**St. George’s Students’ Union**

Meeting of the Executive

Minutes of the 8th Exec meeting

*06/01/14*

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**MINUTES FROM** *06/01/14*

# Business

## Present

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| Lucy O'Reilly | LOR | General Secretary |
| Nathan Eager | NE | Trustee |
| Steven Gilbert | SG | Webmaster |
| Ruth Varney | RV | Senate Elect |
| Ally Hadjaminas | AH | Charities Officer |
| Bhina Patel | BP | Council elect |
| Matt Boon | MB | Tech officer |
| Morgan Hayden | MH | Societies officer |
| Chloe Morgan | CM | Societies officer |
| Chris Raby | CR | VP Finance |
| Natasha Lee | NL | VP Education |
| Michael Lee | ML | Trustee |
| Dheemal Patel | DP | President |
| Corey Briffa | CB | Events Officer |
| Mitzi Munuo | MM | Events Officer |
| Kat Telford | KT | Environment and Ethics officer |
| Georgina Chamberlain | GC | Environment and Ethics officer |
| Izzy Laws | IL | Sports officer |
| Tanisha Amin | TA | Charities Officer |
| Ryan Salisbury | RS | Charities Officer |
| Alice Walker Earwicker | AWE | Council elect |
| Durva Patel | DP | Events Officer |
| Aniqah Rahmin | AR | Events Officer |
| Rahim Esmail | RE | Media officer |
| Nickeel Patel | NP | Media officer |
| Kirsten Shoemaker | KS | Heritage |
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## Apologies

Amma Siriboe

Fran Graham

Jonny Hurst

Jessie Lidstone

Jess Guo

Antara Hayman

## In attendance

## Minutes from the previous meeting

 PASSED

## Matters arising

Top 4 6 month AGM meeting - ONGOING

## AOB

Matt boon – Tech booth security

# Reports

## President

* PASSED
* DP gave a verbal report to supplement his written report
* SG what are the risks to the SU next year that were discussed with Deborah Bowman?
* DP The general election is a risk, the financial cap may come off, space is also an issue, the faculty may be moving, the final year registration may also move.

## VP Finance and Student Activities

* PASSED
* CR gave a verbal report to supplement his written report

## VP Education and Welfare

* PASSED
* NL gave a verbal report to supplement her written report
* RV How are you going to do Chlamydia tests outside the library and maintain confidentiality?
* NL The tests are handed out to everyone and done privately and handed in confidentially

## General Secretary

* PASSED
* LOR gave a verbal report to supplement her written report

## Events Officers

* PASSED
* CB gave a verbal report to supplement their written report
* LOR asked how Events are planning to advertise a Saturday disco
* CB We’re taking to DJs, we are reluctant to hold it on a Saturday but we will try make it a success

## Media Officers

* PASSED
* RE gave a verbal report to supplement their written report
* MB stated that doing requests for Discos are difficult unless the DJs have the songs beforehand
* RE it’s okay if the DJs are adequate and the SU has the tech that will be able to do it
* MB Can you let us know if it is going to happen in the future and we can be prepared

## Sports Officers

* PASSED
* IL gave a verbal report to supplement their written report
* LOR Have you worked out a date for sports ball?
* IL Yes, May 20th provisionally

## Heritage Officers

* Not passed, no one present

## Societies Officers

* PASSED
* MH gave a verbal report to supplement their written report

## Charities Officers

* PASSED
* RS gave a verbal report to supplement their written report
* LOR What are the events you have planned for during the RAG week
* RS Monday – a PR event for charities, a bake sale, Man o man and woman o woman, family fortunes, circles and also a non-drinking event, wine tasting revue and battle of the bands, pram race also a disco.
* CB We still haven’t received the dates for your week when are they?
* RS It starts on the 16th Feb
* DP When is advertising going start, it needs to be done as soon as possible.
* RS We want to do it before exams
* NL How are you going to create hype about the week and make pledges happen
* RS We want to make useful prizes like electronics, we haven’t thought PR through fully
* ML We got an Ipad from skip for very cheap in our year, it might be worth contacting them
* MB DJs in the past have asked for free alcohol which is up to Rich and the bar but please don’t let them drink it in the booth, also Music Soc don’t know the date for battle of the bands
* IL For bucketeering it might be good to do it at a weekend when no-one is on placement

## Community Project Officers

* PASSED, no officers present
* SG What kind of activity is happening on the facebook page?
* DP How many replies do they have about inventories for the CP storage room?

## Technical Officers

* PASSED
* MB gave a verbal report to supplement their written report
* KT There were talks last meeting about access to the music room and issues about this, have you gotten any further with this?
* MB We have a meeting with Socs about this to tidy up the room, get an inventory and look at the contracts

## Equality and Diversity Officers

* NO report and no one present

## Environment and Ethics Officers

* PASSED
* KT gave a verbal report to supplement their written report
* DP Can you get Ian Spires to attend the meeting about the plot too?

