**SOCIETIES COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**DATE: 28. Feb 19**

**PRESENT: Ahmed**

**MINUTE TAKER: KR**

**APOLOGIES: see below**

**ATTENDANCE: Societies Committee Representatives- 27 attended (on quorum once late comers were included)**

**1/19 Introduction**

* 1. **Apologies**

Apologies received and accepted from

**Christian Union**

**Environmental**

**Midwifery**

**Meditation**

**BLW**

**Conservative**

**AC First Love**

**OT**

**Craft**

**Political debates**

**Airsoft**

**Global Leadership**

**Islamic**

**Geography? 20min late**

**Accept yes 16**

**No 0**

**Abstain 1**

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

None received.

ALL fine with agenda

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

none

**Getting new committees: new committees did not get enough training and lack of awareness on what is currently happening especially when they start half way through the year.**

**Elections: All students were not aware that elections were taking place.**

**Game Changers: training link that was provided – wasn’t clear about how to do things this year.**

**2/19 Reports and questions**

**2.1. Vice President of Union Development**

 Report:

Ryan has

* Green impact campaign with events
* Keys sorted out for Mugas for students to use (not just groups). They can collect the keys from the Engine Shed
* SU talk- Gareth Thomas has been rearranged and Jessica Cunningham is coming next month
* Developing a Friday night for the Platform (metal/rock indie/house techno/rnb urban. Having themed nights that students are involved in
* Sports varsity- getting video together, incl bbq and karaoke

**Action: Ryan (none)**

Accept Yes 16

No 0

Abstain 3

**2.2. PTO Societies**

 None submitted: stepped down

**2.3. Student Councilors**

**Game Changers:**

**Honoury membership to Chetak (meditation) and Matt (Doctor Who)**

**By-law amendments- associate membership by law was approved**

**The society development committee was removed**

**Discussed website issues, fixed a lot of issues but still ongoing**

**Voting approve reports**

Accept 17

No 0

Abstain 5

**Action: all (none)**

**3/18 Deratification**

**Musical Theatre- No longer active and no one went for nominations**

**Yes 22**

**No 0**

**Abstain 2**

**4/18 Ratification of New Societies**

**Theatre.**

**Want to give students opportunities and space to perform which many may have done at school but can’t now esp if they don’t study drama.**

**Have events called Blank canvas: looks at different areas of theatre and drama where members can take part and lead. They want to increase the confidence of people.**

**Yes 26**

**No 0**

**Abstain 2**

**Warhammer**

**Play Warhammer- create figures and play against each other. Plan to do weekly meet ups with tournaments, fun play or just constructing these figures. Great to have a society as they can provide funding for the figures and can have a space to destress and have fun.**

**Esports: before Warhammer failed to start due to lack of interest. How will they prevent this?**

**Warhammer: He is hoping that as there is a store in Northampton can get connections to do painting sessions and increase interest.**

**Yes 27**

**No 0**

**Abstain 0**

**Action: KR ( to set-up).**

**5/ 19 Elections:**

**Voting is on Monday and Tuesday. Get your members to opt in now so they can vote. If they leave it too late and aren’t opted in on Tuesday then they can’t vote as there isn’t enough time.**

**Also please vote for your officers too as they influence the next year.**

**Link:** [**https://northamptonunion.com/elections**](https://northamptonunion.com/elections) **(YOU HAVE TO BE SIGNED IN and a part of your group FOR THIS LINK TO WORK).**

**Dates;**

Voting opens: 4 March @9am – 10pm

Voting closes: 5 March @6pm

**6/19 Website**

Committee Hub- does have links within the text.

Everyone should get members to join their groups

Training will be revised for the start of April so that everyone knows what to do.

**7/19 Doctor Who Name Change**

**Doctor Who have had a decline in membership and want to change the name to attract a wider audience but will continue to do the same sort of activities**

**New name: The doctors science fiction and fantasy society**

**Yes 17**

**No 0**

**Abstain 1**

**8/19 AOB**

**09/19 Date of Next Meeting: 7pm on the 28th February, Engine Shed**

If you have any questions please contact Ahmed, the societies chair: uonsocs.chair@northampton.ac.uk

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

1st October, 5th November, 26th November, 7th January, 4th February, 28th Feb (none in march), **25th April**