

Activities Committee Meeting Wednesday 7th February 2024

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Harry Brooks, Activities & Employability Officer (AEO) (Chair) Cat Hardiman, Sports Officer (SO) Alice Liu (TL), International Officer (IO) Matthew Widdop Syed Syed Khader Sadath Wan Chan

Staff members in attendance: Abigail, Senior Student Groups Coordinator (AG) Samantha Macbeth, Student Activities Manager (SM)

Quoracy for this meeting is: 6 (Met)

Trigger Warnings:

Item No.	Item Title	Brief Summary of Agenda Item	Actions
Start			
1	Welcome & Introductions	HB welcomes everyone.	
2	Updates Since Last Meeting	Present HB, CH, TL, MW, SS, WC AG, SM AG gives overview on sub-group minutes from recent meetings.	



3	Constitutional Changes	Present HB, CH, TL, MW, SS, WC AG, SM Christian Union *AG opens the constitution* AG: - "This was originally rejected, and they have asked for clarification". HB: - "Reject the current wording and suggest an alternative?" TL agrees. SM: - "If they are running for committee, it is expected they support the group objectives" "But bylaws state that you cannot restrict members or committee members based on faith" "You could reword but this could still lead to restriction so there is a risk". MW agrees and believes it shouldn't be approved. *AG opens email from Christian Union* TL: - "Do we need a consultation on freedom of speech based on the email?" MW and HB agree that this is not necessary.	
		speech based on the email?"	



SM suggests an option to look at the freedom of speech issue.

MW disagrees as anyone should be allowed on committee.

Voting:

HB voted against rejecting the line completely and voted in favour of adjusting the wording.

CH, TL, MW, SS, WC agree to reject 2.1.6.

RESULT:

- Constitutional Change Rejected.

Malaysian

AG:

 "An MNight Coordinator runs the MNight event and oversees communications between the Guild and Society regarding the event".

HB:

- "Change typo on 15.1".

Voting:

HB, CH, TL, MW, SS, WC agree to approve constitutional change.

RESULT:

- Constitutional Change Approved.

ACTION:

- Amend 15.1 typo.



<u>Japan</u>

TL questions wording.

AG clarifies wording.

SM:

- "It is worded like two people doing one role".

Voting:

HB, CH, TL, MW, SS, WC agree to approve constitutional change.

RESULT:

- Constitutional Change Approved.

Education

Voting:

HB, CH, TL, MW, SS, WC agree to approve constitutional change.

RESULT:

- Constitutional Change Approved.

Shooting

AG explains request.

Voting:

HB, CH, TL, MW, SS, WC agree to approve constitutional change.



RESULT:

- Constitutional Change Approved.

<u>Poker</u>

HB:

- "The running of cash games does pose a risk, but I don't believe we have any kind of ban against gambling".
- "Coordinators should ensure thorough riskassessment and potential cash limit".

CH:

- "This could become a gateway so there does need to be support for a student just in case it leads to gambling".
- "We should have a cap".

SS agrees with CH.

SM:

- "The value of money changes so the impact the cap has could change".
- "The group could have an input on what the cap should be".

MW clarifies laws.

Voting:

HB, CH, TL, SS, WC agree to approve constitutional change.

MW does not vote due to conflict of interest.

RESULT:



	- Constitutional Change Approved	
	Kickboxing Voting: HB, CH, TL, MW, SS, WC agree to approve constitutional change.	
	RESULT: - Constitutional Change Approved.	



4	Emergency Grant Requests	Present HB, CH, TL, MW, SS, WC AG, SM BEAT HB states that there are charity law issues and asks whether they have been given clarification. AG: - "We have not heard back currently". SM: - "Constitution specifically states fundraising for BEAT and no other charities, the ball money is not going to just BEAT as it is a collaboration" "This has brought around a larger question about what is acceptable for fundraising groups" "HB and CH could have a meeting with Finance to understand the restrictions to advise the committee for future allocations". HB: - "Defer case until we understand further the information about charity law." RESULT: - Grant Request deferred until next meeting.



Harry Potter Society

HB:

 "Some money is allocated, but not all due to a potential penalty because they missed the deadline".

AG:

- "They have had VAT refunded so they have had some money back on coaches".

HB:

- "They haven't given information as to why they missed the grant".

CH:

- "Some should be given but not the full amount due to deadline missed".

TL agrees:

- "£100?"

SS:

- "£200?"

WC:

 "Agrees and that we should give half of £445".

CH:

 "£200 is ok but that's what we were initially going to give, which doesn't include give penalty with deadline missed"
 HB suggests £100 as a good medium point.

Voting:

HB, CH, TL, MW, SS, WC agree to give emergency grant.



End	 - "If only partial funding is given then, consistency should be considered". Voting: HB, CH, TL, MW, SS, WC agree to reject grant. RESULT: Emergency Grant rejected. Reason: It doesn't meet criteria for emergency grant funding as the events are not unforeseen circumstances. End of Meeting Sub-Group Meeting will commence. 	
	consistency should be considered".	ACTION: - Provide criteria for emergency grant to the society to help with understanding of the criteria.



Date & Time of next meeting: 21/02/2024 at 1:00pm to 2:30pm