## International Officers

* No report and no one present

## Webmasters

* PASSED
* SG gave a verbal summary to supplement their written report

## Council elect

* PASSED
* BP gave a verbal summary to supplement their written report

## Senate elect

* PASSED
* RV gave a verbal summary
* NL Do you want me to email the Year Reps about taking a photo for Year rep board

**3. Society Proposals**

**Ophthalmology Society**

MG – Michael Gallagher

NS – Nick Sawers

AS – Akshay Sirvastava

DC – David Cook

DC – St George’s is lacking an Ophthalmology society, our main aim is education as well as networking. We want to have lectures, tutoring, and apply it to people beyond MBBS course and look at it at a cellular level.

MG We have been in touch with lecturers who are interested. We also want talks about charity work.

AS For finance we will charge a membership to the society to cover lecturers, non members can also come along to lectures and pay to attend

NS All of us have experience in societies and St Georges is the only Medical school without an Ophthalmology Society

**Ophthalmology Society then left the room and the Exec thought of the following questions. Answers in Italics.**

RS – financially what will you need from the SU?

*AS- Not very much as we will cover our costs through memberships, only printing funds for things like Freshers Fayre*

KT – What will be the financial implications of hiring lectures?

*DC – The haven’t implied that they will want money for speaking*

KT – How will you deal with the high demand for space within the SU/Uni?

*NS – We won’t need large rooms so it should be okay*

*AS – We will work with other societies*

GC – What will the special events you mentioned be?

*MG – We will have a talk from a person who has worked abroad in India*

*DC – We want to head in a direction where the society can benefit from people have learnt the pit falls in this career and help students pursuing careers.*

**Ophthalmology Society then left the room and the Exec discussed the following points**

NL – they seem passionate and have a good range on interest

DP – they’re not high maintenance and won’t need the big lecture theatres

IL – they seem to understand the funding level that societies get at St Georges

**Proposal**

DP I propose that we accept Ophthalmology Society as a society of St George’s Students’ Union

Seconded by NL

Accept – 16, Reject – 0, Abstain – 0

**PASSED**

**Krishna Consciousness Society**

NS

AG – Adam Gadhvi

BP

AG gave some background about the Krishna movement. He outline the aims of the society and emphasised it’s a spiritual society rather than a religious one.

NS described how the society can benefit students.

AG explained how the society differed from Mindfulness and Yoga societies at SGSU.

NS explained the activities that the society would run.

NS We will charge a £5 membership fee

BP explained she was on the committee last time and it was successful and well received.

**Krishna Consciousness Society then left the room and the Exec thought of the following questions. Answers in Italics.**

DP – the concept is different but the events are the same as other societies such as Hindu Soc. How will you make sure you are distinct from societies like Hindu soc?

*AG – We are different from them in that we focus on consciousness and they focus on celebrations.*

KT – The events don’t sound regular, what will you do at the meetings you said you had planned to be regular?

*AG – Events are run between universities, the smaller more regular activities will be the seminars ect*

RS – Did you manage to speak to mindfulness society and if so what was the outcome

*AG – The president said they focus on the GMC breathing exercises and we focus on the spirituality side of it*

*NS – We will also focus on dancing and food unlike other societies*

CB – How do you plan to make this society more sustainable that it was in the past

*AG – We have contacts who will help us promote the society and supply us with equipment*

KT – Will your contacts be helping you with finance?

*AG – The trips and retreats will be organised by them and they facilitate it*

DP – How will you fund the retreats and trips?

*AG – The trips are subsidised as they are for students already then students pay to attend*

**Krishna Consciousness Society then left the room and the Exec discussed the following points**

RE- They seems to not want to join with other societies and seem to be distinct

CR – The activities that Hindu soc do that are very similar but don’t cover religion, it seems like Hindu soc should diversify their events.

DP – The events they are proposing are a branch of Hinduism so the events are no different under a Krishna consciousness society

DP- The want to break away and focus

RE – Other societies merge different branches of a religion together so why should they be a different society

MM- It is a non religious society so that is why people may want to attend

RS- They have an external body that will help them

TA – Their ideas are different to Hindu Soc

ML – If they want to focus on something different then we shouldn’t demand Hindu soc run the events that are missing from them. It’s like asking tooting show and musical to be the same

RE – They are part of Hindu soc so it’s different than tooting show and music being different because they sing. Can we change what Hindu soc do?

LOR – we have established they are similar to other societies but we can’t tell if they are going to have interest or not because of the similarities, it seems like something we have to trial as it’s not a risky society to set up

NL – If Hindu Soc ran these events they won’t get the funding from the external group

AWE – We can’t demand Hindu soc to add Krishna Consciousness society as a fraction of it

RE – At other Unis Hindu soc do have fractions like this in their society, in the end it stems from religion so it will go back to religion

**Proposal**

LOR I propose that we accept Krishna Consciousness Society as a society of St George’s Students’ Union

Seconded by RS

Accept – 12, Reject – 1, Abstain – 3

**PASSED**

**4. AOB**

MB – we need more security for the Tech booth, can everyone stop letting people into the booth

IL – we also need tighter security with the sports equipment so can you tell sports teams about this, I will also send out an email