



Sports and Societies Zone Monday 30th, 5pm DG017

Present

Chair

George Coombs - SU President (PRES)

Students' Union Officers/staff

Karl Swales (Sports & Activities Co-Ordinator) (KS), Paul Murtough (Student Voice Coordinator) (PM), Alice Bolton (Sports Coordinator) (AB)

Student members

No register.

Apologies

None.

Welcome & Introductions

PRES welcomes everyone to the zone

Items for Any Other Business

Marketing photoshoot.

Opt-in and out of the SU.

Byelaws

SU Awards

Info Point Procedure

Foss Storage

Agenda Items

- 1. Zone overview for new committees**
- 2. Digital payment requests**
- 3. Varsity(s)**
- 4. Society showcase**
- 5. A cashless SU**
- 6. Society Union Membership**
- 7. Pullmans review**
- 8. Open discussion**
- 9. Any other business**

1. Zone overview for new committees

PRES delivered overview.

2. Digital payment requests

PRES asked members about transferring requests to digital payments. Members agreed to make the change.

3. Varsity(s)

PRES discusses drawing a halt to partnering with Sunderland for Varsity next year, as teams do not get enough training before hand, and a lot of money goes into preparing the event. PRES explains that as a small university, we are well places in BUCS ranking, so we should widen our area for people to compete against for our next Varsity.

James College of University of York was discussed as a potential rival.

Leeds Trinity was also discussed, although Dance Society complained that there was no opportunity for them to be involved because they don't have a counterpart.

PRES suggests making the event in Semester 2 of next Academic Year, and the general consensus from members affirmed the idea.

Members insist on ensuring that both universities in the partnership have close to matching teams. PRES suggests that Lincoln University has more teams than YSJ.

Mens Football discussed how a weekend Varsity may be unpopular because of students who work at weekends.

Derby event potentially with York University.

York Stadium was discussed as a possible venue.

Netball Club expresses that in Semester 1 weekends would work due to the logistics of training.

A vote was casts to discuss when Varsity should take place. Weekends got 12 votes, BUCS got 3 and NA got 3, meaning that Varsity will be held on a weekend, if partner university is agreeable.

Returning to Sunderland was discussed as an option for partnership.

Snow Sports expressed their experience from the last Sunderland varsity and how their experiences were not worthy of the ticket price.

4. Society Showcase

PRES discussed idea of society showcase – Society committees were on board. Was mentioned about potential for having stalls and pop ups in the Varsity event to encourage Society involvement.

PRES discusses Lincoln University and their approach to Society Showcases. At Lincoln University, they set up stalls and have performances to promote Societies. YSJSU are in communication with Lincoln SU, who are supplying advice and information on how to set up that sort of event.

MPS questioned when this event would take place. PRES acknowledges this and affirms that thought is going into the idea.

LGBT Society discuss how stalls are a good idea.

Singing Society express the option of hosting workshops.

Members put forward idea of having stall during Varsity to increase participation and footfall for the event.

Member asks if societies could link up for the showcase, e.g. Business and Asian Culture Society. PRES affirms that there is free reign and societies can do as they please.

5. A cashless SU

Members discussed becoming a cashless SU. Geek Society asked what would happen to entry or ticket fees, agreed that it would be a more speedy and simplistic way of paying in the SU.

Snow Sports questioned how charity money payment would work. PRES says charity payments will remain the same process.

Members asked about refunds – PM refers to the Boat Club refunds.

Members questioned how personal accounts would be affected. PRES gained approval. Students discussed that they liked the concept of becoming cashless, but asked whether there would still be money present on the SU site.

6. Society Union Membership

Discussion of a money pool being a possibility. In reiteration, PRES encourages societies to use their club account money to avoid the deficit, and use the money to benefit the club.

MPS stated that, in terms of end of year finances, rolling cash is better for the society in the following years.

AB explains how some money could be taken from the money pot at the SU in order to cover some transport costs.

7. Pullmans review

Members discuss tender review with Pullman transport.

Volleyball discussed breakdowns whilst using the company: PRES notes that this outcome cannot be predicted, nor can we blame the transport company.

Basketball expressed that they haven't had any bad experiences and that the drivers have been good with them.

8. Open discussion

Geek Society express their gratitude to the Sports & Activities and Executive teams for their support this academic year.

Snow Sports proposes that 1-2-1 PRES & Committee sessions be continued over the next term in order to support new committees more effectively. PRES agrees, and explains that by the time Sports & Socs Training happens in September, clubs should have a strategic plan for the year.

Netball requests more training times to be made available. PRES leads on to Haxby Road issues, and explains the site was built for the community, with student money, and the site is used by students only 65% of the time. PRES ensures members that the space is used and that he will continue to express member grievances when in contact with Haxby Road staff to try and improve training times for students.

Dance club expresses complaints about room bookings from this academic year, and wish to not let the issues continue in the next academic year.

Archery Club asks about storage and whether any extra space can be made available. Maintenance of storage spaces is discussed – members agree that storage spaces need to be maintained.

Drama Society expresses dismay that other people are moving their props and clothing items for shows. CCTV monitoring will be put in place to ensure this doesn't happen again.

9. Any other business

Marketing department has organised a photoshoot for the prospectus and new marketing campaigns for the University. PRES encourages committees and members to attend and promote the opportunity. To be held on Wednesday 2nd May at 4PM, and students will be asked to pretend to be involved in an SU Quiz.

When asked if any members had been unexpectedly opted out of the Student's Union, 4 members raised their hands. PRES explains that the SU uses SUMS, a system created by Lincoln University to make SU member information available in one place that is secure, however some issues have been found. If members are having trouble logging on to the SU website, paying for memberships or tickets at the SU Info Point, then they should email Student Records to be opted into the system.

SU Staff discuss the misuse of the Info Point, and how students have been entering the office without any prior warning or appointment. Members are encouraged to make meetings with SU Staff if they wish to see them, and are reminded to ask at the Info Point in the SU before entering the SU offices.

Foss building equipment storage – there was a request for anyone using storage in Foss to do a stock take and audit their equipment, email list to PRES to let the SU know what is needed, and to let PRES know if anything has gone missing.

Byelaws – PM requests that members provide feedback to byelaw 7 - an email will be distributed to all Captains and Chairs with the byelaw, for discussion within each Club, from KS and AB.

Summary of actions

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Agenda item	Action:	Assigned to:
Zone overview for new committees	N/A	
Digital payment requests	<i>Go ahead with digital payment scheme.</i>	PRES
Varsity(s)	<i>Discuss Varsity partnership options with James College, Leeds Trinity, potentially Lincoln, and to keep looking for other universities to partner with.</i>	PRES
	<i>Weekend Varsity was agreed upon, so must be acted on.</i>	PRES
Society Showcase	<i>Date to be set for this event.</i>	PRES
A cashless SU		
Society Union Membership	<i>Transport cost to be affirmed and reimbursed.</i>	SU Finance & AB
Pullman's review		