



Sports and Societies Zone Monday 5th February, 4pm DG017

Present

Chair

George Coombs - SU President (PRES)

Students' Union Officers/staff

Steph Foxton (President of Education), Matt Allton (Design & Comms Co-Ordinator), Annie Severn (President of Wellbeing & Diversity), Karl Swales (Sports & Activities Co-Ordinator)

Student members

Recorded via a register

Apologies

All apologies were delivered to the Student Opps team prior to the meeting

Welcome & Introductions

PRES welcomes everyone to the zone

Items for Any Other Business

Old John's Weekend

Agenda Items

1. Minutes and matters arising
2. Monday timetable clashes
3. Leeds Trinity Varsity
4. O'Neill's six month review
5. Student Opps team open discussion
6. Society Union membership review
7. Dinners- essential V. desirable
8. Fundraising updates
9. Facilities updates

1. Minutes and Matters arising

- a. Review of Society involvement in Varsity
- b. Review advertisement of opportunities of the event
- c. Update to CCs and VCCs regarding Leeds Trinity Varsity
- d. Work with S&A team to resolve issues on campus and at Haxby Rd facility
- e. Review space requirements for Societies
- f. Review H&S status of the Boat House

2. Monday timetable clashes

PRES mentioned that Ed Zone happening tomorrow. Encouraged students to attend.

Issues leaving lectures/seminars as there is a lack of understanding around extra-curricular activities.

SF presented idea of training during the day. Students mentioned that YSJActive not co-operative with Sports or Societies – not suitable to help develop team or clubs or support societies.

SF to investigate use of sports hall and other facilities on campus. Asked students to send over any issues they may be facing/face to relevant staff within the SU. Pres Team actioned to chat issues with S&A team.

Issues regarding relations between YSJActive staff and facility hire discussed by teams..

GEEKSOC block bookings have been disrupted. Doesn't seem to be a shared understanding between academic and extra-curricular activities – equal footing.

Issue regarding closing barriers earlier causes issues with cars – any chance barriers could be painted different colours so more visible at night?

It was noted that focus should be equally placed on members of the Students' Union who aren't a part of Sports and Societies

Potential to alter students' desktops, attendance to lectures etc.

Mountaineering highlighted that campus advertisement was non-existent and purely stuck to social media – consider expanding.

3. Leeds Trinity Varsity

21st March will be Varsity with Leeds Trinity.

SWIMMING asked if all sports will be taking part. PRES gave explanation as to why it might happen.

PRES actioned to provide update to teams who will be competing and who won't.

NETBALL asked if it will be a recurring theme of 2 varsities

MW explained that it is being considered as Sunderland does not provide high level of competition. Looking for new competition to find university that suitable.

ATHLETICS asking if way that team can be involved in Varsity. PRE explained that resources from Leeds Trinity would be limited. Option always open.

PRES actioned to find out if can be possible for Athletics to take part.

SNOWSPORTS asking if way that sports teams that could be incentivised or encouraged to take part in Varsity. Asked if possible to subsidise ticket price so students still want to be a part of event.

PRES and S&A actioned to investigate if possible to create cheaper tickets for students/teams not involved directly with varsity.

RADIO asked if possible if they can turn up like in Sunderland.

PRES actioned to talk with Leeds Trinity about possibility of Radio at YSJ.

4. O'Neill's six month review

PRES opened discussion about review of O'Neill's.

DANCE not happy. Feel let down by O'Neill's as not specialised sport specific kit.

MW/KS actioned to create follow up meeting where can discuss with DANCE what want from O'Neill's kit.

MW to organise meeting with Dance.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL O'Neill's kit not suitable for actual competing in sport. As ripped from pads and usage. MW said that if manufacturing issue, can get it replaced.

GEEKSOC used once but not used them since. At start of year got a quick turnaround and high quality product. This semester round taken 3 weeks to get t-shirts. Haven't had contact with O'Neill's team – had to talk through SU staff. MW state that if kit not turnaround in 3 weeks can get 20% off. Possibly easier to work with bulk order through O'Neill's directly.

SWIMMING ordered kit beginning of term, only just received now. Not impressed. Affected BUCS. MW to organise individual discussion with SWIMMING.

TENNIS – men's tennis team have got no pockets. No very useful.

PRIMARY ED – how often are kits redesigned? Not clearly communicated when can redesign clothing. MW state that if work through SU then can be edited whenever.

VOLLEYBALL – kit waited for and now arrived and not what asked for. Mixed sizes but ridiculous sizes. MW asked if team received sample sizes. Stated that not received.

NETBALL stated that got to try kit on but not had a chance after.

ATHLETICS stated that fit is better but sizes are not big enough.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL – shoulders fit but tops are too long. Tops are L and XL but length is not right. Didn't get an opportunity to get sample shirt as never created before.

MW requested that S&Ss send over information around kit sizes and any issues faced.

SWIMMING is it not possible to buy certain sizes? Seems unknown how many you get and how many from each size. Also little difference between S/M

KS explained that need to get mixed sizes as 3 year tender with O'Neill's. Can't get specific sizes as might not be feasible.

BASKETBALL Asked for reversible tops. Not happened so issue when competing as colours are similar. Asked for set numbers as fit with team rules/regs but not followed

MEN'S FOOTBALL – kit for each team not useful for large club as usually need different sizes for different numbers. Not all 10s are a small but not all 5s are a large. Felt like kit tender that O'Neill's said what wanted not students saying what needed. MW stated looked into getting numbers across board so people can pick their number but costs more.

ATHLETICS said it could be useful to match actual materials with O'Neill's equivalent?
Could be useful for American Football team?

