

University of Gloucestershire Students' Union Management Committee

Minutes of the meeting held 10 October 2022

Present: JC, EB, KH, PA, (BT and EH until Item 7) Apologies: BF

Actions	Whoresp	Date due	Status
To ask Simon Witcombe about eligibility for the Janet Trotter Trust.	EH	Next Meeting	Carry over.
To meet with Toby to research funding options for the international students' campaign.	EH	Next Meeting	Carry Over. EH is meeting with Toby on Wednesday.
To meet with EH to discuss planning the international students' campaign. EH needs assistance writing the funding applications.	EH	Next Meeting	Carry over.
To draw up a stock response to common queries from international students including appropriate university contact details.	Officers with Staff Assistance	Next Meeting	Carry over.
To meet with EM to discuss their events now that they know the campaign budgets.	Officers	Next Meeting	Carry over. The meeting was postponed.
To raise at SULG the issue of where an increased number of international students will live.	Officers	Next SULG Meeting	Carry over. SULG is on Thursday.
To organise Girls Night In, including the social media.	ВТ	Next Meeting	BT had a meeting about this on Thursday. This is ongoing.
To make a decision about showing the World Cup in SU bars.	Officers	Friday 14 October	Carry over.
Carry over Brit Challenge agenda item to next meeting as EH and BT's viewpoint is needed.	КН	Next Meeting	Done.
To contact local chippies to enquire if they will bulk deliver to campus for an event.	PA	Next Meeting	Carry over.



Item

Welcome and Apologies for absence 1. PA welcomed attendees to the meeting. BF sent her apologies. 2. Minutes of the last meeting The minutes of the last meeting were agreed. 3. **Finance Update** EB is working on the Management Accounts this week. Old playing kit is being sold off at a reduced price in order to recoup some money. Georgia has put the stock sold at Welcome on MSL. Action: Officers to meet with EM to discuss their events now that they know the campaign budgets. PA would like to run a sports event. **Priority Campaigns:** 4. **Never OK (General Update)** It is Sexual Health Awareness week so BT will link this to the Never OK campaign. **Access All Areas** 300 students attended the event and signed up for clubs and societies. The success and turn out for the event will help justify requesting funding for the international students' campaign. The SU is working more collaboratively with the chaplaincy now. JC said that the university have up to 350 more Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies to distribute. Action: Officers to raise at SULG the issue of where an increased number of international students will live. There is already a shortage of accommodation. EH said that she met with Carla and Christie in International Recruitment to discuss the accommodation shortage. Students keep asking the Officers for help with finding accommodation. Landlords want to fill whole houses rather than odd rooms. **Cost of Student Living (Planning)** PA is looking into library fines and the cost of replacing ID cards. Pasta for a penny is being planned as a free lunch. Some soaps have also been made to put in the shops. PA is going to hold a community cupboard at each shop. Students are being asked to bring in dried, in date food they do not want and to do an exchange if they are able. EB suggested asking a supermarket if the SU can borrow a trolley for the food. 5. **Equality, Diversity and Inclusion** Black, Asian and Minority Ethnicity Plus EH said that NR asked her to ask international students what they would like done for Black History Month (BHM). EH does not feel comfortable doing this and said that

local students can also be black. The University are running some events. EH does



not want the SU's offering to be inferior. She believes that it is quite late to be planning this.

JC said that BHM needs to be planned in July ideally and involve the BAME+ Network Lead, Officers and Student Voice.

- Women's Plus Safety

Only Revs has responded to the survey. EH suggested speaking to the venues in person. Girls Night In is in two weeks.

Action: BT to organise Girls Night In, including the social media.

6. **Showing World Cup in Bar Spaces**

The World Cup will be held in Qatar. It will be shown on terrestrial TV so it could be shown in the SU bars. It will be interesting as England and Wales are in the same group. The awarding of the World Cup to Qatar, however, was controversial, for example, the stadiums and hotels were built by migrant workers, many of whom died in the process. It is also currently illegal to be gay in Qatar and it is illegal to drink alcohol. The FA are going to wear the One Love armband irrespective of whether Fifa approve. For these reasons JC wants to seek MC approval before showing the World Cup in the SU bars. It starts on 20 November.

PA believes it should be shown but to raise awareness of the issues.

EH is unsure how many students would take notice of the issues and thinks boycotting it would raise more attention. EH does not agree with showing the World Cup in the SU bars.

EB thinks a boycott would not make much impact as the SU does not normally show sporting events due to the cost.

PA suggested playing a video to students explaining the issues. Will, Toby or Abby could make a video.

Action: Officers to make a decision about showing the World Cup in SU bars by Friday 14 October.

EH and BT left the meeting to attend Council Induction.

7. Brit Challenge

This is a rowing challenge. The SU needs to decide whether it wants to take part.

Action: Carry over to next meeting as EH and BT's viewpoint is needed.

8. International event review and future planning

PA's house mates would like events for local students, for example, Fish and Chips Friday. The food would need to be pre-ordered from a local chippy for delivery and then tickets could be sold. FCH has St Paul's fish bar directly opposite and there is the Oxstalls Lane Fryer. Another option, is that students bring in their own dishes.

Action: PA to contact local chippies to enquire if they will bulk deliver to campus for an event.

9. **Any Other Business – To be notified to Chair in advance**

10. CLOSE