

Sport Zone meeting, 1st November 2011 at 11am

Meeting Room 2, University House

1. Present

Ashley Armitage (VP Sport), Victoria Winterton (Chair Sport & Councillor of Scrutiny), Timothy Sykes (Councillor of Scrutiny), Paul Harsent (AU Secretary), Mark Weighill (Varsity Rep), Toby Carr-Brown (Communications Officer), Jez Horsell (BUCS Rep), Clare Price (Kit Rep), Tom Downes (Tour Rep).

2. Apologies

Magid Mah (Events Officer), Tom Kharchi (AU Treasurer)

3. Minutes from last meeting

Agreed as a true record.

4. Reports

VP Sport

- University budget brought forward.
- Giving AU feedback to the Sports Centre to help make improvements. For example, the Hockey Club have had a line missing on pitch for four years.
- Went to the BUCS regional meeting. Found interesting and learnt about other financial situations. Found out that a lot of Universities are actually pulling teams, to save money.
- Went to York yesterday with Mark Weighill. Looked at their facilities and got some good ideas.
- Had a good turnout for the Naked Calendar. They will be slightly more expensive this year but the pictures will be bigger.
- AU Ball tickets. Have sold over 120 in less than an hour, and these are expected to sell out by the end of the day. Managed to get a really good deal this year, with a band and comedian costing the same as just a band at Staff House.
- Tour plans are coming along well.
- Biggest club is cheerleaders, with approx 100. Speaking with the Sports and Fitness Centre to see if there are any possible avenues for them to cheer for different teams.
- Getting in contact with liberation chairs, with regards to issues with the AU and Tour.

Questions:

- Timothy Sykes asked when he was talking to liberation chairs. VP Sport is setting up meeting on Monday at 12.30pm. Tim is more than welcome to come along.

AU Secretary

- No new forms.
- Have e-mailed those that have paid to confirm and have told those who haven't to chase payment.

BUCS Rep

- BUCS is going really well.
- Have had a couple of transport issues.
- Approx 13 teams won, 11 lost.
- Doing better than last year.
- Rugby League has had a really good start.

Communications Officer

- Have had 5 AU articles in Hullfire.

Events Officer

- Couldn't attend meeting as was selling Ball tickets, however VP Sport reported everything is going well. Going to have a table at the ball for people who aren't in teams.

Kit Rep

- Has had a busy week
- Was due to have a meeting but Ash was in York, so going to have a telephone meeting today about kit.
- AU Council on Friday. Kit secretaries to come so they know exactly what they are doing.
- Have had some kit come in and it looks really good.

Questions:

- Timothy Sykes asked if the problems that were mentioned at a previous meeting had been ironed out. They are working on it but with a new system there have typically been some teething problems.

Varsity Rep

- Went to York yesterday with VP Sport and met their VP Sport, Sam.
- Varsity confirmed for the 26th February.
- Planning to stay over so people can have a night out as well.
- Going to be publicising as soon as possible, as York had commented that the turnout wasn't great last year. If it turns out like this again, they will not do it anymore.
- VP Sport commented that it was a big task of his to make sure Varsity is kept.
- There will hopefully be a showcase match at the end, which can take place with floodlights.

Questions

- Kit Rep asked what teams would be involved in Varsity. All BUCS teams.

Tour Rep

- Next week is the Tour reunion. Bit behind as couldn't get time off work. Will figure something out.

- Creating Facebook group, which will be sent to all presidents.
- Asked if anyone can help to tape inappropriate Tour shirts in Asylum. The majority agreed to help. VP Sport commented that door supervisors should be briefed to make sure that anyone who has an offensive top and has removed the tape, will be asked to leave. Getting presidents to promote this as well.
- VP Sport commented that he will be making speeches at Societies Council about Tour, so if they want to get involved they can.
- Had a haircut and got a new jumper.

Councillors of Scrutiny

- Tim is catching up on what was discussed at the last meeting, as he could not attend.
- Victoria wanted to feed back information discussed at Governance Zone:
 - **Elections**
 - Asked for any ideas for promoting Elections. VP Sport suggested holding Hustings for AU positions at AU Council. Perhaps do a similar thing in other zones.
 - Timothy Sykes suggested promoting a lot through e-mail.
 - VP Sport suggested a pre-election special for Hullfire.
 - It was suggested that it should be promoted that AU positions sit on Council.
 - Use Hullfire and JAM more.
 - Have the AU Exec write blogs about their positions.

Student Activism

- NUS event happening on 19th November.
- Tickets will be £10, to cover transport there and back.
- This will focus on how to run campaigns and lobby and should be really good.
- If you want to go please contact Kora, Chair Campaigns & Democracy or Aidan.

Other

- In Governance Zone meeting had also gone through the Governance ops plan. Had discussed student engagement, part-time positions not being paid anymore and changes to elections.
- It was asked where the money that was being saved by part-time positions was going. This needs to be confirmed by Aidan.
- Aiming for Gold Green Award.
- Zero Tolerance – Discussed how it may have been interpreted wrongly with a lot of confusion.
- Tour themed Tower – concerns that people would just rip tape off. After the Governance Zone meeting, Kora had discovered that it was only a very small percentage of team members that wear offensive t-shirts. In Governance it came across that everyone wears inappropriate tops.
- Environmental & Ethical Committee are bringing a motion about bottled water and are also looking at getting Fairtrade accreditation back for the University.

Meeting closed 12pm.

