



ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES COUNCIL

Minutes - (27.04.2026)

Time: 17:30

Date: 27th April 2026

Chair: Freya Rowley (Activities and Opportunities Council)

Attended

Freya Rowley (FR) – Activities and Opportunities Officer

Daniel Neate (DN) – Biosciences

Alexander Richards (AR) – Sub Aqua

Joshua Roden-Crabtree (JRC) – Law and Mooting

Zuzanna Kwiatkowska (ZK) - Art

Maisie Chelu-Walmsley (MCW) – Taylor Swift

Jm Aquino (JA) – Japanese Jiu Jitsu

Ruby Baines (RB) – Dance

Victor Bannan (VB) – American Football

Lucy Capener (LC) – Student Nursing

Aidan Morris (AM) – American Football

Kai Horton (KH) – Nintendo/Adventure

Maz Bamford (MB) – Table Top

Drew Humphry (DH) – Student Voice and Campaigns Coordinator

Minutes

Opening Updates

FR noted there were limited updates and opened the floor for discussion.

Varsity Communications

AR highlighted there had been no clear post confirming the Varsity winner.

FR confirmed communications will be released confirming Worcester as the Varsity winner.

Society Varsity (Bath Spa)

DN asked about engagement with Bath Spa for Society Varsity.

FR confirmed this is being explored for the next academic year, alongside the introduction of a new Societies Coordinator and potential expansion to other universities.

Committee Elections

DN asked about timelines.

FR confirmed:

- Elections will launch next week following the awards.
- Preparations are currently underway.

General Varsity Feedback

- DN praised the Women's Rugby Varsity match, noting:
- It was their first Varsity experience.
- Fans were not segregated, unlike previous years.
- This did not negatively impact the event.

Student Led Staff Awards

DN noted low awareness of the SLSAs (Student-Led Something Awards) and recommended improved promotion.

FR responded:

- Many nominations come through graduation-related processes.
- Directed DN to the Education & Community Sub-Council for further information.

Campus Developments

AR requested updates regarding Hardwick and city campus.

FR confirmed:

- Hardwick Campus has been sold.
- A new dental course is planned at City Campus, with construction starting next year.
- Further details can be shared or accessed via MyGlos.

DN - Based on VITVC/Future of FCH discussions, the University is unlikely to offer a full dentistry degree.

Students' Union Presence (City Campus)

KH asked about SU space.

FR responded:

- No dedicated SU space currently.
- Aim to establish a more consistent SU presence next year, potentially via scheduling staff to be there on set days.
- Increased signage and visible SU branding (e.g., clip frames) are being introduced.

Feedback requested on preference between:

- Regular staff presence, or
- An SU-led social space.

DN noted BioSoc tree planting event with the Vice Chancellor at Park Campus on Friday.

Committee Elections Promotion

FR outlined plans for a promotional video, covering:

- Role expectations
- Benefits of committee positions

FR Requested input on what promotion is needed for committee elections.

- JA: Increase clarity on welfare roles, as understanding is currently limited prior to running.
- FR: Agreed more can be done through committee training.
- MB: Highlighted Tabletop Society's approach: Regular engagement and promotion; Early identification of future committee members

FR: Agreed to:

- Use current committee members as ambassadors
- Encourage peer-to-peer conversations about roles

DN: Suggested reinforcing message: "University is what you make of it – take opportunities."

Team Glos Points

JA asked for an update.

FR confirmed:

- Last updated before varsity
- Next update: post-Awards and AGM

KH suggested removing Glossy as a way to earn points due to overuse.

FR responded:

- Glossy supports SU brand visibility.
- Its widespread use is considered a positive outcome.

DN proposed introducing an award for highest Team Glos points.

FR confirmed:

- This had been explored with a Domino's sponsorship
- Requires further development to ensure clear distinction from existing awards
- Will be reviewed for next year's awards

AGM Reminder

- DH reminded members:
- AGM Date: Tuesday 5th May
- Time: 15:30
- Location: Teams
- Members are encouraged to:
- Share the event widely
- Ensure attendees register in advance to receive the link

Actions & Key Follow-Ups

- FR to issue Varsity winner communications
- FR Explore Society Varsity expansion (Bath Spa and beyond)
- FR Launch committee elections post-awards
- FR Gather feedback on SU presence at City Campus
- FR Develop committee elections promotional materials
- FR Consider Team Glos award for next years SU awards