowledged by PRES and noted the new opening date of 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

Chair of School (Sport) and SD both questioned why the bar in the Dining Hall wasn't open on Wednesdays as this was the main night for Sports & Societies socials.

HS explains that Sports & Societies have shown little interest in the marquee on Wednesdays and the bar may be opened on Wednesdays if enough interest is shown. HS also confirmed that the bar will be open on 12<sup>th</sup> October for the first BUCS week as there have been several requests for this.

**Action:** HS to ensure the bar (Dining Hall) is open on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October

## 5. The Summer Ball

PRES asks if the students are interested in having a Summer Ball this year. The students responded in favour as they haven't had one before.

HS asks what their idea of a Summer Ball is and what they want out of it.

Chair of School (Sport) and SD both respond with a similar idea to a prom with black tie event similar to the Sports & Societies dinners.

PRES and VPE both ask whether it is a good idea to do something similar to the Sports & Societies dinners as many people attend them and may not want a repeated night.

HS suggests a carnival type idea with fairground rides, street food and music. General response was positive to this idea.

HS then asks if students would buy a ticket to this event and if so, how much they would be willing to pay.

Students respond with varying answers between £10 and £20.

EW then asks if the ticket would gain them access to the rides and food once they are in the event.

HS explains that the ticket would gain students entry but there would be an extra charge for drinks, food and rides as some people may not want to use the rides and therefore the SU couldn't justify including this in the ticket cost.

**Action:** HS review the poll carried out on social media and establish a rough cost estimate

## 6. Open discussion

PRES asks if anyone has any other items they wish to discuss.

DT then asks whether students would like to go back to having a wristband for fresher's. This wristband would eradicate drinks deals over fresher's and allow the wearer to have a discount on all drinks, plus free entry to YSJ official club nights over Fresher's. It would also allow wearer free entry to any SU event throughout the year (normally there is an entry fee).

Students gave positive feedback to this and suggested it would be popular as it is simple to just get one thing for all events rather than from all different venues and promoters.



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SD suggests this is a good idea because she bought a C9 ticket and this saved her around £10.00 entry costs over Fresher's week.

DT then asked if it was an issue that it wasn't for YSJ official nights.

SD responds saying no as the monetary value was worth it

DT moves on the communications prior to freshers and asks if they were good enough and clear to read.

EW suggested a hard copy mailed to the family home before arrival would be beneficial for students as they use them as posters when they first move to accommodation.

HS asks if social media is enough for general marketing for events.

Chair of School (Sport) agrees that it is as she gets notifications regularly to advice on events etc.

HS asks if that was annoying.

Chair of School (Sport) says no it is a helpful way to remember things.

EW disagrees and suggests she does not receive the same notifications. She suggests putting up a notice board in the new SU entrance to make people aware.

DT suggests this was not plausible as people would not look at it. He further points out that the SU are looking at the mobile friendly version of the website and a potential app. He asks the students' thoughts on this. General response was positive.

PRES asks if there are anything further items to discuss and draws zone to close.

## **Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017, SU Coffee Lounge 4pm

## Summary of actions

Agenda item	Action:	Assigned to:
<b>Fresher's week</b>	Due to the success of the Snapchat filter investment, students requested an all-year round filter – this is to be looked into <i>(Page 2)</i>	DT
	That the event 'Sunday night live' be reviewed as a regular item – either monthly or termly <i>(Page 2)</i>	PRES/HS
<b>The next few weeks</b>	Students requested accessibility to the dining hall bar on 12/10 – the bar to be opened at this date. <i>(Page 3)</i>	HS
	To work on the potential for a more inclusive event when organising fun runs which allows all students to participate <i>(Page 3)</i>	VPWD
	To look into a future Paralympic style event to celebrate the sporting abilities of students at YSJ who may otherwise be disadvantaged <i>(Page 3)</i>	PRES/VPWD
<b>The summer ball</b>	To review the estimated cost of tickets for students from results of the online poll. <i>(Page 4)</i>	HS