



Activities Council 13.11.07



AGENDA FOR MEETING HELD ON:		5.30pm, 13th November 2007, 2D7
APOLOGIES:		Bower Ashton Site Chairs, Capoeira, Technology (late), Islamic
10/0708	Minutes from previous meeting (02.10.07)	
11/0708	Matters Arising	
12/0708	Activities President Report	
a	A written report from the Activities President	
b	Questions put to the Activities President	
13/0708	Sub committee and Society Exec Reports	
	Verbal reports from:	
a	Sub Committees	
b	Societies Exec	
c	Site committees	
14/0708	Election	
a	Media Chair Function: Aid and provide direction for UWESU media When: Voluntary part-time role To elect: One member of AC	
15/0708	Junction49 Presentation – Jo Earl (CVP)	
	“Got an idea? Junction49 is stumping up cash for Bristol UWE students to turn their ideas into reality. Nab up to £750 and you’ll also get training in project planning, plus ongoing support from your Junction49 staff based at your University.”	
16/0708	Announcements	
a	Society Membership Numbers See attached sheet for information: <i>Society Membership Numbers</i> .	
b	SHAG Week: 26-30.11.07 Sexual Health And Guidance Week is almost here. Alice will explain...	
c	UWESU AGM: 29.11.07 UWESU's AGM is open to all UWE students. Featuring guest speakers, updates from the SU Presidents, debate, discussion and YOU making the decisions!	
d	RAG week: 03-09.12.07 RAG Week is coming! Be ready for the most fundraising events in one week that UWE has ever seen. Look out for events such as Speed Dating and the Christmas Bar Crawl, and most importantly Sauce-a-Sabb.	
e	NUS Extraordinary Conference December 4 2007, NUS will be holding an Extraordinary Conference in Leicester.	
f	First Aid Courses For all trips you must have at least two members that have attended first aid training in the last three years. First Aid courses are run free of charge by the Union; for a list of sessions go to www.uwesu.org/societies	
g	Ave It! Accreditation Keep sending in your hours! We already have a number of students over the 50-hour mark – congratulations to them all!	
17/0708	Any Other Business	
18/0708	Date of Next Meeting	
	Tuesday 29 January 2008	



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10/0708: Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes for meeting held on:

5.30pm, 09th October 2007, 2D7

Apologies:

None received

01/0708 Minutes from previous meeting (14.11.06):

Minutes accepted

02/0708 Matters Arising

Media Chair Election

Simon Randell stood for election and received 19 votes for and none against. Nadia Abrangio motioned that the election should be delayed until the next meeting to allow more people to stand.

Vote: 10 For; 8 Against; 1 Abstention - **Election deferred to the next meeting.**

03/0708 Activities President Report

A written report from the Activities President

Questions put to the Activities President

04/0708 Sub committee and Society Exec Reports

St Matts site chairs and Societies Exec introductions

05/0708 Ratification of New Societies

a) Bar School

Vote: 14 For; 1 Against; 2 Abstentions - **Society ratified**

b) African Caribbean Society (ACS)

Vote: 16 For; 0 Against; 2 Abstentions - **Society ratified**

c) Anime

Vote: 18 For; 0 Against; 0 Abstentions - **Society ratified**

d) Asian

Vote: 16 For; 0 Against; 2 Abstentions - **Society ratified**

e) Being In Good Health

Vote: 17 For; 1 Against; 0 Abstentions - **Society ratified**

f) Bike Polo

Non-attendance – ratification deferred to a subsequent Societies Exec Meeting

g) Conservative Society

Non-attendance – ratification deferred to a subsequent Societies Exec Meeting

h) Games Development

Vote: 13 For; 0 Against; 2 Abstentions - **Society ratified**

i) Psychology

Vote: 15 For; 0 Against; 0 Abstentions - **Society ratified**



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07/0708 Announcements

a) Society Exec Ratification

To speed up both the ratification process and Council meetings, from this point on all ratifications of new and re-forming societies will be made in Societies Exec with information on all provided during the subsequent Soc Exec Report.

b) Start-up Grants

Although new societies are not eligible for funding from the start of their ratification, they will now be able to apply for a maximum of a £50 start-up grant. A detailed proposal will be made to Societies Exec who will decide and then report back to the council during the subsequent Soc Exec Report.

