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# **Athletic Union Council**

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| **Date:**  | 24.10.24 |
| **Time:** | 5.00pm |
| **Location:** | N2.06 and Online |

## **Minutes**

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| 1.0 | 1.1 | **Present:** Wren Sell, Alex Ditchburn, Catherine Lymer, Rob Freeman (Cricket), James Upson (Hockey), John Heatley (Rugby), Shriya Bhudia (Swim), Tricia Glassborrow (Swim), Ratu Nailatikau (Rugby), Will Johnson (Rugby), Keisha Russ (Football), Noah Smith (Rugby), Harry Lloyd (Hockey), James Goodacre (Rugby/Hockey), Ben Turnball (Rugby/Cricket), Nicole Efemini (Netball), Emily Platt (Netball/Hockey), Alexander Mills (Volleyball), Desmond Hadi (Basketball), Sam Fernandez (Rugby), Aaron Trinder (Rugby), Michael Simpson (Football), Eduard Smith (Football/Rugby), Daniel Charlton (Hockey), Jean Marc Amagourd (Rugby), Abdullah Khan Durraim (Basketball), Ayaan Aamir (Volleyball), Lilli Aldis (Swim), Wes J Cooney (Rugby), Koby Foster (Rugby), Daisy Davis (Hockey), Max Brinsmead (Football), Kristen Clarke (WFC), Stacey Baxter (WFC), Raffy Pantaleon (Cheer), Ashleigh Jones (Cheer), Viktoria Wisniewska (Dance), Harriet Kozlowski (Dance) |  |
|  | 1.2 | **In attendance:** Sarah Nawaz |  |
|  | 1.3 | **Apologies for Absence:**  |  |
|  | 1.4 | **Absent without apologies:**  |  |
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| 2.0 |  | **AU Chair Hustings** | **ALL** |
|  |  | * Students’ union by laws state that a chair must be voted in for AU council
* AU council chair helps to set the agenda for meetings and sits on the panel for AU awards
* Attendees were asked if anyone would like to stand, 2 students put their names forward:
* Daniel Charlton (Hockey)
* Viktoria Wisniewska (Dance)
* Both gave a brief presentation on why they would be suitable for the role.
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| 3.0 |  | **AU Chair Vote** | **ALL** |
|  |  | * One vote per club
* Each club given a piece of paper to write down the name of who they want
* Chosen candidate will be announced later in the meeting
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| 4.0 |  | **Guest Speaker- Brandon Tester, Youth Enquiry Services** | **BT** |
|  |  | * YES is a service that offers free information and guidance to young people between 13 and 35
* Staff deal with a range of issues such as housing, education, mental health
* They offer free one-to-one counselling
* YES are recruiting for volunteers to join their youth advisory board, if anyone is interested let him know
* Leaflets for the service were handed out.
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| 5.0 |  | **Club positivity – what makes a club more positive? Open discussion** | **AD** |
|  |  | * Aim is to have a theme for each council meeting
* The aim is for clubs to speak to each other and share ideas
* Attendees were asked what makes a club more positive
* Answers included friendship, togetherness, community, communication, socials, acceptance
* Each club was asked how they would implement these
* Answers included collaborating outside of sessions, staying positive even if results don’t go their way, through social events
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| 6.0 |  | **Clubs to speak about their volunteering opportunities** | **AD** |
|  |  | * Each club was asked to speak about any volunteering they are planning to do
* Men’s hockey: coaching schools, Litter pick
* Womens football: collecting secondhand clothes for people, working with Chiltern rangers
* Volleyball: doing a park clean, helping out at an elderly care home
* Cheer: putting together shoebox gifts, working at foodbanks
* Netball: handing out hot drinks in the evening
* Womens hockey: coaching schools, litter picking
* Men’s football: working with RAG by advertising Wycombe mind at games
* Rugby: river cleans, help Marlow at their ground, helping YES with leafleting
* Swim: day out in London to work with the homeless
* Basketball: fundraising with challenges basketball related
* Dance – refresher fair, running open classes
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| 8.0 |  | **RAG week – What have the drawn names chosen to do and what do you have planned?** | **WS****/KB** |
|  |  | * RAG week is next week
* Clubs encouraged to get involved, see what’s on page
* Netball 4 RAG: clubs can put together a team, it is not competitive, and prizes will be given
* Drag 4 RAG is this Friday, please attend
* Dance, Men’s Rugby and Netball have their RAG events booked in
* The other clubs who were selected to run an event during the first term need to book these in – they cannot carry it over to the second term.
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| 9.0 |  | **Movember** | **WS** |
|  |  | * Many events happening to mark Movember
* Check the what’s on page to sign up
* Events included mental health in sports sessions, yoga sessions in the gym, a walk
* There will also be fundraising targets to meet
* The month will end with a Mo party on the 29th November
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| 10.0 |  | **AU chair announcement** | **WS** |
|  |  | * Votes were counted
* Results: Dan Charlton – 6 and Viktoria Wisniewska – 5
* Dan Charlton elected AU council chair
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| 11.0 |  | **Any Other Business** | **AD** |
|  |  | * Club photos: this has been moved from 8th November to early January – this is due to the availability of the photographer
* TOUR: a meeting will be happening with TOUR staff on 6th November, if interested come along to find out more
* Welcome Meetings: have all been booked, and members have benefitted from them
* Celebration Station: the link is now live on the website, please nominate
* Elections: football and basketball need to be done and it was asked of any other clubs need to do it – Swim and Cricket
* Concussion tests: all clubs should have these done, men’s football are especially behind
* Pie a rugby and netball player are happening next week, please come along
* AU awards: it was brought to the meeting the possibility of students voting for the winner of one of the awards. Attendees were asked for their opinions on this and if they would like this to happen – unanimous no.
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| 12.0 |  | **Date and time of subsequent meetings:**  |  |
|  |  | Thursday 21st November 2024 at 5.00pm, Room N2.06 and Online |  |