

AU Council

Monday 6th November, 4pm – 5pm

Attending: Caitlin O'Neill (Sports Officer, CON); Vicky Dean (VD); Laura Huntenburg (LH)

1. Introduction to AU Exec
CON introduced Maisie Loggie (Netball League) as the Members Rep and Nick Wright (Men's Rugby Union) as the President Rep for 2017/18. Maisie and Nick will both attend Union Council as voting members and will be the contact for club members and presidents to raise any issues or concerns.
2. AU Ball
AU Ball will be held on Saturday 18th November, CON advised that tickets will go on sale on Monday 13th November, with more details regarding the event following this week.
3. Varsity Video
CON is working with an external company to create a promotional video for Varsity, which will take place on Saturday 10th March 2018. Filming will take place at the Humber Bridge on Friday 24th November, with dates for filming on campus to be confirmed. CON hopes to include members from all teams competing in Varsity in the video and asked clubs to communicate the filming dates to teams. Students interested in participating should contact CON.
4. Membership Cut Off
The Sports & Fitness Centre deadline for purchasing memberships is Wednesday 8th November 2017. After this time, all students will be having their sports pass and membership checked. CON asked presidents to ensure their members have paid, as some clubs have low memberships and funds are credited to the club account.
5. BUCS
CON reminded presidents to collect their BUCS packs before fixtures. CON said passenger lists must be completed before travel, to ensure only paid members play in fixtures.
6. Club Accreditation
LH advised that HUU and the University of Hull are trialling an accreditation scheme for clubs. The scheme hopes to ensure club stability by ensuring clubs are financially viable and adhere to governance requirements. If successful, accreditation will compulsory in 2018/19.

LH welcomed clubs to trial the scheme, to register a form will need to be completed alongside submission of evidence, as stated within the accreditation criteria. Clubs wishing to participate in the trial should contact LH.

7. Initiations Discussion

LH gave a presentation regarding the culture within University sport; topics covered included initiations, mental health, peer pressure and bullying.

LH advised presidents that they can change the culture within the AU and do not have to consider influence from club alumni. The AU should be inclusive and ensure all members feel comfortable with activity, with member feedback being considered by the committee. CON reiterated this message, asking presidents to ensure their members are safe and do not feel intimidated.

LH and CON welcomed any additional thoughts regarding safeguarding and initiations via email.

8. Any Other Business

None to report.

Next Meeting

To be confirmed.