**UNIVERSITY OF NORTHAMPTON STUDENTS’ UNION  
AU COMMITTEE**

Thursday 29th November 2018

**PRESENT:** Archery, Badminton, Basketball (Women’s), Boxing, Cheerleading, Climbing, Cricket (Men’s), Dance, Equestrian, Football (Women’s), Hockey (Men’s), Hockey (Women’s), Jiu Jitsu, Lacrosse (Women’s), Netball, Pool & Snooker, Rowing, Rugby League, Rugby Union (Men’s), Squash, Swimming, Trampolining, Volleyball (Men’s), Volleyball (Women’s).

**MINUTES: Kelly Sutton (KS)**

**APOLOGIES: Alex Lopez (AL) & Ryan Bradshaw (RB)**

**ATTENDANCE: Katy Baker (Chair)**

**1/9** **Welcome and Apologies**

RB, AL, Tennis, Equestrian and Weightlifting, Snowsports.

KB states that as per the ToR all apologies will be reviewed by herself and either accepted or rejected.

**2/9 Declarations of Interest**

No apologies

**3/9 Terms of Reference**

Nothing to be reviewed

**4/9 Minutes of meeting**

All state no issues or problems from last meeting. Minutes are accepted

**5/9 Action List and Matters Arising**

None

**6/9 Discussion Items**

6.1 Campaigns

Lacrosse states that there was no campaign this year for ‘This Girl Can’ and that the campaign has now passed and that it is quite a big campaign that the SU has missed out on delivering on. Request for a list of campaigns that the elected officers will be running throughout the year for sport to get involved in. **Action RB/AL**

KB clarifies what a mandate is and the importance of mandating elected officers so that items are taken to Council and that they will have to act upon those mandates and provide feedback at the next committee meeting.

6.2 Avenue Incentives

KS gives details on new incentive to get more sports clubs back in to Avenue on a Wednesday evening. KS said it is important for clubs to spend money in the SU bars and catering outlets as the more money that is spent in the SU owned outlets the more money will go in to the SU budget which in turn will benefit the overall sports budget.

KS explains provisional plan is for at the beginning of term 2 in January for the SU to provide each team with a loyalty card, which will be kept and swiped at every transaction behind the bar accumulating loyalty money on that card. At the end of the term the top 5 teams with the most spend per head 5 tickets to sports awards. In order to determine who will have the most spend per head the total amount spent will be divided by the number of members each club has signed up to the their club via the new website.

Room feel happy with the incentive and think it will be good to get more details on the on the concept. KS stated Venue Manager, Trish Martin will send out more details to the committees once the concept has been finalized.

Cricket stated the only issue may be that most of the teams already go in to town and spend money and that only the likes of hockey go in to Avenue so it’s looking likely that they will win.

KS requested that is anyone has any further ideas or any more feedback is to be sent to [Trish.Martin@northampton.ac.uk](mailto:Trish.Martin@northampton.ac.uk)

**7/9 Standing Agenda Items**

7.1 Club Ratification

No new clubs

7.2 Tiered funding

KS stated that AL and herself will be working on the tiered funding and sports model for 2018/19 and should have more information for the committee at the next AU meeting.

7.3 Enterprise Grant & Sustainable Grant

None

7.4 VPUD Report

KB reads out RB’s report. Committee has no questions.

Does AU accept the report?

Yes – 0%

No – 100%

7.5 PTO Report

No report submitted.

Does AU accept the report?

Yes – 0%

No – 100%

7.6 Student Council Updates

Student councilors stated that there were not many sport related updates from Council, other than points which were stated in Ryan’s report.

RB covered that the buses will be running more regularly to ensure that all students can get between the campuses more regularly and that an art shop will be coming to Waterside.

7.7 Sports Development Committee Updates

None

7.8 Allocation Updates

None

**8/9 AOB**

8.1 Security

MRU, WBB and WLAX stated that there is an on-going issue with security with security still taking up to 45 minutes to open the 3G, sports dome cupboard, team storage and turn on the flood lights.

Committee as a collective agree taking half a training session waiting for facilities to be opened is unacceptable. All state it has been going on for too long and that the committee has been told it is being sorted each time it has been raised. KS stated that security have access to a shared calendar and can see where and when all of the clubs are training on site.

