



# Societies Council Minutes

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 5pm

Present: Thomas McNamara, President of Activities (PA), Chloe Birr-Pixton, Student Opportunities Manager (SOM), James Hibberd (JH), Chloe Hutton (CH), Rob Ackers (RA), Ashley Tasker (AT), David Wait (DW)


Apologies: Vicky Dean, Sports & Societies Co-Ordinator (SSC)

## 1) Boost – Crowdfunding Platform (SOM)

- SOM gave a presentation on Boost, a crowdfunding platform, and explained that they had been working on this project with the University. SOM explained that this platform had been created specifically for Universities and students. SOM said that other University's had developed their own platforms and highlighted University of York's platform (called YUStart) and Essex University's platform (called Click). SOM encouraged Societies Council to have a look at these two platform for more information and ideas.
- SOM informed the Societies Council that projects would go live for 3-4 weeks once approved by them. SOM gave more detail on how to create a project and explained that the Societies Council could contact them through the website to discuss details and ask questions around specific projects. SOM explained that it was a pilot scheme (for one year) and is therefore limited to who can use it. Those who can use it are members of AU Sports Clubs, Societies, LINKS, RAG, and Student Media. SOM stressed that members would have to get approval from the Society Exec before submitting for approval on Boost
- SOM told the Societies Council that there will be some workshops detailing how to create successful crowdfunding projects and that there will be dedicated staff support who students can contact via [boost@hull.ac.uk](mailto:boost@hull.ac.uk)
- SOM asked if they had any questions
- Question: If a student asks for a certain amount of funding but gets more, what happens once the project ends and there is money remaining?
- SOM explained that there is a minimum amount that can be set so that this won't happen

## 2) HUU Building Redevelopment (PA)

- PA updated the Societies Council on the building development, informing them what had been planned and the process involved. PA explained that the building plans had come from weeks of consultation and that the final stage had not been reached. PA stated that this consultation is to generate ideas for what students want, what students like and don't like, and what students would like the space to look like
- PA showed the new building plans to the Societies Council and talked them through the plans for first floor. PA explained that the plan was completely different a month ago to stress the changes and informed them that the purpose of the change is to make it a space for students. PA explained that the first floor very much student focus and talked through plans for ground floor
- Question: where will Waterstones be moved to
- PA pointed out new area on ground floor for Waterstones

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- PA explained the feedback process and told the Societies Council to put pictures (on desks) on the three A4 piece of paper (Like, Hate, Meh) at the front of the room
  - The Societies Council discussed the suggestions in the pictures and gave their feedback

### **3) Society Ratification (PA)**

- PA explained that new societies would be ratified here as the Societies Council has more knowledge on them
- PA informed them that the agenda for this meeting would be circulated in future and then items would be debated in the meeting

### **4) Societies Grant Panel (JH)**

- JH gave update on the grant money still available
- JH reminded Council on grant use and informed the Societies Council that grants can't be used for fundraising for own society
  - PA gave some more detail
- JH highlighted who received grant money and how much they had received
- JH explained why some had been deferred and rejected
- JH asked the Societies Council to be conservative for what they ask for as it is getting near the end of the year
- SOM explained that Boost could help with funds required

### **5) Varsity (SSC)**

- PA gave update on Varsity
- PA asked for any further questions to be sent to PA or SSC

### **6) Welfare Packs (CH)**

- CH presented the welfare packs and gave more detail on the welfare information sheet which had been handed out
- CH proceeded to distribute 30 packs and said that more would be created if there is demand for them
- CH said that they will create a powerpoint to explain what is in the pack which will be sent out to the Societies Council
- CH informed the Societies Council that a document will be put on the HUU website which will also be shared with society members

### **7) Societies Handbook (RA)**

- RA delivered an update on the upcoming handbook and explained that it will be sent to marketing before being published
- RA explained what the handbook would contain everything about running a Society

### **8) Society Publicity and Marketing (AT)**

- AT highlighted the Facebook page that they run and asked the Societies Council to send anything they wanted adding to AT
- AT asked the Societies Council to send through anything they wanted adding to Jam Radio
- AT announced that the Societies Council can now advertise on the screens in the library

## 9) Society Admin (RA and DW)

- SUMS
  - RA explained what SUMS is and how the Societies Council can access it
  - RA highlighted how it could be used for the Society
- Room Bookings
  - RA demonstrated how to book rooms through the HUU website
  - PA communicated that Reception can only book a month in advance
- Paid Members
  - RA encouraged the Societies Council to get in touch to publicise their groups in order to increase membership
- Society Inventories
  - PA stressed that societies have to track their kit and why it was important to track it
  - RA handed out forms to students to fill in and return to PA
- AGM's/EGM's
  - DW presented how to run an EGM and an AGM
  - DW informed the Societies Council of the process behind an EGM
  - DW explained how a person can win a position on the committee
  - PA clarified when societies are to have AGMs
- Standing Orders and Constitution
  - DW explained that the constitution has information on the society and encouraged the Societies Council to read it
  - DW demonstrated how to access Standing Orders on the HUU website and explained what they contain

## 10) Societies Council Review

- RA announced that the Open forum is to air views about Societies Council
- PA asked the Council to give feedback
- RA explained that a survey will be given out to suggest improvements to Society Council

## 11) Any Other Business

- SOM informed group that they will be around at the end for any questions regarding Boost

**March Societies Council – Wednesday 6th March – 5pm**