

# **Athletic Union Council**

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| **Date:** | 13.02.25 |
| **Time:** | 5.00pm |
| **Location:** | N2.06 and Online |

## **Minutes**

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| 1.0 | 1.1 | **Present:** Alex Ditchburn, Wren Sell, Catherine Lymer, Jess Hughes, Ayaan Aamir (Volleyball), Rob Freeman (Cricket), Jack Donoghue (Rugby), Jean Amagoua (Rugby),  Darnel, Izzy Eastham (Dance), Abi Hix (Dance), Harriet Kozlowski (Dance), Desmond Hadi (Basketball), Harley Mcguigan (Womens Football), Daisy Davis (Womens Hockey), John Heatley (Rugby), Holly Spittles (Netball), Evie Medland (Netball), James Goodacre (Rugby),  San Fernandez (Rugby), Thomas Broadbent (Rugby), Anish Khuttan (Rugby), Isham Constance (Rugby), Will Johnson (Rugby), Shriya Bhudia (Swim), Tricia Glassborrow (Swim), Lilli Aldis (Swim), Cally Dellaway (Netball and Cheer), Mia Carless (Netball), Caitlin Day (Cheer), Raffy Pantaleon (Cheer), Chris Thornhill (Cheer and Hockey), Dan Charlton (Hockey and Volleyball), Michael Smith (Football), Edward Smith (Football), Eve Matthews (Womens Hockey), Nash Gorogado (Rugby) |  |
|  | 1.2 | **In attendance:** |  |
|  | 1.3 | **Apologies for Absence:** Sarah Nawaz, Womens Football |  |
|  | 1.4 | **Absent without apologies:** |  |
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| 2.0 |  | **Varsity** | **WS** |
|  | 2.1 | **Varsity Tickets:**   * Tickets available on website * Deadline is 2nd March |  |
|  | 2.2 | **Varsity Squad Deadline**   * 18th February |  |
|  | 2.3 | **Varsity Captains briefing**   * 4th March |  |
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| 3.0 |  | **AU Dinner** | **AD** |
|  | 3.1 | **Nominations**   * Now open * Close on 16th March |  |
|  | 3.2 | **Tickets**   * Deadline is 11th April * Dinner is 16th April |  |
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| 4.0 |  | **Hockey Charity Match** | **DC** |
|  |  | * Takes place this Sunday (16th) against Wycombe * There is a sing up sheet in the SU for those who require transport * There will be 2 matches, with both men and women playing |  |
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| 5.0 |  | **Men’s Rugby fixture – 19th Feb** | **JH** |
|  |  | * There is no Varsity rugby fixture this year * Instead, rugby will be having a league game against UCFB on the 19th Feb, kick off at 7.00pm * Need drivers to take people there and back * Sign up for transport is in the SU office |  |
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| 6.0 |  | **Bucks Dance Comp** | **WS** |
|  |  | * Takes place this weekend in the events hall * Volunteers are needed to help * Volunteers briefing will take place at 4.00pm in the lounge |  |
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| 7.0 |  | **How will you keep you members engaged?** | **AD** |
|  |  | * Rugby: one good idea for rugby is to establish a proper pre- season training that will help us to increase our chemistry and prevent injuries. 2nd idea, it’s to outside activities such as, watch rugby games or other fun activities * Volleyball: Have themed volleyball sessions, team competitions, and maybe a volleyball themed social * Cricket: We plan to keep members engaged through the preparation of games after varsity and the introduction of outside nets at high Wycombe cc, who Gene and I will be speaking within the next couple weeks. Hopefully also start running some socials when the season starts as well. * Men’s Hockey: discussion with Womens Football. More joint socials with other clubs. Offer support study sessions within the AU family Men’s Hockey. * Womens Football: plan socials for next term * Dance: Mixing Pom and Cheer together, run some showcase performances * Swim: checking in with members to see if they are going to exist and how they are going to move forward * Basketball: Volunteering, organising a tournament between old and current players. Potentially getting the girls involved * Womens Hockey: socials based, use the Wednesdays in third term to run some sober socials for bonding. * Rugby: integrate with Marlow in the third term and play some friendlies in third term. Femi’s memorial game. Establish proper pre season training. * Men’s Football – Old boys game, run mixed team tournaments * Netball – some more sober socials on a Wednesday, go and watch a netball match |  |
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| 8.0 |  | **New minibuses** | **AD** |
|  |  | * Make sure the buses are kept clean and check sheets are done * Should reduce the need for ubers to training * To drive the 9 seaters, an assessment and competency test needs to be done * Having the additional buses will hopefully ease pressure and give more clubs the opportunity to use then. |  |
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| 9.0 |  | **Accreditation update** | **AD** |
|  | 9.1 | **Handovers – Template**   * Committee handover document is now complete and available to use * Gives the new committee members the best chance of succeeding in the future * Document needs to be given to AD as well * Committee training – 21st May for the new members only * This is the September training, we are shifting it to May so clubs can get the training in advance of the summer |  |
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| 10.0 |  | **Elections** |  |
|  | 10.1 | **Candidates in all**   * Treasurers seems to be the role that no one is interested in * Those attending were asked why this was: least glamourous role, not as fun as the other roles * All committee roles need to be filled | **AD** |
|  | 10.2 | **Elected Officers**   * Nominations close tomorrow so if interested need to nominate yourself | **WS** |
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| 11.0 |  | **Any Other Business** |  |
|  |  | * Cheer: good luck to those taking part in dance comp. Also have a takeover coming up based around sports day * Dance: good luck in their Varsity point * Football: have a 12 hour sport-a-thon starting at 5.00am tomorrow morning * 24 hour game-a-thon coming up on 20th Feb – could count towards a sober social * Behaviour: just remind them that if anything happens now there is a chance there will be a ban for Varsity and AU Dinner. |  |
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| 12.0 |  | **Date and time of subsequent meetings:** |  |
|  |  | Thursday 22nd April at 5.00pm, Room N2.06 and Online |  |