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# **Athletic Union Council**

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| **Date:**  | 21.11.24 |
| **Time:** | 5.00pm |
| **Location:** | N2.06 and Online |

## **Minutes**

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| 1.0 | 1.1 | **Present:** Wren Sell, Alex Ditchburn, Dan Charlton (Chair), Catherine Lymer, John Heatley (Rugby), Jake Bainbridge (Volleyball), Amy Frankel, Emily Platt, Sophie Lloyd-Rossi (Netball), James Upson , Ayaan Aamir, Kristen Clarke (Womens Football), Daisy Davis (Womens Hockey), Tricia Glassborrow (Swim), Dan Charlton (Mens Hockey), Ben Turnball (Cricket/Rugby), Michael Simpson (Football), Eliza Howard-Saunders (Cheer), Ashleigh Jones (Cheer), Mia Carless (Cheer), Eve Matthews (Womens Hockey), Shirya Bhudia (Swim), Robert Freeman (Cricket), Nicole Efemini (Netball), Isham Constance (Football), Viktoria Wisnieska (Dance), Hattie Kozlowshi (Dance), Chris Thornhill (Hockey), Abi Hix (Dance), Keisha Russ (Womens Football) , Izzy Eastham (Dance) |  |
|  | 1.2 | **In attendance:** Sarah Nawaz |  |
|  | 1.3 | **Apologies for Absence:**  |  |
|  | 1.4 | **Absent without apologies:**  |  |
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| 2.0 |  | **Accreditation** | **AD** |
|  |  | * Accreditation sheets were handed out
* Clubs were asked to fill these in so mid-year meetings could be booked
* Those who were online were asked to come into the office to collect a sheet
* Completed sheets were handed in at the end
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| 3.0 |  | **Elected Officer Campaigns** | **WS** |
|  |  | * AP (President): has numerous campaigns, attend union council where she will speak about these
* HT (VPEW High Wycombe): has his hydration campaign, there will be an article on the website soon
* BJ (VPEW Uxbridge and Aylesbury): has a wellbeing campaign as well as other events happening across the 2 campuses.
* Movember: is coming to an end but students can still get involved. The month will end with a ‘Mo Party’ on the 29th Nov
* If students have any ideas for campaigns, speak to any of the officers
* CL: there is a waste management campaign students can get involved in and this will count as green volunteering also in the run up to Christmas, will be asking for donations to One Can Trust – students can volunteer by knocking on doors in halls, this will count as community volunteering.
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| 4.0 |  | **Fundraising Ideas** | **DC** |
|  |  | * Clubs were asked in the group chat to bring 2 fundraising ideas to the meeting
* Those attending in person were asked to sit next to someone from another club and discuss their ideas
* Clubs were asked to give their fundraising ideas:
* Men’s Hockey: are looking to put on a charity match
* Women’s Football: are having a penalty shoot out on the 26th Nov, also looking to collaborate with Futsal for a 12 hour event
* Cricket: hold a cocktail making night
* Men’s Football: will be waxing a football as well as collaborating with the women’s team on an event
* Women’s Hockey: are aiming to do a million steps in a week and a sponsored silence
* Swim: will be doing a swimathon as well as a takeover
* Dance: are looking to put on dance fitness classes for clubs in the run up to varsity, also looking to test students using a period cramp simulator to raise awareness
* Netball: will be doing another run as well as a danceathon. Also looking to enter a Tough Mudder competition as well as volunteering at the food bank
* Volleyball: are planning to run a mile for every £5 raised.
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| 5.0 |  | **Behaviour on Socials** | **AD** |
|  |  | * Staff have been made aware of concerning behaviour on socials including new students being made to drink excessively
* Clubs were reminded to be responsible and consider the impact on new students
* Clubs were also encouraged to have sober socials and reminded that these can take place on a Wednesday night
* Clubs were also reminded that to stack chairs at the end of takeovers.
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| 6.0 |  | **Elections – Opportunity for members** | **AD** |
|  |  | * In January all committee positions will be up for election
* Now is the time to get members to start thinking about which positions to stand for and for any suitable members to be approached.
* It is important that clubs get the right people in the right role.
* Nominations will be open for a month
* Elected officer roles will also be up for election
* For this term, 5 clubs had outstanding elections
* 3 clubs did not vote: Cricket, Cheer and Men’s Football
* If there are no votes, someone can not be put in a position, so clubs need to vote
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| 7.0 |  | **Club Updates** | **AD** |
|  | 7.1 | **Feedback*** 179 responses have been received; there are over 400 members within the AU
* Dance and Netball have completed over 25
* Women’s Hockey need to look at their responses, as there were more responses given then club members
* Men’s Football and Men’s Hockey: only 10 responses have been received
* Time to give feedback is open for another week.
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|  | 7.2 | **Kit cupboard expectations*** The outside double doors will now be locked
* When returning from training past 6pm, members will have to go to bar staff or security to ask for key or be walked in
* Members will enter and leave via the office door
* Need to ensure that the door remains locked
* During the day, members will still have to enter through the office door, but can open the double doors to put kit in the corridor
* Clubs are also reminded to keep the kit room tidy, ensuring that balls are put away and that first aid kits are fully stocked.

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| 8.0 |  | **Any Other Business** |  |
|  | 8.1 | **Cricket*** Is the chair of cricket
* Looking to get more women to join the club
* Currently women play with the men but if more sign up, will be able to create a women’s team
 | **Rob** |
|  | 8.2 | **Club Photos*** Will take place on Friday 17th January between 10am and 4pm
* Clubs will be sent the link to sign up
* Members need to ensure they are available for the day
* Students can help out on the day, this will be a paid role
* Clubs were asked to only book slots if they will buy the photos
 | **AD** |
|  | 8.3 | **Events Hall*** If using the events hall, please ensure that it is clean and tidy when you leave
* Emails have been received from the University that rubbish is being left and there are spills on the floor.
* If the hall is messy at the start of your session, take photos and report to staff
* It was mentioned that this is happening with the dance studios as well.
 | **WS** |
|  | 8.4 | **Varsity captain*** Nominations will be open before Christmas with voting in January.
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| 12.0 |  | **Date and time of subsequent meetings:**  |  |
|  |  | Tuesday 23rd January 2025 at 5.00pm, Room N2.06 and Online |  |