MW suggested to all students present that communication with O'Neill's is key.
DANCE stated that effort made for American Football and Athletics but no effort made for Dance. No kit presented.

MW asked how turnaround is with leisurewear. Nods of approval.

NETBALL stated that if nag Dave and email consistently then things get done right and to a high standard

BASKETBALL agreed.

DRAMASOC – asked for writing on the back of tops despite asked. Not an issue as has been resolved but could be future issues for teams/socs.

GEEKSOC happy with their t-shirts.

HOCKEY have to swap tops on the sideline so need extra kit.

KS/MW to email and work with HOCKEY team to get more.

5. Student Opps team open discussion

No discussion was minutes

6. Society Union membership review

PRES gave overview of Membership Review. Asked for student feedback.

GEEKSOC mentioned no option to buy single semester membership which caused issue for international students or students who only join in new year. Is there anything that can be done to publicise that single semester membership is possible?

PRES and MW explain issue regarding single semester membership and logistics

LGBTQ+ raised point that 'Transport' money pot not really necessary for society as they don't travel anywhere. Should be more visible to societies and more flexible for students who want to set up own group. Possibility of advertising on website how much single semester is and what counts as reasonable.

ENSEMBLE agree with LGBTQ+ that needs to be better communicated with Societies what their money can be used for or what they have to do to apply for it. Not made clear what can be spent in private account and what is shared.

NETBALL mentioned that single semester is a big issue for students in financial issues and those on placements as wasting money – adding extra stress.

MW and KS spoke about how can fill out forms for spending money and ordering new equipment.

MW actioned to organise meeting with Socs committees to explain and work with Societies to improve comms around financial worries.

MPS issue regarded seeing that students disappearing from paid student system.

PRES actioned to chase up AL about SUMS and fluctuating student numbers.

PRIMARY ED – 3rd years buying full year membership in September before they leave for the year. Means that ex-students still coming onto members list. Can be confusing.

LGBTQ+ questioned who has access to team lists/membership lists. Registers and lists of people for social events – irritating to print off lists each time.

7. Dinners- essential V. desirable

PRESdescribes differences between essential vs desirable.

PRESdiscusses that this Zone is last one before dinners (????)

PRESexplains the need for student voice to be heard. Gives mini pep talk to get students talking ideas.

DANCE put forward idea of bar tab for racecourse. Or possibility to add deposit behind the bar.

PRES to chat to HS about possibility.

NETBALL suggested that private account funds could be used. Netball creates trophies for teammates.

ORCHESTRA put forward idea that PRESchat directly to Racecourse.

NETBALL talk about idea of selecting from different menus. Students who have been to 3 sports dinners have the same meal each year.

PRES to talk to HS about all issues raised.

PRES to talk to HS about food options for Racecourse. Is there the options for multiple set menus? Or does it want to be changed entirely.

PRES asked who didn't attend 1-2-1s – made a point of addressing/scolding clubs who didn't book one.

DRAMA asked what could be done for students who are sports & societies who want to attend both? Could there be a cheaper ticket offer?

CRICKET asked when tickets go on sale? PRES stated after Old John's

NETBALL asked if there's any way the room could be rearranged or at least tables moved from usual seating plan. PRES said will work on a rotation system for this year.

ATHLETICS pointed out that some competitive athletes can't attend the meal due to BUCS individual.

MPS asked how much tickets will be? MA stated that it depends on what is deemed essential or desirable. Whatever is deemed essential impacts on ticket price.

PRES/MA to make survey ranking what is desirable or essential for all members to fill out. PRES to also make blog post explaining what the different pricings/scenarios could be for the dinners.

8. Fundraising updates

Well done everyone for raising money. Raised around £2,000 for S&S dinners.

9. Facilities

PRES introduced RH who will give overview of projects happening over next few years in university.

RH discussed the progress of the Creative Centre and the impact on student accommodation – LMW will be demolished and work will start by Christmas. Will take around 18 months to build. Should take until 2020 to be finished.

RH discussed The Grange upgrades. St Mary's building being renovated – new windows, carpets and dry lining. Second half of St Mary's to be finished. Plans in place to complete rest of The Grange site 'in due course'.

RH talked about STEM subjects being introduced into YSJ. New Sports Science lab being created at Haxby Rd. Sports Science labs based at YSJ will be updated to be suitable for Biology subjects. Pop up box within Haxby Rd to be removed and space renovated.

RH discussed the Heating and Air Con systems in Fountains – plans in place to be replaced.

RH mentioned how storage facilities in Haxby Rd to be added to. Another 3G pitches planned to be created. Café to be introduced upstairs in Haxby. More shower and changing facilities to be added.

Health centre to be moved and added to Mental Health Centre on Clarence Street.

Bid being made for roof over 3 tennis courts. Acrylic surface to be placed down should bid be successful.

Garden Street accommodation to be made specifically for disabled students.

Chapel gained external funding to improve toilet facilities, entrance to Chapel, and multi-faith space.

Postgrad teaching space to be added within Holgate.

Teaching spaces in canteen being removed and dining space being improved.

Topics open for discussions

GEEKSOC brought up issue regarding storage facilities for Societies, specifically smaller societies. MPS, Drama, and Dance gaining more space.

DRAMA agreed. Prop boxes being stored in student homes.

PRIMARY ED mentioned that storage would result in more freedom for societies to grow and improve.

DANCE issue for storage when final show. Larger groups struggle to accommodate large numbers of members.

PRES actioned to get list of Societies and storage issues to RH to assist short term issues.

Question opened to floor about use of Café in Haxby – would it be used?

NETBALL suggested that seating for viewing would help with use of café and overall facility.

Discussion closed and RH left

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