c) Membership Deadline and Stickers

The date for you to achieve 15 paid **AND** registered members is Friday 2nd November (Alice's birthday). Any society that does not make this number will have the choice of shutting down or (as long as they have 5 members) becoming a M2 society, therefore losing their allocation until such time that they reach 15 members or a new academic year begins. You are reminded that all members need to have stickers on their UWESU cards to complete our insurance procedure.

d) First Aid Courses

For all club trips you must have at least two members that have attended first aid training in the last three years. First Aid courses are run free of charge by the Union; for a list of sessions go to www.uwesu.org/societies

e) Ave It! Accreditation

Included with your council documents is an application form for the Union's accreditation scheme, *Ave it!*. To take part in this free scheme that recognises all your hard work, just return your forms to the Sports and Activities Centre.

f) How2 Guides

A new section on the web has been created to help with some of the more frequently asked questions. If you have any simple queries try looking there first; may Fred Dinenage be your guiding light.

g) Activities Awards

Members of Societies Exec will shortly be contacting you with regards to the format of the Activities Awards. Please let them know your feelings about how to take the event forward before we discuss it at the next council.

h) Website Difficulties

We are currently experiencing difficulties with our web server and, as a result, changes to our webpages may or may not be able to be completed. However, if all details could be checked on your webpages and any changes emailed to Chris.Anthony@uwe.ac.uk we will try our best to make them.

i) Sports and Societies Night

A new venue, Jongleurs, is being used for this year's SAS night. For every £3 entry, £1.50 goes back to your society.

08/0708 Any Other Business

No other business.

09/0708 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 13 November, 5.30pm, 2D7



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12/0708: Activities President Report

Campaigns

- SHAG week – Sexual Health Awareness and Guidance Week will be the last week of November. Topics covered during the week will be sexual health, drink spiking, World Aids Day and hopefully some speakers on abortion rights and trafficking/prostitution. We're aiming for a mixture of serious talks and some fun stuff to get everyone involved. Scene-It are on board to screen sex-related films (!) and we will be copying Bath Spa by making a giant condom suit. We've been in touch with loads of companies and have loads of free condoms to give out, amongst other things. OUT are hosting a 'Safe Sex Ball' on the Thursday night and Crunchie will be a traffic light party during the week. For the more serious stuff we are taking part in the NUS 'Test your team' initiative and will be putting teams selected from Men's football, Women's rugby, Netball and Polo, forward for Chlamydia testing! On Friday 30th November the Health Minister is visiting Bristol and will be speaking at UWE amongst other guests.

Entertainment

- Snowball- Tickets have arrived!! This year's event will be held at the Passenger Shed, British Empire and Commonwealth Museum on Monday 10th December. Tickets are £30 for a Las Vegas Themed party! The ticket price includes welcome cocktail, buffet, casino (with champagne prizes), and a Las Vegas tribute act.
- Affiliate nights – Tuesday is Shipwrecked at Oceana, Thursday is Glamorous at Panache. But don't forget that Wednesday is the one and only Sports and Societies Night at Jongleurs, which is your chance to add to your funds. £1.50 of your £3 entry goes directly back to your club account, and the rest of the money will go towards the general Activities money pot, and Awards.

RAG

The RAG committee are growing in numbers! They now have a full committee set up and regular meetings. With all this additional support they are bound to smash their £10k target this year. Rag week is coming! First week of December. Check the next edition of the Western Eye for all the details but they include Speed dating, pizza eating competition, open mic night, comedy night, mega-raid and pub quiz.

Societies

The new societies are doing amazingly well with membership numbers! We have sadly had to close a few down, and freeze some accounts, but I'm hoping they will be active again soon.

Diversity week –UAF

Diversity week will be happening in the second term with lots of involvement from international students. We are currently discussing the possibility of having an international students committee instead of a society, to ensure that this group gets the best representation without the added barrier to involvement that extra societies membership can be.

Student Media

We've now had two strategic meetings of the Media Committee, deciding how to push the department forward. We've had three editions of Western Eye this term and one copy of Westworld. HUB radio's schedule is packed out with loads of people getting involved and



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a wide variety of shows on offer. They are also giving away tickets to club nights and getting access to loads of gigs for interviewing.

