

MedSoc Executive Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 23rd August 2023, 5-7pm

Present:

Grace Westland, MedSoc President (Co-Chair, GW)
Harry Brooks, Activities and Employability Officer (Co-Chair, HB)
Maeve Mulchrone, Vice President Academic (MM)
Jamie McGinn, Secretary (JM)
Holly Wilson, Societies and Charities Rep (HW)
Anna Lewis, Sports Rep (AL)

In Attendance:

Jodie Stilgoe, Senior Student Groups Coordinator, note-taking (JS)

Apologies:

Ysabel Mendoza, Treasurer (YM)

ITEM FOR DISCUSSION	NOTES	ACTION
Group Constitution Amendments – for approval GW	 Dance MDX agreed that all changes can be approved except the core three roles (President, Treasurer, and Secretary. MDX suggested Dance could have a Vice President, Vice Treasurer or Vice Secretary instead. Another suggestion was for there to be designated Show roles e.g. a 'Show Treasurer' and 'Show Chair' MDX agreed that the amended constitution could be resolved via email resolution 	JS to send constitution feedback to Dance and Teddy Bear Hospital.
	Rugby	JS to inform Rugby of constitution approval

	membership fee is required for the group to function will be required from TBH before this request is considered further - MDX noted potential issues with offering a degree-long membership. These included: unfairness of someone on a masters or intercalating vs. a standard degree length, the fact that it is a volunteering group and typically these groups do not charge a membership fee, it may be a barrier for people joining if they only wanted to join for a year or two.	
New Group Proposals – for approval – GW	 Table Tennis MDX agreed that the constitutional aims of the group should include an objective around playing table tennis MDX suggested for Table Tennis to include a 'pay as you go' membership option for students. This is a suggestion and not a requirement. MDX agreed that an amended constitution could be circulated for email resolution 	JS to give TT MDX feedback
MedSoc Drop Ins – for approval – JS	 MDX approved the new drop in dates for term 1: Wednesday 6th September 5-7pm Wednesday 27th September 5-7pm Wednesday before Grant Weekend (pending the confirmation of Grant Weekend dates), 5-7pm JS also gave an overview of the new drop safe function at the Guild which MedSoc are able to use to deposit cash. MM and GW raised the possibility of ticketing / signing up to drop in dates as a measure for expected attendance. It was suggested that this should be decided by the groups themselves. MM will ask Presidents to vote via poll in the President chat and present feedback to MDX and Guild. 	Dates approved. MM to create a poll in President chat to see whether there is a demand for drop ins to be ticketed
Website – for discussion – GW/JS	JS raised that Student Activities have received many emails from MedSoc groups about not having access to edit their group webpage on the MedSoc webpage yet. GW noted that the website rep this year has not yet completed the admin access task to allow societies to be able to do this. - GW to send an introduction email for JS and Website Rep - JS to set deadline for Website Rep to complete admin access task	GW to send an introduction email for JS and Website Rep JS to set deadline for

	GW noted that the website costs MedSoc committee £250 per month to maintain and will pick up with MDX and Website Rep after welcome week whether or not the website is needed or whether it needs to be changed so that there is less expenditure or utilising the website to make the website expenditure worth the costs	Website Rep to complete admin access task
QE Placement Support – for discussion – GW/JS	MDX spoke about the recent media articles around the Queen Elizabeth Hospital's bullying culture. MDX are going to do a general signposting wellbeing post on their social media.	Noted
Welcome Week – updates - HB/JS/GW/HW	HB gave updates on sponsorship agreements. There were no further questions on this from MDX. HW gave an update on the MedSoc Fair - Dance are performing at various parts of the day - Going to offer out a stall for Table Tennis as a new group - HW has received 4 additional requests for a stall. The late submissions were due to email account access issues and so these 4 late requests will be incorporated into the current layout plan - MedSoc agreed on a stance that any MDS academic related societies are able to have a stall at the MedSoc Fair even if they are not a MedSoc group. No other non-MedSoc group will be granted a space at the fair. - MDX sought clarity what the Guild stall will be advertising. JS clarified that this will be promoting the Save a Society scheme and the New Group opportunities.	Noted
AOB	HB asked whether MedSoc is limited to only MDS students. GW confirmed that MedSoc should be accessible and open for any UoB student to join. This may have limitations for members who are part of competitive sports clubs, as NAMS only allow 2 or 3 non-medic students to be able to compete in the league. However, there is still opportunity for members to be able to take part in friendly matches and trainings for the sport.	Noted
	JS gave an overview of External Memberships. JS to present options to MDX for how External Memberships will	JS to work out how

work within their current membership process administratively. This will be done via email discussion and email resolution.	external membership s fit into MedSoc structure and provide an update to MDX
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