



Student Activities Zone

Monday 11th February 2019, 4pm

DG017

Chair

George Coombs (PRES)

YSJSU Staff/Officers

Ben Francis – Sport Coordinator (BF), Paul Murtough – Student Voice Coordinator (PM)

Members in attendance

60

Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Any other business
3. **Sports**
 - a. Training Feedback/Overall Sport Experience
 - b. Accreditation
 - c. 1-2-1's
 - d. Varsity Feedback – Possible 3rd Varsity Update
 - e. Sports and Socs Fundraising Update
4. **WellU**
 - a. WellU Programme Feedback/Mid-Year Review
5. **Societies**
 - a. Timetable/Room Bookings/Overall Review
 - b. Society Showcase Update
 - c. 1-2-1's
 - d. Accreditation
 - e. Sports and Socs Fundraising Update

1. Welcome and Introductions

PRES welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the running order.

2. Any other business

No items were taken



3. Sports

a. Training feedback/overall Sport experience

Men's Football stated that training is often halted due to clashes with lectures. Further to this the team stated that the cupboard is currently not as it should be and it should be an expectation to keep it neat.

PSU stated, following this that the team at Haxby Road are holding a meeting for committees who use the cupboard to discuss expectations from both ends.

Hockey raised concerns over the removal of funds from the university for travel.

PSU acknowledged the concern from the club.

Cheerleading noted their dissatisfaction with assistance from YSJ Active staff who leave the club to set up/pack away their mats whilst other clubs have assistance in the set up of their equipment. On some occasions a single member has been left to set up without any help from staff.

b. Accreditation

PSU provided an overview of the system for accreditation, noting that the aim is to focus on both the quantitative and qualitative outputs from Sports and Societies alike which further proves the benefit of the Students' Union's extra-curricular activities to the university.

PSU then presented a question to the sports teams as to whether 'fundraising' should become less individual and that clubs/societies should select a singular or a few charities to raise money for at the start of the year.

Men's Football felt that the accreditation should be kept the same as it demonstrates the efforts of an individual club and the passion to raise money.

Cricket also stated that charities are often decided upon due to personal connection with either members of the committee or someone affected from the club. It would be difficult to assess and agree on a single charity based on this factor.

The consensus from the 50 members in attendance was to keep the system as it is.

PSU will continue the conversation with societies later in the meeting.



c. 1-2-1s

PSU noted that 1-2-1s will be within the next week and that slots will be advertised following this meeting.

d. Varsity feedback – possible 3rd varsity update

PSU provided apologies to the committees after the Lincoln varsity was not as big as intended, this was in part due to some last-minute drop-outs from teams.

Men's Football felt that the varsity was not held at the right time, it was too close to the return after Christmas and presented issues for training. They also felt holding more games away would increase the levels of anticipation and excitement among the members.

Archery felt that, having not been included in recent Varsity's, that there is minimal explanation provided about Varsity and that there is also little support provided regarding the event and involvement.

Cricket expressed their dissatisfaction having not been involved in any varsity event to date.

PSU acknowledged the concerns to take forward.

PSU further noted that Leeds Trinity have been in contact regarding a future varsity and once logistics have been worked out PSU will be in touch with teams that are required to play. A potential date is the 20th March.

e. AGMs

PSU requested that clubs beginning the preparations for their AGMs and the suggestion is to run them during March.

4. WellU

a. WellU Programme Feedback/Mid-Year Review

PSU informed members that conversations are currently happening about how the programme could be run. PSU asked the members their thoughts on the clubs running sessions themselves rather than being specifically a part of WellU

Ladies Football expressed a concern that currently their blind football event is used as an additional training session due to low attendance, so this could work.

Some members felt that better advertisement would be a benefit.

PSU explained that we do advertise via social media and print outs.

Netball also felt that there hasn't been much engagement and running sessions internally may work better.

Action: PSU to update committee members on the decisions made.



5. Societies

a. Timetable/Room bookings/Overall review

Drama Society raised concerns over the lack of availability for spaces on campus which may pose a problem for their semester 2 performances.

PSU stated that he would liaise with the subject director for theatre and raise questions around potential use of external facilities.

Action: PSU to continue dialogue with the societies and relevant members of staff.

Timetable changes also provide issues for societies which may cause a hindrance to members attending.

Ensemble and singing society also raised concern with their inability to secure equipment due to not holding a music card.

Action: PSU to investigate potential solution going forward

There was significant praise for the assistance of staff in the SU about support for societies.

There was discussion surrounding the new Creative Arts centre development and PSU assured members he would update them following an upcoming Finance and Capital Development Sub-Committee meeting.

Action: PSU to update members following FDC meeting

b. Societies Showcase

PSU informed the members that the showcase will take place on the 2nd May with a 6hr window allocated.

c. Fundraising

PSU opened a discussion regarding the fundraising options which had been presented to the Sports clubs. It was discussed that the fundraising should remain the same although members agreed they could see the benefit of raising money for a singular charity

discussion linked with accreditation

d. 1-2-1's

PSU presented information regarding upcoming 1-2-1 meetings.