



# Students' Union Meeting Minutes

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## **Minutes of Societies Meeting** **Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2007**

**Chair:** Bethan Howell

**Present:** Natalie Luffman; *Ambidextrous:* Jason Curley, Leslie Smith; *RAG:* Clara Atkins; *Cheerleading:* Ginny Edmonds; *Poker:* James Boulger, Steve Dennaahy

**In attendance:** James Anderson, Flick Boucher (with NL)

### **Agenda Item**

### **Action**

**07/01** Amie Townsend (Links), Victoria Harveson (CU), Mike White (Golf) apologised for not being able to attend. No representatives from Equestrian, LGBT, Jolly Joggers, Surf, Hip Hop dance, Polo, Boardsports, SSAGO and SoftC were present.

**07/02** There were no previous minutes to approve

**07/03.1** JA reported that he was to resurrect the Wednesday afternoon free campaign that was started by Chris Murrell two years ago and asked for suggestions on how to go about it with the society members support. JC suggested undertaking a feasibility study to see if it is possible to get Wednesday afternoons off, and look at other problems universities had in getting Wednesday afternoons free. Outline the benefits for students and suggest meetings with the VC to include in the report. JC also suggested getting the Heads of Schools interested in the campaign to generate more interest. SD suggested finding out what problems other Universities encountered while trying to get Wednesday afternoons free. JA used the example of Winchester which is a smaller university than Bath Spa and had much higher numbers of students participating. SD also noted that as the library was not open 24 hrs, students could use that time to get on with work as well as play sport, meet with societies, meet with lecturers, hold group meetings etc.

**JA**

- 07/03.2** BH inform the committee about the remaining Go For It! Trips including the Amsterdam trip where the deadline for the £50 deposit is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November. BH asked for committee to pass on information to its members.
- 07/03.3** Everyone was made aware about group:space and its benefits particularly when adding events in the calendar as it shows on the SU website homepage. Cricket was using it well.
- 07/03.4** Everyone was made aware when booking flirts they must make a “significant difference” in the way the bar is decorated and advertised to be entitled to 50% of the door money. BH also highlighted the issue with dirty pints being consumed in the bar and that it was not permitted.
- 07/04.1** Everyone was handed an up to date list of their paid members and were advised that anyone not a member of their society should be participating in any activity.
- 07/04.2** Everyone was inform that they had to submit a copy of the constitution, risk assesement and committee members list. Poker ammended theirs and Ambidextrous handed theirs in to BH.  
BH was informed on when all societies met up and planned to put the meeting times in the Society noticeboard in the SU.
- 07/04.3**
  - **Poker** – *SU bar on Sundays, 4pm start*
  - **Cheerleading** – *SU bar on Tuesdays 6.30-8pm*
  - **RAG** – *no regular meetings were in place*
  - **Ambidextrous**
    - *Regular meetings every other Mon (last one was yesterday) NE101 6-7pm*
    - *Novel Writing – Tuesdays NE111 5-7pm*
    - *General Workshop – NE105 Wednesdays 5-7pm*
    - *Poetry – Mondays 3-5pm SU lounge*
    - *Drama 6-8pm Mondays NE101*
- 07/04.4** BH asked if any societies were interested in having group photos like the sports teams and cheerleading do every year. Cheerleading said yes, Ambi asked if it would be possible to only buy the mounts as they have photographers and could arrange to take their own photographs. BH will ask Gary the photographer.
- 07/04.5** Everyone was happy with room bookings, Ambi needed to book their Novel writing workshop for Tuesdays 5-7pm in either NE111 or NE105. BH will arrange this.

**07/04.6** All societies said they checked their new bathspa e-mail accounts on a regular basis. New ones need to be created for Links, Poker, Jolly Joggers and Polo.

**07/4.7** Those who completed the First Aid course in September need to put a copy in their folder at the SU office and were informed that there will be another one held on 10/11/07. Ambi were interested in putting 2 forward, RAG and Natalie Luffman. Societies would confirm by the end of the week.

**BH**

**07/4.8** Society awards have been booked in the SU bar for 08/05/08. BH asked what would societies want to see in these awards. JC said Ambi could provide some entertainment for the evening. GE suggested that a buffet should be provided for food as that worked well in 2006. The general awards would be for: Best Society, Volunteering outside the society, Most prominent in student involvement, and then within each society a member of the year and best newcomer. SD suggested some comedy awards which would be discussed closer to the time. BH asked if societies wanted it to be open to guests, but GE said the last one was full with soc members only, and that initially only those members would be able to purchase a ticket.

BH mentioned that the deadline for the next issue of H20 is on Monday (29/10/07).

**07/05** CA said she was thinking of making a RAG calendar ready for the new year and asked if some of the sports teams would be interested in getting involved. BH said she would ask in the next meeting.

**BH**

JC asked if it would be possible to sell Ambi merchandise through the SU such as badges, DVD's etc. BH will find out.

**07/06** The next meeting will be held on 20/11/07