



Sports and Societies Zone Monday 26th September, 4pm Dining Hall

Present

Chair

Laurie Illingworth - SU President (PRES)

Students' Union Officers/staff

Katie Irving – VP Welfare and Diversity (VPWD), Matt Walton – Sports and Activities Manager (MW), Harriet Stainton – Events and Venue Coordinator (HS), Vickky Firth – Societies Coordinator (VF), Charlie Freeman – Sports Participation Coordinator (CF), Karl Swales – Sports Coordinator

York St. John University Staff

David Chesser – Chief Operating Officer (COO), Richard Hirst – Deputy Director of Facilities (DDF)

Student members

Badminton

George Coombs (GC)

Big Band

Daniel Smith (DS)

Biomedical Science Society

Joe Lynch (JL)

Boat Club

Brad Simmons (BS), Michael O'Dwyer (MO), Luke Skelton,(LS), Chris Jones (CJ)

Cheerleading

Laura Wharton (LW), Ella Brown (EB), Ashton Alderson,(AA)

Dance

Holly McLaren (HM), Hannah Levett (HL)

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Men's Football

Matthew Thompson (MT), Jack Brabban (JB)

Men's Rugby Union

Jack Brears (JB), Tom Greenough (TG)

Musical Production Society

Rachel Rogers (RR)

Netball

Eleanor Dent (ED), Mellisa Meade (MM), Lucy Titley (LT), Megan Chapman (MC), Jennifer Ball (JB)

Ultimate Frisbee

Joe Collins (JC), Elliot Cumper(EC)

Volleyball

Ellie Plews (EP)

Apologies

Chris Bateman - Chief Executive Officer

Welcome & Introductions

PRES welcomes everyone to the first zone, introduces himself as the chair of the Sports and Societies Zone, the panel is made up of the VPWD, DDF, COO and MW. Due to the arrival of COO at 4:30 PRES informs members that the meeting will take a different structure than outlined in the agenda.

Items for Any Other Business

No items were taken

Agenda Items

1. Election of the Zone Senators
2. Sports and Societies dinners
3. Not on our campus
4. Students' Union building
5. Haxby Road Development
6. Open discussion

1. Election of the Zone Senators

PRES gives an introduction to the senate and what it entails. He requests individuals to step forward to be a senator. No one puts themselves forward.

Action: PRES to send a follow up email asking students to stand.

2. Sports and Societies dinners (Inc. venues and budgets)

PRES announced a dinner committee which will be responsible for fundraising to reduce the cost of the dinners. MW responds to previous year's feedback about dinners not being value for money. Informs students that since a Senate motion was passed the SU have a budget to contribute to ticket prices. No questions regarding this.

PRES requests individuals to step forward to be on the dinner committee. Four people, two sport members and two society members. No one puts themselves forward.

Action: PRES to send a follow up email asking students to stand.

3. Not on our campus

VPWD informs that she is still waiting for Not on Our Campus reps, committees have until the end of the week to nominate a committee member per club or society to be a representative.

VPWD informs the first area the campaign will focus on is sexism and requests for one member of each S&S to attend an hour workshop focussing on the topic.

VPWD covers the events going on to coincide with Black History month such as a creative writing competition and a film night in fountains on the 16th October.

VPWD reminds students about the female only defence classes which still has places available. VPWD reminds students that they are required to have one sober social per term.

4. Students' Union building update

The delayed opening of the new building is acknowledged by PRES and he announces the new opening date of 22nd October.

SR asks if students would still be able to book out space like they have been able to previously in the old building.

HS responds that the space can be booked, apart from on Wednesdays. The space can be booked through the website.

PRES informs students of the bar plans for the upcoming weeks – the bar will be open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays to coincide with weekly students' union (SU) events.

GC asks why the bar will not be open on a Wednesday, as Sports & Societies want the space for 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.

Numerous students stress the importance of having the bar open on the 12th October due to it being the first BUCs Wednesday.