Women’s Basketball added that club coaches are also not happy with security, also that some clubs are paying for coaches out of their own budget and not making full use of the time which they are paying for.

Committee wish to mandate RB to chase up with security to open facilities ahead of training sessions so that they can make full use of their 90 minute sessions.

8.2 Keys

Committee as a whole stated that the key situation has not developed since the beginning of the year and that RB states that he is meeting with the university but there is no development

Women’s Basketball requests whether it is possible to put a coded box to hold the keys. KS states that there will be a key sign in/ out procedure, which has been written by SU President, Rafael Garcia-Krailing.

Room requests to mandate RB to provide confirmed dates of when keys will be handed over to the SU.

8.3 Leaking Sports Dome

Women’s Basketball stated the sports dome is leaking. KS confirmed on behalf of RB that the problems has been reported to Simon Badcock in the University.

8.4 Missing Cheerleading Mats

Cheerleading states that they have been chasing up mats which went missing in the university campus move and have been chasing for answers from sabbatical officers. Last communication was with SU President, however they have had no update or reply for some time.

Cheerleading would like mandate Rafael Garcia-Krailing to chase the university to ask where the mats are as they claim to have paid for them out of their club budget for the last 5 years.

8.5 Website Update

Archery asked for an update as to the completion of the website as it is continuing to affect their numbers at training.

Committee agree and would like to mandate RB to create a time line of how and when the website is going to be implemented and training will be given.

8.6 Sports Social Media

Men’s Hockey asked about sports social media and the promotion of sports fixtures around the university. Asked if it is possible to have a fixture list on social media or a fixture board in the SU.

Rest of the BUCS league teams agree and would like to mandate RB and AL to promote weekly fixtures on social media in addition to looking in to implementing a fixture board.

8.7 Sports Promotion Around The University

Following on from the previous point Men’s Hockey asked about the possibility of promoting that is not too late to join a sports team and what sports clubs are on offer around the university to encourage more students to join sports and the raise the awareness of sport around the university.

The room agrees and would like to see further promotion around the university to also encourage students to watch home fixtures.

The room agrees and would like to mandate RB and AL to arrange for promotion around the university on the screens.

Pool and snooker asked about live streaming the competition which they are hosting next weekend.

8.8 Varsity Fixtures

Rugby League asked if those clubs who will not be matched up for a fixture on the day of varsity will be given an alternative fixture to compete in to be a part of varsity.

KS answers on behalf of the elected officers stating there is another Varsity meeting on Thursday 6th December, to which a draft fixture list will be compiled. Final fixture list should be given at the next AU in January.

Netball asked if it will just be first team fixtures competing in varsity. KS answered saying it is looking likely it will be first team only however nothing has been set in stone and it will depend on other fixtures and facility space.

8.9 Water Fountain

Women’s Basketball requested to mandate RB to get a water fountain installed in either the Sports Dome or Pavilion as home and away teams are currently filling their water bottles up with warm water.

8.10 Minibus Booking Form

Archery states that the minibus movement form needs updating as it still says to collect keys from Holdenby.

Mandate RB to ensure form is updated with correct details on.

8.11 Movember Event

MRU promoted Movember charity event on Friday 30th November at Avenue SU.

8.12 Car Parking

Room asked if there was an update on students being able to park for training. KB referred back to Ryan’s report stating it was on going.

Men’s Cricket asked when the car parking pay and display is going to come in to action so they can at least pay and park if that is to be an option.

**9/9 Actions and Mandates**

* RB to provide dates for keys to be handed over
* RB and AL to seek to implement a water fountain either in the Sports Dome or Pavilion
* RB to look to provide all sports teams with more social media and fixture promotion
* RB to provide a timeline with the elected officers of campaigns
* AL to communicate with Titans to chase up creating a partnership
* RGK to reply to cheerleading and chase up the location of their mats
* RB and AL to find out more about the website and more detail about memberships
* RB to find out more about pay and display and when it will be implemented
* RB to ensure minibus movement form is updated

**Date of next meeting:**

10th January 2019