



SOCIETIES COUNCIL MINUTES

WEDNESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2018

Attending: Tom McNamara (President of Activities, PA) Vicky Dean (Sport & Societies Coordinator, SSC), Societies Exec (Rob McMahon and David Wait), Society Presidents

1. **Minutes of last council approved and Welcome**
2. **PA talked through his Objectives for the year**
3. **PA explained what he had been doing over the last month**
 - Working with the SEC
 - Working with the societies grant panel
 - Looking at Room Bookings & Timetabling
 - Reviewing Governing documents relevant to Societies
4. **The Societies Exec talked through their objectives:**
 - To look at a new Accreditation Scheme for societies
 - To be an active and transparent committee
 - To overhaul the societies President Handbook
5. **Societies Grant Panel**
 - PA went through what was approved/rejected at the last minute and explained that full minutes were available for all to look at. The next meeting will take place on Monday 3rd December; deadline for submitting applications is 1st December.
6. **Union Council**
 - PA spoke about what Union Council is and what happens in these meetings. He advised that the next meeting is on Monday 10th December, anyone can attend and if anyone wants to be involved or discuss further to contact him.
7. **Reviewing Governing Documents**
 - PA discussed a motion he would like to take to Union Council which is to update the Financial Procedures governing societies as at present societies can only apply for a grant if they have 30 members; Society presidents voted unanimously to put the motion forward to Union Council.
 - PA also discussed a motion to move the power of ratifying societies at Activities Zone rather than at Union Council; Societies Presidents voted in favour to take this to Union Council.
8. **Societies Rep Position**
 - PA explained what this position is and how he would like it to be changed.
 - PA gave 3 options for changes to this position.



9. Societies Council Review

- PA asked if anyone had any feedback or questions regarding Society Council. A President asked if an Agenda could be sent out prior to the meetings so that Presidents are better prepared; PA said he would do this in advance next time.

10. Varsity

- PA and SSC explained that Varsity would be taking place on Saturday 23rd March in Lincoln and if any society would like to be involved in competing with Lincoln Societies to please get in touch and they will liaise with Lincoln on this.

11. AOB

- SSC spoke about HUU Awards and asked everyone to complete the questionnaire that was handed out in order to get feedback ahead of this year's awards.