

ResExec Minutes

Tuesday 29th March 2011

Chair; Jonny Kirby, Vice President Housing and Community
Secretary; Nyssa Koring, Student development manager

In attendance by RA Committee;

Aitken, Beeches, Elgar, FOCSOC, Hunter, Jarratt, Maple, Mason, Pritchatts, Shackleton, Tennis Court, Victoria

1. Register and Apologies

Apologies received from; Emma – Beeches, Rhianna – Elgar, Grace – Elgar, Husein – Victoria, Beth – Beeches, Ellen – Pritchatts, Holly – Jarratt, Sara – Tennis, Henry – Jarratt, Chris – Mason, Tim - Maple

2. Vale Management Concerns

JK has spoken about RA issues with Leslie Stewart who is taking them up with the Vale managers. She has agreed that these sound like issues but has urged RAs to keep the faith as both teams are on the same side – improving the Student experience. If there are still issues, contact JK and Leslie may begin to attend meetings to support you.

3. Summer Balls / Winter Balls

Anil gave out the details off what money would be leaving RA accounts to pay for summer balls. NK informed the RAs that this is why some of the new deadlines are in place for the summer balls.

NK reminded RAs that deadline for proposals was 10th April.

4. Club Promoters – courtesy and suppliers list

Just a reminder that if you are changing or cancelling an event, as well as letting the Guild know, you also need to let the club promoter know as soon as possible so they can make relevant changes.

NK gave out a copy of the suppliers list pick'n'mix and also a list of club nights covered by the suppliers list. RAs CAN do events which are not on the suppliers list, but they must go through Adam and they must be for different types of nights out.

5. Contracts and purchase orders

Reminder that all contracts have to be bought into the Guild to be signed.

NK went through the purchase order procedure – it is the RAs responsibility to complete purchase orders and these should be done as soon as the proposal has been signed off.

6. Referendum

Is a Guild wide referendum happening next term, this is to ask the question of whether the Guild should support the UCU with their strikes or not.

There may be paper balloting for the referendum, if this is the case, than RAs should promote the ballot in their Hall.

7. Freshers Week

University are producing their own booklet including all activities in freshers week – potentially including RA events. Nothing has been ironed out yet in terms of what RAs will be expected to do – we will keep in touch with you.

8. Around the RAs

Maple – are going to reschedule Newquay trip as there was a lot of interest but people unable to attend due to exams and field trips. Working on getting a maple tree. Also looking at a volunteer project to help

brighten up the area – possibly for freshers week. Have been getting feed back on guild council votes and motions and are working on the locks on the doors

Mason – film night went really well and dare night had a lot of interest, including international students. Also noticing different students at each event. Noticeboards will be up next week. Recycling initiative is going really well. Busy looking at the Ball but have problem with minimum numbers

Pritchatts – doing pool league at moment and just did last pub quiz of the term. Had good turn out for film night and working on summer ball at the moment. Got problem with Sky but have a meeting to sort out.

Beeches – no plans at moment, but working on summer ball, BBQ and go karting. Also looking at a suggestion box

Aitken/Chelwood – stairs are now fixed. Preparing events for next term including Alton Towers and a Mr World competition

Elgar – doing well in intraleague teams. Held foot ball tournament. Raised £1720 on Cardiff rag raid – everyone who went is asking for another event. Looking at summer ball, recycling bags. Got problem with accommodation viewing day

Hunter – Alton Towers has sold out so looking at second trip. Site Management is good and recycling bags are sorted. Snooker table is getting repaired. Colourfest is going ahead and also looking at getting paddling pools. Having problems with a family spending a lot of time at Hunter and possibly sleeping over – speaking to site management. Looking at BBQs, ball, and charity event around Birmingham

Victoria – Cadbury world trip went well, going to colourfest, looking at getting picnic tables, working with site management more. Want to do some BBQs. Looking at summer ball. Selling hoodies. Want to do a bucket shake at Villa but is long waiting list. Want to do survey about summer events and got to semi finals in football (6 a side).

Tennis Court – doing summer ball with Shackleton, doing a RAG raid, want to do an inter block competition, joined with Shackleton for the March, won hockey, looking to sort out Alton Towers proposal. Trouble with site management and them asking us to pack our equipment away.

Shackleton – raised £67 for comic relief. Went to March, Ming Moon event sold out in two hours – want to do another event. Have a site meeting and will be asking about getting BBQ pits and slush puppies at Rios. Getting twitter and blog and also looking to Alton towers, paintball and freshers ideas. James wants to get clothes horses for freshers.

FOCSOC – joined on the March, raising money for Japan with sponsored leg, chest and beard wax (John), not doing a summer ball, and doing colourfest.

Jarratt – Jamhouse event went really well with lots of international and postgraduate students. Curry event all international and post graduate students. BBQ pits are fixed. Site Managers said would fix a problem which hasn't. Problems with coach bookings as they will only pick up from the Goose.

9. HAS Video

Looking for three volunteers on Friday to film a new video for the website about the Halls

10. Accommodation Viewing Day

Is confusion about the accommodation viewing day. Jonny to find out more and contact RAs about what they need to do

11. Operational issues – shipping details on website

Please make sure shipping details are being completed on the ticket website as there have been a lot of problems and very soon, we will start removing people from the site who are consistently getting it wrong

12. AOB

GMTG – talked about their summer musical event and asked RAs to get in touch if they were interested in running an event

Freshers Committee – just looking at basic things at the moment such as size and length of freshers fest and also club nights – will involve RAs more in the future.

AMG – looking at getting new laundrette at Tennis Court, trialling bins in Selly Oak, possibility of splitting freshers by Halls and interest – this is only preliminary at the moment and would happen in the distant future (although RAs generally disliked the idea), contract secured for the mentor scheme and another mixing event will be happening, looking at seven day meal plan which would also work on campus. Community warden contract has been extended, there are new fire regulations in Halls – all calls now have to be verified, building a new cost cutter with old cost cutter potentially becoming a pizza parlour, looking at laundry prices and free water machines.

SpresExec – rugby sevens tournament is signed off and happening on 8th May. Will be 14 teams and would like you to come down and support the event. Looking at getting a minibus to ferry people about. Going to have DJ, food and bar for spectators. Also looking at doing a sports day on the vale for after exams.

VolExec – working with HAS sustainable project co-ordinator. Earth hour went well but not enough knowledge, looking at day in freshers and also recycling cans for the rainforest project run by the local animal centre.

Costa Del Brum – has been cancelled but may happen in 2012

Volunteer Timesheets – will now be bought to meetings, you can put them in the box on the way out, or continue doing the forms as normal at the counter.

SHAC – JK to send a message round about SHAC, please promote

Guild Council meeting – speak to Phil Emmerson if you have questions or feedback about Guild Council as he is attending a review

Easter Opening - we are open, email will come round outlining times. NK away for a lot of the holiday.

Adam Craig – interested in providing hoodies for Halls. Adam Craig to prepare some info and come to next ResExec.