**St. George’s Students’ Union**

Meeting of the Executive

Minutes of the 15th Exec meeting

*28/05/2013*

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**MINUTES FROM 28/05/13**

# Business

## Present

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| Mathew Owen | President |
| Lauren Wellburn | Vice President (Education & Welfare) |
| Katie Jones | General Secretary |
| Daniel Trotman | Chair |
| Stephanie Peters | Events |
| Jonathan Hurst | Events |
| Alexander Read | Events |
| Elliott Mincher | Events |
| Toby Flack | Sports |
| Mohamed Amer | Sports |
| Dheemal Patel | Charities |
| Natasha Lee | Charities |
| Michael Lee | Charities |
| Esme Siriboe | Charities |
| Anjalie Rajapakse | Societies |
| Yan Leung | Societies |
| Claire Nichols | Environment and Ethics |
| Juliet Davidson | Environment and Ethics |

## In attendance

Matthew Martinucci Game Society

## Apologies

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| Nathan Eager | Vice President (Finance & Student Activities) |
| Ray Sacks | Heritage |
| Jack Sugrue | Heritage |
| Mateo Dworkin | Community Projects |

## Minutes from the previous meeting

* PASSED

## Matters arising

* Society officers to email Kay about naming of societies – ONGOING
* Certificates to be emailed round – COMPLETED
* Society/ Club/ Community Project sites on the website to be updated –ONGOING
* MO to email INTO student rep about senate – ONGOING
* Heritage officers to organise a date for Cobras – ONGOING

**ACTION POINT**

DT, MA and LW are to form creative sub team for cobras

* Events to book rooms for summer ball and events – ONGOING

**ACTION POINT**

Events are to update year plan

## AOB

## Vice - President of Education & Welfare

* LW briefly summarised her report and gave a verbal report as well.
* PASSED

## General Secretary

* PASSED

## President

* MO briefly went through his report and gave a verbal report.
* PASSED

## Vice – President of finance and Student activities

* No report submitted and not present for a verbal report.

## Events Officers

* In lieu of a written report events gave a verbal report.
* MO asked if they were still naming it Man vs. food, or was it including women as well. AR replied it was Wo(Man) vs. food.
* MO was worried about the safety AR replied that the chillies were quite safe.
* LW said she wanted to talk to the events officers about having less discos after Part V. CN asked if it had been that way with BSc students, SP replied that there were a lot of other events and it was bad timing.

**ACTION POINT**

LW and events and events zone to discuss events after Part V.

* AR asked if it was worth having a disco after awards DT replied that a majority of the students would still have exams and be in revision. LW suggested that we advertise a drinks offer after awards evening to bring people in from the boardrooms to the bar.
* MO asked if event attendance had been declining throughout the year, or whether it was after Part V. SP replied that this year another reason why people hadn’t showed up at discos was because freshers had been going into central. Mo said that was strange because they were our students and it was cheaper to be in the SU. ML said that the freshers who went out a lot did come to discos and even to less attended discos. AR said maybe if we had less discos and made them into a bigger event. AR did say that there was a lack of change in the SU bar, a lot of students did want to go and see London and go out there, and didn’t mind the expense, as they wanted the experience. LW pointed out that there would always be this time in freshers where they wanted to go out in London. She added that pre-events in halls might build up momentum and encourage more people from halls to go to discos. ES said that people were working a lot more and that the student experience had changed.
* PASSED

## Media Officers

* No report and officers are absent.

## Sports Officers

* MA gave a verbal report to supplement the written report.

## Heritage Officers

* Officers weren’t present but the report was here.
* Blossom will be here in June, rumour has it that boris Johnson will unveiling blossom.

**ACTION POINT**

DT is to contact Heritage Officers to discuss Cobra t-shirts.

* PASSED

## Community Projects Officers

* PASSED

## Technical Officers

* PASSED

## Environment & Ethics Officers

* JD and CN gave a brief verbal report to supplement their written report.
* TF asked if Rob Lowe were aware of the eco-gym, and CN replied that they were and they were involved. She briefly explained what it was.
* AR asked if could be broken down into flats, JD said that she had spoken to the person in charge and said it was in blocks. But CN said that they would go back to halls and double check.
* PASSED

## Equality & Diversity Officers

* PASSED

## Charities Officers

* They gave a verbal report in lieu of their written report.
* ML asked MO if he had received any charity money. He replied no.
* PASSED

## International Officers

* PASSED

## Societies Officers

* AR gave a verbal report to supplement their written report.
* YL asked if there were any ideas about staff members to speak at awards ceremony. KJ said maybe Deborah Bowman might be available.

# Year Plan

MO updated the exec on election plans explaining that he was away for three days and encouraged everyone to give in nominations form. AR asked about the process of nominations, MO prohibited AR from talking to anyone about elections.

DT asked if there was a date for AGM.

**ACTION POINT**

DT and MO are to organise a date for AGM.

DT reminded everyone about exec Hustings and year rep Hustings next week. DT also reminded everyone about the rules of campaigning and nominations. There was some discussion on the constitutional rules about members of exec campaigning for a candidate. LW clarified that no member of exec can sign a nomination or could propose a candidate for a position. TA wondered if this should be bought to AGM.

# Game Society

MM gave a presentation about the society he wanted to set up; he talked about how he wanted to set up a society about gaming. He said he wanted to set up tournaments for different video games. He also talked about a ‘real-life’ Pac-Man event, whereby they would have people dressed as ghosts and other obstacles and players would have to get round them.

**Questions**

LW asked if they had members that wanted to get involved but did not have laptops etc, how he would ensure that the society was still inclusive. MM replied that he’d managed to get a donation of 15 computers that were ready to be set up for video games that people could use.

DT asked what board games and card games events he would do. MM gave a list of the board games he wanted to get people involved in.

KJ asked about funding for the society as the exec was worried that it would coast a lot. MM said that most of the games he was planning on using would be free. KJ then asked about storage for the computers, and MM said that the RAG room looked sufficient.

DT mentioned that they a games society had been passed before but had become inactive, and how did MM plan on ensuring the longevity of his society. MM replied that he thought TAG had spread itself too thin, and his society would be purely for games. He also said that he wanted people to be interested and hoped that they would then become involved in the running of the society.

**Discussion**

LW did reply that funding wasn’t so much an issue as cheap computers were available. MO did point out that the lack of storage was on our part was that we did need to clear out the RAG room and that they shouldn’t be rejected because of that. ML asked if they could rent out a computer room, LW said it wasn’t feasible for a student to have out of hours for the computer room.

KJ pointed out that we did have cloakroom for discos and if computers were stored in it then they could be broken. AR said that a lot of RAG room stuff was part of dead societies, and that we could get rid of it. LW said that it needed a long-term plan for how to use the RAG room.

TF said it seemed there was little harm in it being a society. MO said that MM seem very involved and had already solved the storage problem. AR said that it would fill a events niche that they had worried about.

PROPOSAL

LW -‘I propose to make Game Society a society of SGSU’ FOR -8, AGAINST-0, ABSTENTIONS – 0. PASSED

# HHS society proposal

No member attended to propose so the society proposal will be rescheduled.

Date of next meeting:

*11th June 2013*