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# **Societies Council**

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| **Date:**  | 16.01.24 |
| **Time:** | 5.00pm |
| **Location:** | N4.06 and Online |

## **Minutes**

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| 1.0 | 1.1 | **Present:** Dan Lawrence, Jess Bradbury, Tasha Noble (Climbing), Oliwia Milkiewicz (Psychology), Nikola Milkiewicz (Psychology), Christopher Ntoni (Rugby) Jacob Hosanee (BLW BNU), Bianca Epuras (BLW BNU), Rishabh Jindal (International), Ellie Lynn (LGBTQ+ & Rollerskating), John Heatley (Mens Netball), Dee Whyte (Musical Theatre), Alfie Vince (Blades), Chloe Hayes (Musical Theatre & LGBTQ+), Marissa Leyden (Musical Theatre), Grace Paisley (Musical Theatre), Liv Ross (Womens Hockey), William Yates (Mooting), Connor Martin (Boxing), Daniel Wallace (Aviation), Ilias Ali (Islamic), Wren Sell (BTaG),Bethany Jackson (Musical Theatre & Psychology), Isabel Waugh (Blades & Boxing), Peter Ashiagbor (BNU Chess & Business and Law), Joy Dellah-Gu (Christian Union), Deborah Koumah (Christian Union), Izzy Eastham (Musical Theatre), Harriet Kozlowski (Musical Theatre), Syd Shaw (LGBTQ+ & Music) |  |
|  | 1.2 | **In attendance:** Sarah Nawaz, Tom Benton, Alex Ditchburn |  |
|  | 1.3 | **Apologies for Absence:** Catherine Lymer |  |
|  | 1.4 | **Absent without apologies:**  |  |
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| 2.0 |  | **Venue Event Rep Role** |  |
|  |  | * Presented by Tom Benton (Events)
* Aim of role is to increase our engagement with students outside the usual demographic of students attending. (Sports clubs)
* Increase promotions within halls of residence and outside of the SU premises
* Overview of how it works, and rewards given
* If interested come and speak to him
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| 3.0 |  | **KPI Update** | DL |
|  |  | * Update until end of December given.
* No society has achieved being outstanding
* Still need 5 active societies to meet the target set for the year
* Students participating in societies currently at 678 (target is 705), are ahead in numbers compared to last year
* Volunteering hours: only 3402.25 logged, which is less than half of the target of 7500. Society members need to ensure they are logging their hours.
* Number of society members at Uxbridge is 55 which is ahead of the target
* Each societies volunteering hours were presented and a reminder of tasks that count as volunteering was given.
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| 4.0 |  | **Key Dates** | JB/DL |
|  |  | * RAG week takes place on 29th Jan – 2nd Feb – events taking place include soak a sabb, wax a footballer, pie a netballer
* Student volunteer week is 19th to 23rd Feb. Please speak to Kelly (Volunteering) if there is anything societies would like to do.
* Strive on 26th Feb to 1st March. This is the SU’s employability festival, there will employers from various industries so it would be a good opportunity to speak to them.
* Green Month is happening all over March, activities taking place can count towards a society’s green accreditation.
* Union awards taken place on 16th May; nominations close on 31st of March – societies need to vote for themselves if they want to be society of the year.
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|  |  | Varsity* Launch night is 25th Jan
* Fixtures take place on 10th and 13th March
* Tickets are £15 and are available for non-students (family, friends)
* Included in the ticket is a programme, T-Shirt, meal, transport to and from fixtures, priority entry to the venue evening event
* If you are wanting more than 1 ticket, speak to staff
* Please come along and support your fellow students
* Varsity Captain Elections: nominees attended the meeting to introduce themselves. There is a voting page on the website with their manifestos and society members are encouraged to vote.
 | JB |
|  |  | Volley4RAG* Tuesday 29th January at 6-10pm
* Taking place in the events hall with £1 entry fee for each team
* Teams to be made up of 6-10 people and you can have mixed teams
* Those taking part are encouraged to dress up and there will be prizes given for best dressed, best player etc.
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|  |  | Bucks Challenge* Based on the year 2024, 24 events will be taking place over the next 5 weeks to raise money for the SU’s chosen charity.
* A run through of the events was given and there will be a mixture of sporting and non-sporting events
* Anyone can take part and there will be prizes
* Any donation is welcome, and the link is available on the website
* It will finish with on 20th Feb with a 24hr sportathon – with a different sport being done each hour.
 | DL |
|  |  | Boycott your Bed* The Big Sleepout for Wycombe Homeless Connection at Adam’s Park is taking place around the time of Varsity
* So instead, the SU will be holding a sleepout in the events hall with the money still going to Wycombe Homeless Connection
* Takes place on 27th Jan between 7pm and 7am
* A minimum of £50 has to be raised in order to take part and it will count towards your community volunteering hours
* If any student is still wanting to do the Big Sleepout, they can sign up via the Wycombe Homeless Connection website.
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| 5.0 |  | **Elections** | WS |
|  |  | * Elections week is 4th to 8th March
* Nominations close on 16th February
* Roles available include the sabb officers, student reps but also committee members with each society
* Societies need to start asking their members if they wish to run for any committee role and if anyone wants to re-run.
* If a society does not have a full committee, they cannot be a society next academic year.
* Hustings will need to take place – this is where nominees can be asked questions by other society members and present why they should be nominated. Societies need to let staff know when hustings take place as a SU staff member needs to be there to ensure it is run fairly.
* If you any member is re-running, they need to remember to vote for themselves.
* DL will be contacting each society at the beginning of Feb to find out what they are doing.
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| 6.0 |  | **#BucksSUMoreThanABar** | WS |
|  |  | * Student Unions are sometimes viewed as only being about the bar and nightlife.
* However, they provide a lot more including societies, sports, advice centre, leadership academy.
* This campaign is a chance for students to let the SU know what they have used it for and benefitted from.
* Feedback will let staff know what areas the SU is great at and what areas need improving.
* Each filled in comment card counts as 10p towards a prize pot, which a student can win.
* Students can fill out as many cards as they want and accounts towards accreditation.
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| 7.0 |  | **Accreditation** | DL/JB |
|  |  | * Each society has been emailed by DL
* Each society was given the opportunity to update their accreditations.
* Registers were also checked to see if they were up to date.
* Only 4 midyear meetings have been booked, societies need to get these booked in.
* Newspapers articles: the next deadline is 24th Jan, only 11 societies have written an article for the newspaper.
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| 8.0 |  | **Any Other Business/Society Updates** |  |
|  |  | * Musical Theatre have a takeover tomorrow (17th Jan). The theme is fairy-tale. They will also be doing a RAG fundraiser in Feb and would like other societies to join them.
* BTaG are holding a 24hr Gameathon in the venue on 1st to 2nd Feb. There will be board games, computer games, tournaments. Everyone is welcome to attend.
* Bucket hats will soon be on sale in the SU around the time of varsity.
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| 9.0 |  | **Date and time of subsequent meetings:** 20th February 2024 at 5.00pm, Room S3.01 and Online |  |