

Meeting Seven – 28th January – MS Teams

Attended –

- Lois Gaskell (LG)
- Ffion Williams (FW)
- Eleanor Barton (EB)
- Cameron Banks (CB)
- Georgia Clews (GC)
- Sacha Palmer (SP)
- Bonnie Orpin (BO)
- Jenny Beech (JB)
- Nadine Al-Kudcy (NAK)
- Rachel Smith (RS)
- Balraj Purewal (BP)
- Michael Kay (MK)

Action summary

- **JB** to send out reminder email for club and society feedback survey.
- **SA Exec** to think about club and society elections.
- **SA Exec** to encourage students to attend Union Council
- **SA** to pick out winner of the event raffle.

Agenda:

1. *Approve minutes from previous meeting.*
2. *Society takeover update*
3. *Club and Society questionnaire update*
4. *Club and Society elections*
5. *Club and Society of the month update*
6. *Refund policy*
7. *Event raffle*
8. *Update on club finances*
9. *This Girl Can ideas*
10. *Virtual varsity ideas*
11. *AOB*
 - a. *Christmas competition prizes*

Minutes

- 1. Minutes approved**
- 2. Society takeover update**
 - a. Jenny created a calendar of the events going on over the two weeks.
 - b. Students can ask questions every day and societies have the opportunity to answer with a video response.
 - c. Around 11 societies have actively engaged with the takeover.
- 3. Club & Society questionnaire update**
 - a. So far had around 50 responses.
 - b. Jenny to send out another push after Union Council. Club and Society Reps to help with this.
 - c. Will close survey in the middle of next week.
- 4. Club and Society elections**
 - a. This year all club/society elections will have the same timeline and will ALL be online.
 - b. Allows for a big marketing push to engage students with running for committee positions.
 - c. Timeline for elections will be:
 - i. Nominations open – 15th March
 - ii. Nominations close – 18th March
 - iii. Check/approve nominations – 19th March
 - iv. Voting starts – 19th March (midnight)
 - v. Voting ends – 25th March
 - vi. Results announced – 31st March
 - d. There will be 2 days of mandatory committee training in February on elections.
 - e. New committee can then begin committee training in term 3
 - f. Minimum committee members to stay at 3
 - g. Groups who fold can still be advertised in the new academic year to try and get them back running.
 - h. Questions around who can run and who can vote. Given the membership numbers for some groups this year as well as the new refund policy.
 - i. Everyone to have a think about this
- 5. Club & Society of the month update**
 - a. There will be an award for a club and a society each month of £50 or 4 Aston hoodies.
 - b. One member of SA Exec to sit on the panel to check and challenge winners.
- 6. Refund policy update**
 - a. Motion has been submitted by Balraj.
 - b. SA Exec to encourage students to attend union council.
- 7. Event raffle update**
 - a. SA to pick out a winner this week/early next week.
 - b. Advertise that same raffle will occur in term 2.
 - c. Add what events were run in term 1 – direct students to the lockdown booklet for ideas.
- 8. Update on club finances**

- a. Most clubs are healthy, only 2/3 clubs are below £500 so with the refund policy, club accounts should be fine.

9. This girl can ideas

- a. A series of challenges from SA Exec female members.
- b. Run a fitness class live session.

10. Virtual Varsity ideas

- a. Would there be a take up for virtual varsity?
- b. Something should still be available for students who wish to engage.
- c. Challenge BCU? SA meeting with BCU to discuss their opinions.
- d. Sport Aston looking at doing BUCS challenges where scores are recorded on the app. This could be used for varsity against BCU.
- e. Club reps to put out feelers for a virtual varsity

11. AOB

- a. Christmas competition prizes were sent out to all winners.