Campuses

- **Bower**
Bower campus had a very successful Freshers' week, getting lots of people involved. They have now had their first campus committee meeting. I went to the last Bower Re-development board meeting and they are now buying hearing aid support for the new building.
- **St Matthias**
St Matt's have also had their first committee meeting and are planning events for SHAG and RAG week's, with lots of prizes sorted for a blind auction to raise funds for World Aids Day.
- **Glenside**
The Glenside Campus Chairs have been off on placement, but watch this space as they will be getting involved with SHAG and RAG week, and have some great comedy nights coming up soon.
- **Frenchay**
The nursery is now officially open! Frenchay events -Crunchie is selling out every week, and Route is developing a new fan base. We are currently working on ways to improve the sound quality in Red bar to be suitable for more types of events.

NUS Governance

Earlier this month I attended the NUS Strategic Conversation about their governance review. This event allowed facilitated discussion about the proposals and gave opportunity to feed back on the potential affects the proposals will have on involvement, the support we get as a region and various other things. NUS have now received the 25 calls they need to hold an EGM to pass the core constitution. This will be on Tuesday 4th December in Leicester. There are 11 delegate places available. Nomination forms are available to download from the UWESU website and need to be in by Friday at noon. Voting will be online next Tuesday to Thursday.

Regional Conference

The regional conference for NUS South was held last week in Bournemouth. The National Executive Committee presented their governance review, held a debate about Higher Education funding and workshops. The elections for National Council were also held, and I was elected as one of the three South West Representatives. This means that I will be attending National Council meetings in London along with Tobin, the Bristol University President and Ross from Exeter College. National Council exists to hold the NEC to account between Annual Conferences, to check that they are delivering on what we need.



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16/0708 a: Society Membership Numbers

Below is the current list of Society Membership numbers as of 12.00noon on Monday 12 November.

M1	M2	Under M2	New Societies
Comets - 19	Breakdance - 7	Arab - 1	Anime - 20
Dance - 196	Capoeira - 8	CSSA - 4	Bar School - 5
Hellenic - 35	Chess - 9	Gender Is Fake - 1	Games Development - 20
History - 18	German - 7	Green Party - 0	Psychology - 13
Islamic - 25	Hispanic - 7	Russian - 2	
Links - 19	International - 5	Scandinavian - 3	
Live Music - 46	Nursing - 8	Western Footlights - 4	
Out - 29	People & Planet - 9		
Paintball - 45	Respect - 6		
Post Grad - 26	Shorinji Kempo - 8		
Real Ale - 31	Sikh - 6		
Sign - 18	Stop the War - 10		
Skater Hockey - 15			
Urban - 41			
UWE Drama - 61			

To reiterate the different membership levels:

- **M1 (15+):** Access to all facilities and benefits including UWESU budget allocation
- **M2 (5-14):** As M1 but without access to budget allocation

Those under M2 numbers were informed yesterday that as they were unable to make the minimum number, they are no longer affiliated SU societies. Members of these societies have been given until 30th November to claim a refund from these societies.

Those currently in M2 status will be able to keep the any unspent money from the £50 Freshers' allocation, but all other monies will be reclaimed and then redistributed over the course of Terms 2 and 3 and the Activities Awards.

Changing Memberships Levels

Those who are currently in M2 will be able to move to M1 – and so submit a budget allocation – as soon as they reach 15 members; they will then be able to claim a budget at the next available budget request date. This is a change from the original proposal and recognises that we should not penalise those who continue to try and get more members.

To clarify this, the submission deadline for Term 2 budget is **Friday 7 December** (budget forms will be circulated shortly). Those societies that have reached 15 members *one week before* this deadline will be able to apply for a Term 2 budget. If they do not have 15 members by this point then they will not be able to submit a budget until the deadline for Term 3 allocations.

This also applies to new societies. In this case, both Anime and Games Development are eligible to submit a Term 2 Budget application, while Psychology would require 2 more members to do the same.

When submitting for a new academic year, all societies are considered to be M1 and able to submit a budget for the forthcoming year (this will not be until Term 3).

Regards,

Chris Anthony