5. Haxby Road Development

MW announces that Haxby is delayed a further two weeks and actions are being taken to reduce the implications on the sports teams and their programmes. MW that staff are doing their best to limit the damage and are waiting on information from external sources before we can finalise the new timetable.

JB asked if the finishing date will be pushed back any more.

COO responds that it will be unlikely to open any later, and although it's inconvenient now members will see it is worth it when it does open.

PRES reads questions sent in from students. How will university maintain the students' experience in light of these delays?

COO explains that the development will be able to be used by for recreational, academic and training purposes. Once the building is finished everyone will be working step by step to protect the student experience.

PRES asks on behalf of a student: how have has the university let delays occur across a number of developments?

COO explains that as a university we currently have a lot of developments going on. The UK construction industry is in turmoil and due to this a knock on effect is created, delaying lots of projects. He reminds students that we have delivered a lot on time, it just appears that too much was taken on at once.

A student asks if there is anything being offered to students who have paid their university and sports fees expecting the use of facilities and are unable to use it.

COO responds with an apology, but says no refunds will be given as these things sometimes happen. A student queries where their team will train and compete if there is no facility.

MW explains to students that there is a lot going on behind the scenes and it won't be shared with students until it is finalised. He explains the logistics of rearranging the programmes and states that unfortunately some things may have to be cancelled. He assures students the new programme will be shared with them by the end of the week and the team are planning for the longer term.

A student asks what can be done for the students who have paid a lot in membership fees but do not get a lot of training time.

PRES responds that although it's not ideal, we have to ensure we are trying to accommodate for everyone when rearranging the programme.

MW states that we are trying to come to a solution first and once that is in place we can work around that to ensure that everyone is happy.

PRES reminds students that we are trying to limit the damage to all clubs.

A student asks if the second sports programme is still relevant.

MW informs that it is still relevant once building is complete, but the priority before that is to ensure limited damage to the clubs.

A student asks why SW5 is prioritised over other sports clubs when it is only £5 to be a member. PRES responds that we have to offer students a good first experience as many may not have played a sport before.

CF explains that it's a lot harder to communicate changes to SW5 members compared to sports teams.

6. Open discussion

BS asks why nothing is being done about the poor facilities at the boat house, despite the boat club raising the issue numerous times.

COO explains that currently there is no solution to the problem, although it has been in discussion. He states it is currently too expensive to do. He agrees to move it up the estates agenda. BS requests for Boat Club to be kept in the loop regarding it.

Action: COO to communicate to Estates

CF asks sports teams if they wish to expand the sports dinner and move it to a different venue, although it will be more expensive.

SR asks if it will be easier to hear speakers at the venue?

CF responds that we could upgrade the sound system but ticket cost will go up.

CF explains that the Railway Museum would be able to hold 300 more people but will be more expensive.

Students responded that they would like to take it to their members and committees and ask for their opinions.

MW states we will ask for an update at the forums next Monday.

Action: CF will also send out a survey to the students asking for their opinion.

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MW asks the students if the website is working well for them.

Questions are raised about how to pay, payment issues and how to get committee privileges.

CF explains the information was all sent out on an email and we need committee members to pay membership so we can do a bulk upload of data.

VF tells members that there are still 6 Sports & Societies that don't have any members paid and that includes committees, committees need to be paying membership as soon as possible.

CF tells students that if they wish to know membership details they can request the information at the info point.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 2nd February 2017, SU Coffee Lounge

Summary of actions

Agenda item	Action:	Assigned to:
Senator elections	Due to no students standing, and to ensure Sports/Societies are represented, an e-mail will be distributed to drive engagement <i>(Page 2)</i>	PRES
Sports and Societies dinner	After announcing the initial idea of a student led committee for the dinners, an e-mail will be sent to gauge opinion and interest <i>(Page 3)</i>	PRES
Open discussion	In order to gauge opinion on a change in venue and ticket prices, students requested a survey to carry out to their members <i>(Page 5)</i>	CF
	Agreed to move it up the estates agenda. BS requests for Boat Club to be kept in the loop regarding it. <i>(page 5)</i>	COO



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