

Societies Council – Meeting Minutes



Date: 30.10.2018
 Time: 17:00 – 19:00
 Room: NH209

In Attendance:

Eilidh Fulton (EF)	VP SCEBE, Societies Policy Lead
Hannah Brown (HB)	Head of Logistics (Acting Chair)
Monica Allen (MA)	Head of Faith & Culture Groups
Emma Wallace (EW)	Head of Academic Societies
Jess O' Neill (JO'N)	Head of Communication
Una Marie Darragh (UMD)	Societies Co-ordinator (Clerk)

	Agenda item	Person responsible
1	Welcome & Declaration of Interests EF and UMD welcomed the council and HB took over as acting chair.	Chair
2	In attendance & apologies Jonnie England (JE) Head of Membership and New Societies sent apologies.	Clerk
3	Approval of Previous Minutes Some information needed corrected- JO'N was in attendance, declared interest in the Overwatch society and EF's position needed corrected. UMD to amend the previous minutes.	Chair
4	Matters arising from previous meeting No matters arising from the previous meeting.	Chair
5	Policy Motions Activation of the Events Society Approve: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 1	Chair
6	Societies Funding	

	<p>Dragons' Den</p> <p>Presentations scheduled for November 12th 2-5pm. UMD will email the applications and the guidelines to the council. There was some discussion as to how much money would be available for the Dragons' Den fund and if the council would take money from the reserves but it was decided that the council would discuss this in greater detail after they had reviewed the applications. EF talked through the setup of Dragons' Den last year.</p> <p>ACTION: UMD to circulate the applications and guidelines ACTION: Council to determine how much money, if any, they wished to take from the reserves to add to the Dragons' Den fund ACTION: EF to speak to David/Gordon about the Societies reserves</p>	
7	<p>Verbal Reports</p> <p>HB has been in touch with CUMSA to offer advice, partially with Charity Week. Has attended an Open Day as well as CUMSA's intersociety quiz and had encouraged her society to attend. It was noted that it was a good event and hopefully the week had raised quite a lot of money.</p> <p>MA has also checked in with CUMSA and is planning to get in touch with more societies now that the issues with her council email address had been resolved. *MA Leaves*</p> <p>JO'N has emailed everyone to introduce herself, and to promote the FB page for Societies council however the date on the page is incorrect and it might be off-putting. The council voted to create a new Facebook page if it wasn't possible to change the names.</p> <p>Approve 4 Abstain 0 Against 0</p> <p>JO'N has also been in contact with the mental health society to assist them with their plans to hand out de-stress colouring books in November.</p> <p>EW has posted on the committee leaders page to introduce herself and has told other societies in person. EW had also spoken to people who are interested in running for council.</p> <p>EF Has been in discussions about ways to link the NSS (Nation Student Survey) to societies and the links between academic societies and</p>	Council Members

	<p>their influences and benefits on their course. Wants to encourage more start up societies. Is having a meeting next week about GGW (Go Green Week) and hopes to see if the university will set aside some money specifically for societies to use. HB notes that this could like with future DD funding and meeting sustainability goals could be included as part of the criteria.</p>	
12	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Date to be decided closer to the time.</p>	
13	<p>AOCB</p> <p>HB would like to hold more events to promote Societies Council and have at least one networking event aimed at society committee members. The consensus was that this was a great idea.</p> <p>UMD is opening council elections to fill the two empty seats.</p> <p>Council debated the effectiveness of having a stall at the Freshers'/Refreshers' fairs verses walking around and interacting and talking to people. A 'roaming stall' may be the way forward.</p> <p>EF wanted to check in and see if anyone knew if any societies held initiation ceremonies. Nobody was aware of anything happening but agreed to feed back if they became aware of any.</p> <p>HB enquired if anything had happened with the societies bulletin board. EF to speak to David about it.</p> <p>ACTION: EF to speak to David about a potential societies bulletin board</p> <p>ACTION: HB to plan and create an event to promote Societies Council</p>	

MATTERS ARISING

Action	Date of Meeting	Notes	Progress
UMD to amend errors in the previous set of minutes.	30.10.2018		
UMD to circulate the applications and guidelines.	30.10.2018		
Everyone to determine how much money, if any, they wished to take from the reserves to add to the Dragons' Den fund.	30.10.2018		
EF to speak to David/Gordon about the Societies reserves.	30.10.2018		
EF to speak to David about the societies bulletin boards.	30.10.2018	David is currently on annual leave.	
HB to plan and create an event to promote Societies Council	30.10.2018	Will discuss at the next council meeting 05.12.18	