**St. George’s Students’ Union**

Meeting of the Executive

Minutes of the 16th Exec meeting

*09/07/2013*

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# Business

## Present

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| Lauren Wellburn | LW | VP student welfare |
| Katie Jones | KJ | General Secretary |
| Nathan Eager | NE | VP finance and student activities |
| Tom Arjomandi | TA | Council Elect |
| Alexander Reid | AR | Events Officer |
| Jonny Hurst | JH | Events Officer |
| Mohamed Amer | MA | Sports Officer |
| Charolotte Cockerill | CC | Media Officer |
| Toby Flack | TF | Sports Officer |
| Claire Nichols | CN | Environment and Ethics Officer |
| Dheemal Patel | DP | Charities Officer |
| Yan Leung | YL | Societies Officer |
| Anjalie Rajapakse | AR | Societies Officer |

## In attendance

Joseph Morwood – Health and Holistic society

Gary Chew – Cardiology Society

## Minutes from the previous meeting

* PASSED

## Matters arising

* Chair to speak to events officers – COMPLETED
* Top 5 to talk about the strategic plan - COMPLETED

## AOB

# Reports

## Vice - President of Education & Welfare

* LW gave a verbal summary of her report and added some words of wisdom for next year’s executive.
* PASSED

## General Secretary

* KJ gave a verbal summary of her report.
* PASSED

## President

* PASSED

## Vice – President of finance and Student activities

* NE gave a verbal summary of his report; he thanked LW for all her hard work.
* TA asked about the unbalanced books found at trustee meeting, NE said Mike was looking into it.
* PASSED

## Events Officers

* AR gave a verbal summary of his report, and added that they were unsure about Part IV role was.
* KJ said maybe a good idea was to collect song requests as this seemed to be popular.
* LW suggested a happy hour to run through the disco.

**ACTION POINT**

Events officers to meet with MO to discuss happy hour at Part IV

**ACTION POINT**

Events to meet with Heritage Officers to discuss Animal house event on 25th July.

* PASSED

## Media Officers

* PASSED

## Sports Officers

* In lieu of a written report TF gave a verbal update.
* KJ mentioned that emails would switchover on the 1st August.
* LW mentioned that it might be a good idea to look up the global sponsor mentioned in the trustee board meeting.
* TF said to be careful when they look into this as some teams already had current sponsors.
* PASSED

## Heritage Officers

* Absent without a report

## Community Projects Officers

* Absent without a report

## Technical Officers

* Absent without report

## Environment & Ethics Officers

* CN gave a verbal report instead of a written report.
* PASSED

## Charities Officers

* DP gave a verbal report to supplement their written report.
* PASSED

## International Officers

* Absent without a report

## Societies Officers

* AR gave a verbal report to supplement the written report.
* PASSED

***3.Health and Holistic Society***

JM gave a brief presentation about the aims of their society. He talked about events that they had planned including events by Carwyn Hooper and Deborah Bowmen.

* KJ asked how they would appeal to other courses as it appears to be geared towards medical students? JM said that they specifically used the term healthcare as they didn’t want to target just one area. They waned to throw some events that would appeal to other courses such as a creative writing competition.
* LW asked if they attracted more attention would they ask the S.U for funding for external speakers? JM said they would see what the numbers were and see how much interest there was before thinking about that. He said there was scope to expand and get speakers in from far away, but they wanted to spend their first year building up the society.
* TA said he knew that they were heavily involved in the medical ethics society and asked if there would be a conflict of interest? JM said he knew there had been joint society events with the ethics society and didn’t see why that wouldn’t be an option for this society. JM said he didn’t see much conflict as the ethics society involved more medical law and they wanted to be more philosophical. JM said they wanted to try some different approaches outside a lecture theatre.

DT briefly went through the process, and talked new exec through the whole rejection and acceptance process. KJ remarked that surely George’s lecturers covered some of the curriculum. JH disagreed and said that more ethics needed covering. LW agreed.

TF said it seemed like an addition to the university and was a good idea. MA said that they both seemed passionate about it. TA said that they seemed realistic and his only concern was about the conflict of interest but that was resolved.

