

Minutes

Communities Zone Executive Committee Meeting

26/02/2020



There was a meeting of the Students' Union Communities Zone Executive on **Wednesday 26th February** from **13:00-14:30** in **C.2B46**

In order to ensure the meeting is kept to time please ensure all attached papers are read in advance.

IN ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Members Present
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| Joshua Muirhead | JM | VP Communities |
| Chloe Whyte | CW | Union president |
| Hannah Dry | HD | Sustainability Officer |
| Cian Ireland | CI | Housing Officer |
| Marie Stadler | MS | International Officer |
| Svea Horn | SH | Co-Curricular Officer |
| Charlene Grigatis-Schickler | CGS | Student Representative |
| Emily Hencher | EH | Student Representative |
| Clemens Ziesek | CZ | Student Representative |
| Euan Stainbank | ES | Student Representative |
| Daniel Deery | DD | Student Representative |
- 1.2 In Attendance
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| Karen Fulton | KF | (proposed) Mooting Society President |
| Samali Weerasekera | SW | (proposed) Tri Alpha Sorority President |
| Pauline Konwerski | PK | (proposed) Tri Alpha Sorority Treasurer |
| Arlana Yessenbayena | AY | (proposed) Tri Alpha Sorority Secretary |
| Adam Davidson | AD | LGBTQ+ President |
- Plus 6 other members from the proposed Tri Alpha Sorority Society
- 1.3 Observers
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| Elaine Shepherd | ESh | Activities & Volunteer Coordinator |
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- 1.4 Apologies
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| Sam Ormiston | SO | Media Officer |
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- 1.5 Absent without Apologies

MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

Approved by MS, seconded by CZ

ELECTIONS & RESIGNATIONS

- 3.3 Union Election dates can be found at:
<https://www.stirlingstudentsunion.com/representation/elections/>
- 3.4 Education Zone- Resignation of James Douglas, Engagement Officer **CHALLENGES TO ORDER PAPER**

DISCUSSION AND DECISION TOPICS

- 4.1 Mooting Society Starter Pack
- KF** Presented starter pack and the employability benefits that mooted societies have.
- ES** Asked about the current Law and ELSA societies and would this not impact their membership.
- KF** Mooting is an essential part of the Law and LLB degree and students need to be able to practice these skills. Also, most other universities have a mooted society.
- EH** Pointed out that the law society have a master and mistress of the moot.
- KF** Due to the other commitments and aims of the society mooted is not being given the attention that students require.
- KF left the room*
- ES** Reiterated the point that this will be a 3rd law based society and it may be issues within the current societies' committee as opposed to requiring a new society.
- DD** Agreed with this point and also that it may be expensive for law students to afford 3 societies. It is also worth noting that the committee in this new society are also part of law which may identify an issue within

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that other current society and maybe they could look at improving mooting within the society which already exists.

MS It is not up to CZEC to tell students what society is or is not required if a need and interest has been identified.

EH There are also mooting societies at other Universities so there is precedent for this.

CZEC voted with 4 abstentions, 4 for and 2 against. Passed. ESh will email KF with the outcome but point out the concerns of CZEC and suggest that communication is kept clear between Law, ELSA and mooting and that it is communicated to all members and new students which society (potentially all) it is best for them to join, based on the stage they are at in their law degree or their interests.

4.2 Tri Alpha Starter Pack

SW Presented starter pack and unprompted justified the reason for this society in addition to the current Sorority ZKP currently on campus. This will have a more academic focus. Many of the members at CZEC are members of the current Sorority and have identified a requirement for this one and potentially more Greek Systems societies who will have different aims.

The core committee plus the 6 other member left the room.

ESh Provided background for the Greek Systems Society and how they were originally started as one society but now that there is a new Sorority and the current 'Sorority' and 'Fraternity' (although there is no distinction on current Union systems) seem to be working pretty separate from one another.

ESh to start up society but advise that full committee will need to be included in Starter Pack and address issue of disbanding the Greek Systems Society as a whole and having the different Fraternities and Sororities listed separately.

4.3 LGBTQ+ Constitutional Review

CZEC Happy to pass if policies from template constitution e.g. E,D&I and data protection are included and reference to 'disciplinary' were omitted.

ESh to email LGBTQ+ with proposed changes.

4.4 True Crime Constitutional Review

Unanimously passed by CZEC.

4.5 Club Grant review

JM took the committee through the club grant and advised of remaining balance. No applications.

4.6 Discussion/ideas on Club Grant raffle charities.

Suggestions for raffle included Dementia Charity, Citizens Advice, Forth Valley Welcome and Keep Scotland Beautiful.

ESh/JM to create a poll for these charities for club forum and have letters for raffle available for next meeting ahead of clubs ball.

REPORTS / PRESENTATIONS

5.1 VP Communities Update

Report provided and discussed online conduct.

5.2 Co-curricular Officer Update

Reported on Aussie Action Week, First Step and other activities.

5.3 Sustainability Officer Update

Advised on recycling video and other campaigns.

5.4 Housing Officer Update

Advised on work with Tenancy Union and other housing projects.

5.5 International Students Officer Update

International Festival plans and Brexit Lawyer sessions.

5.6 Media Officer Update

Absent with apologies.

DATES TO NOTE

6.1 Clubs Ball tickets on sale and nominations open- 3rd February

6.2 Clubs Ball nominations close- 6th March

6.3 Clubs Ball- Thursday 9th April

6.4 RATE nominations open

6.5 Union Election dates can be found at:

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

9.1 TBC