**SOCIETIES COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**DATE: 26 Nov 18**

**PRESENT: Societies Chair**

**Socs PTO**

**VPUD**

**MINUTE TAKER: KR**

**APOLOGIES: see below**

**ATTENDANCE: Societies Committee Representatives- 34 attended in the end**

**1/18 Introduction**

* 1. **Apologies**

Apologies received and accepted from

Midwifery

Nurses

Geography

Decades

Game Changers

Voting

Yes 26

No 0

Abstain 0

* 1. **Accepting Agenda / declaring conflicts of interest**

None received.

* 1. **Previous minutes/matters arising**

none

**2/18 Reports and questions**

**Vice President of Union Development**

Report:

Ryan has

* Working with Uno to increase the buses going past avenue.
* Making sure the art shop is suitable for art students
* Looking at Refreshers, trying to support students wanting to join groups
  + Might do mini-union day
  + Increase sign ups
* Looking at doing Events with Lee Craven
* Having a Christmas market in the learning hub. Groups should contact Ryan if they are interested in attending
* Working on a partnership with Toaster College

Esports: They wouldn’t do a Union Day big, but Varsity is a good chance to advertise

**Voting**

**Yes 19**

**No 0**

**Abstain 13**

**Action: none**

**2.2. PTO Societies**

Report: Met with VPEd to discuss course-based societies. Talked about a sense about belonging and peer group learning. Agreed to be at the Education committee about faculty advocates. Looked at different societies- which faculties have more, which lack societies etc. Agreement between VPUD, welfare, LGBT+ to stop abuse between one group of students to another.

**Voting**

**Yes 29**

**No 0**

**Abstain 5**

**Action: none**

**2.3. Student Councilors**

Report: discussed what was discussed in the previous societies committee meeting. Minutes were accepted.

**Voting**

**Yes 20**

**No 0**

**Abstain 4**

**Action: all (to feed back next month again)**

**3/18 NILE review – Anne**

**Rob Howe and Anne Misselbrook- based in the learning tech department. Reviewing the product Nile. Need student engagement on what students want in the Nile system, how to make it better/more engaging/what tutors should do. The process is to try and figure out what they want so they can get the correct the product that fits this uni.**

**How you can get involved:**

**Tasks available on different Platforms- feedback taken into consideration**

**14 dec 1-6pm. Have 1 hour sessions where you can sign up and try different Platforms**

**Happy to run events to get feedback if requested.**

**How do you sign up?**

**Eventbrite- see link** [**https://nilereview.eventbrite.co.uk**](https://nilereview.eventbrite.co.uk)

**Action: none**

**4/18 Development Committee**

To fold development committee

**Yes 30**

**No 0**

**Abstain 0**

**Didn’t see the point of development committee as it doesn’t do anything.**

**Action- KR (Mary to be informed)**

**5/ 18 Society Varsity**

**Society Varsity: 23rd Jan**

**Karolin did a varsity update, explaining groups would now receive the contacts of the other groups and finalise their activity. Also asked if they wanted t-shirts and suggested an alternative as it’s cold so not many will see the t-shirts. Suggested a society badge. Said that if any more groups were interested they should let Karolin know.**

**Romanian suggested having similar coloured tops.**

**Karolin said this was a good idea and that the society colour was blue. Would double check what colour the Derby t-shirts were.**

**Esports commented they would be coming in their own kit.**

**Action: KR (to get Nigerian society into Varsity)**

**6/18 New Societies Ryan**

**World Society: Combinations of Economics, Development and international relations. About raising awareness on world events, socializing together.**

**Yes 32**

**No 0**

**Abstain 0**

**Global Leadership**

**Yes 0**

**No 0**

**Abstain 29**

**Esports: Are they similar?**

**KR: Have some similarities but one is about management the other about the courses.**

**Socs PTO: Said you can always abstain if unsure**

**Abstained as they weren’t sure of the differences between the two societies. Would like them to come next time to explain what they do.**

**Action KR (inform Global Leadership)**

**BioScience**

**For students interested in Bioscience, they willget together to see museaums/trips/have career events and share their scientific interests.**

**Yes 32**

**No 0**

**Abstain 1**

**Action:**

**7/18 AOB**

**Esports: Organising the applications for Open Days and want to get societies back involved. Wants to know if any societies can give an hour on a Saturday to help with Open days as it increases engagement.**

**Gave his email out to use:** [**Cameron.vanloo@northampton.ac.uk**](mailto:Cameron.vanloo@northampton.ac.uk)

**Early Years: wants contents on screens**

**Ryan said he could do this for them and asked them to send him the content** [**ryan.bradshaw@northampton.ac.uk**](mailto:ryan.bradshaw@northampton.ac.uk)

**Actions: Ryan to get info on screens that societies send him**

**8/18 Date of Next Meeting: January 7th 2019 at the Engine Shed 6-8pm**

If you have any questions please contact Ahmed, the societies chair: [uonsocs.chair@northampton.ac.uk](mailto:uonsocs.chair@northampton.ac.uk)

**All dates of committee meetings at the Engine Shed**

1st October, 5th November, 26th November, 7th January, 4th February, 4th March, 25th April