**PROPOSAL**

LW ‘I propose that we accept Healthcare and Holistic Society as a society of St George’s’. Seconded NE.

FOR – 10 AGAINST- 0 ABSTENTIONS- 0.

PASSED

# *Cardiology Society*

GC gave a brief presentation about what they wanted to do woth their society. He spoke of linking up with cardiac research programmes to help with SSC’s and projects. Also they wanted to get involved in the community and volunteer with cardiac risk in the young charities. They spoke of more ECG teaching and clinical skills exams focused on cardiology to help students not just medical students. GC added that in terms of funding they would approach sponsors and charities to help them.

* NE said that there was quite a lot of cardology teaching at George’s already and how would they ensure that what they teach doesn’t conflict with the curriculum? GC said they would have a disclaimer, but also that most of their teaching would come from people who were already qualified. ?? said that they wouldn’t be teaching anything not already taught and that a lot of students wanted more cardiology teaching.
* TA asked what they would do with subs fees? GC said he wanted to keep subs low but at the moment they didn’t have any ideas for what they would spend it on.
* YL said that a lot of their community work already overlapped with TBH and how would they make sure this wasn’t a problem? GC said they would talk to them before they did anything and stop any misconceptions.
* AR asked if they had already started building bridges with other societies? GC said his vice-president would approach a staff member to act as a patron for the society and they would do that when they were official.
* AR asked about their supplementation of the PBL style and if they could elaborate on that? GC said that most of their cardiology teaching was through PBL and didn’t allow greater detail.

TA said that he thought it wasn’t the most well thought plan he’d ever seen but he thought that as George’s was so good at cardiovascular medicine and a cardiology society was needed.

KJ said she was worried about the inclusivity, as it sounded geared towards clinical courses.

CN said that it sounded more like a tutoring scheme and was it the place for a society to offer that. TA said that societies did supply a need and that just because mostly appealed to medics shouldn’t stop it. TF agreed with this and said that cardiology was a very wide area.

NE said that a few years ago this would have been difficult to pass but now that we have specialist societies, it would be hard to say no and we should help to guide them. KJ said she was worried about two points, that they felt they hadn’t had enough teaching and were just trying to fill a hole by creating this. YL said that it seemed more exclusive but they just needed to publicise the fact that anyone could join, she said that they had events that were non-clinical and they seemed to have dealt with the overlap to the curriculum well. TA said it was the least specialist out of all the specialist societies, and just because they were in their first year didn’t mean that they shouldn’t be passed. He added that he knew they were enthusiastic and would put in the effort. CN said there were views both ways and it seemed like they would be a good addition.

**PROPOSAL**

CN ‘I propose to neither accept nor reject Cardiology Society as a society of SGSU’. Seconded by TF.

CN gave a one minute speech about how they had a lot of enthusiasm and that they needed more guidance and help with their inclusivity. KJ added a point that when considering a new society we shouldn’t just think about the financial burden but also the administrative burden.

FOR- 6 AGAINST-0 ABSTENTIONS- 2.

PASSED

**ACTION POINT**

Societies and VP finance to meet with GC to discuss the society proposal.

***5. Freshers Plan – September 2013***

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| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun |
|  |  |  |  |  | P week meet and greet Selkirk/G&M | P week meet and greet SU Bar |
| 2DAY -GeocashingEVENING - Sushi &Sake | 3Freshers FayreMums and Dads | 4FTSE& Quiz | 5RAG EVENTTBC | 61920s CASINONIGHT | 7Exec Away Weekend | 8Exec Away Weekend |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21Meet and greetSelkirk/G&M | 22Meet and greet SU Bar  |
| 23Freshers FayreBk 2 Skl | 24Cpo Evening/MCD | 25Sports and societies circlesTBC | 26Mums & Dads | 27Toga  | 28Fresher’s BrunchLaser Quest | 29Laser quest?Mixed Family? |
| 30Family Quiz | 1WW8 | 2Socs/sports circlesTBC | 3COMEDY NIGHT | 4UV Foam  | 5Zorbing? | 6Freshers Ball  |