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# **Societies Council**

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| **Date:**  | 21.01.25 |
| **Time:** | 5.00pm |
| **Location:** | N3.06 and Online |

## **Minutes**

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| 1.0 | 1.1 | **Present:** Daniel Lawrence, Wren Sell, Dee Whyte (Chair), Bethany Jackson, Asadullah Anfishi, Zach Worship, Oliver Gee, Emma St Ledger, Connor Say, Vytautas Kravcenka, Richard-Sebastian Munteanu, Con Macadam, Finn Beaumont, Scout Boulting, Fleur Voerman, Georgia Haynes, Izzy Eastham, William Yates, Henry King, Fabian Moore, Emily Perry, Lia Wilkinson, Lauren Milne, Phoebe Anderson, Alfie Vince, Jaydan Wheeler, Charlie Gee, Dee Whyte |  |
|  | 1.2 | **In attendance:** Sarah Nawaz |  |
|  | 1.3 | **Apologies for Absence:** Catherine Lymer |  |
|  | 1.4 | **Absent without apologies:**  |  |
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| 2.0 |  | **RAG week – Georgia Haynes (RAG Ambassador)** |  |
|  |  | * RAG week is 27th to 31st Jan
* There will be various events across the week including pie a footballer, soak a staff member, doughnuts
* Volley 4 RAG will also be happening and anyone can enter a team
* There will a talent competition ‘Bucks Got Talent’ featuring SU staff
* On the Friday there will be Rodeo 4 RAG in the venue
* This is all to raise money for the SU’s chosen charity – Wycombe Mind
* Everyone is welcome to join in
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| 3.0 |  | **#BucksSUMoreThanABar** | **DW** |
|  |  | * Currently taking place in Wycombe campus
* It is a union campaign to highlight why the SU is more than a bar/nightlife
* Asking students to fill out cards stating why they think the SU is more than a bar, what else is on offer and any interactions/experiences they have had with the SU
* Societies can ask members to fill out the cards – this will go towards accreditation as it will be taking part in a union campaign
* There will a stall in the atrium where you can spin the wheel and win a prize
* Cards were handed out to those attending the meeting in person
* Cards can be collected from the SU office
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| 4.0 |  | **Discussion – What have you done so far to make your society stand out?** | **DW** |
|  |  | * A message was put in the societies chat to think about what your society has done during the first term to stand out and to present at this meeting
* For some societies it is not clear what they have done so is a good opportunity to let everyone know
* Everyone attending the meeting in person was given time to have a discussion before feeding back
* Blades: trying to plan a RAG fundraiser but dates keep changing with members unable to attend. Also collaborated with Karate.
* Mooting: were able to teach students on their courses about mooting and how to do it. Held their first moot with a case study before Christmas and plan to hold more
* BTaG: held a social and have a 24hr gameathon in the second term
* Film: did a joint social with musical theatre. Have a RAG fundraiser coming up which will be a movie marathon
* Midwifery: held drop in and chat sessions as well as a watch party to livestream the midwifery conference
* Cyberspace: attended 2 online seminars about emerging cyber threats and PowerShell web access
* Kpop: watched music videos and kdramas as well as doing quizzes and debates
* Baking: held their first session yesterday. Plan to do weekly baking challenges which other societies can join in with
* Boxing: have held their weekly sessions and been preparing those who are taking part in the fight night
* Comic: spread the word about their society and currently have 15 regular members. Plan to do a fundraiser and a trip for later in the year
* Musical Theatre: did a panto in a retirement home which also raised money for the society
* Podcast: collaborated with rugby for Movember. Planning to do a 24hr podcast as a fundraiser and will need other societies to take part
* Paramedicine: did a CPR-athon which went well
* Psychology: held weekly session which ended with a social at Christmas.
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| 5.0 |  | **Accreditation** | **DL** |
|  | 5.1 | Mid-Year meetings:* Those who haven’t had a meeting need to book this in
* It is worth attending these meetings to find where your society is in terms of getting accreditation
* If a society gets gold accreditation they will receive and invite to union awards and be presented with a certificate on stage
* They will also receive an additional £750 towards their society for the next year
* Societies need to spend their grant money or else it will be reallocated with the union

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|  | 5.2 | Fundraising:* Societies need to plan and book a RAG fundraiser
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|  | 5.3 | Volunteering Hours:* Each societies current volunteer hours were shown on the screen
* Need to have 150 hours for accreditation
* 20 of those hours have to be community and these must be done by a mixture of members
* There are loads of opportunities to volunteer, check the What’s On page or come and see staff in the office
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| 6.0 |  | **Elections** | **DW** |
|  |  | * Nominations are now open
* Need to start thinking about who will run for chair, treasurer and secretary for your society
* If these roles are not filled, the society will not run next year
* Nominations close 14th Feb
* Elected Officer and Student Trustee roles are also up for election, if interested speak to the Rep team.
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| 7.0 |  | **Awards – Celebration Station and Union Awards** |  |
|  |  | Celebration Station:* December winners will be officially announced soon but can announce the winners from societies
* Innovative idea of the month went o baking society for collaborating with Monthly Monday Meals
* Committee member of the month went to Jayden Wheeler
* Performance of the month: Musical Theatre for their panto
* Nominations can be submitted for the January celebration station

Union Awards:* Nominations are now open
* Can nominate yourself, your society or other societies
* Awards available include society of the year, committee member of the year, RAG contributor of the year, volunteer of the year
* All details are on the website

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| 8.0 |  | **Society Updates**  |  |
|  |  | * BTaG have a 24hr gameathon next month, there are timeslots available for societies to collaborate
* Film will be holding a movie marathon on 6th Feb
* Midwifery has a member who is doing a skydive next weekend for their chosen charity, sponsorship is welcome
* Comic have a fundraiser on the 4th March where they will be screening the first 2 episodes of Daredevil: Born Again
* Musical Theatre have planned a RAG fundraiser on 13th Feb where they will be selling roses and chocolates. Will also be available for serenading someone for a donation.
* Podcast: if a society would like to collaborate with them for the 24 hour podcast let them know
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| 9.0 |  | **Any Other Business** |  |
|  |  | * Next newspaper deadline for articles is 3rd Feb
* If interested in running sessions in Uxbridge, please speak to BJ
* Varsity tickets are on sale, see website for all the details
* DL will be on leave on 31st Jan and 3rd Feb
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| 10.0 |  | **Date and time of subsequent meetings:**  |  |
|  |  | Tuesday 18th February 2025 at 5.00pm, Room N3.06 and Online |  |