



# Executive Committee

## Minutes

**date:** Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 08  
**time:** 6.00pm  
**location:** Directors Meeting Room, Manor House, Chalfont Campus

**Present:** Callum Judge, Yvonne Worrall, Tom Foy, Ben Robinson, Yasmin Omar (Chair), Ashley Ware, Sam Lemmon, Karen Yates, Chris Barlow, Tremaine Douglas, Chris Klasinski

**In attendance:** Terry Ruffhead, Mal Edgson (Secretary), Tessa Dumbelton in place of Yasdan

	Item	Lead
1	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> Claire Breen, Chris Clark, Chris Miller, Rebecca Djemi	
2	<b>Elections – to conduct elections for positions remaining vacant</b>	
3	<b>Approval of minutes from previous meeting:</b>	
4	<b>Review of ACTION SHEET</b>	
4.1	<b>Accessibility of Pig Holes for disabled students:</b> This issue was raised and lower boxes are now being used	
	<b>Distribution of Volunteering leaflet at Chalfont:</b> this is now pending and TD will organise	<b>TD</b>
	<b>Training session for CJ &amp; RD:</b> This is being planned for January	<b>MK</b>
	<b>Environmental Society:</b> CK will be starting an Environmental Society and will discuss this with CM	<b>CK</b>
	<b>Climate Change Demonstration in London:</b> This is known to have been advertised	
	<b>Brook St Posterboards:</b> MK to meet Pete Casey regarding Posterboards in Brook Street: we are awaiting a reply	<b>MK</b>
	<b>Rag meeting:</b> minutes are being received later in the meeting	
	<b>Media meeting:</b> KA is known to have had a successful meeting	
	<b>Computer compatibility:</b> This issue has been raised with the relevant people and will report back	<b>BR</b>
	<b>Student voice feedback</b>	
	Better sized classrooms for the group size, electronic submission of assignments, shorter gaps in between lectures, more organised course linked events specifically for disabled students who find it difficult to do this recreationally, other issues collect by Karen included, specific careers advice for Psychology, SPSS software on Iona from LRC, Examples of past essays available for mature students, more help with excel and powerpoint, email drop boxes for essays, LRC open earlier at weekends, stagger essay hand in dates to help students balance work and study, more academic help for student who don't have English as a first language. Tom Foy collected complaints about long gaps between lectures and inappropriate room sizes such as N1.05 and H2 for the groups using them.	
	Chris Barlow does not have an email address MK to sort out	<b>MK</b>
	Varsity visit to Reading: CM to organise a trip to meet Reading Uni.	<b>CM</b>
	Note that Sam Lemmon's email address has changed	<b>MK</b>

5	<b>Note minutes from other Union Committee's : Trustee Board 13 Sep, SMT 6 Oct; RAG:</b> noted subject to YW clarifying that she has not yet been asked to publicise anything associated with RAG	
6	<b>Sabbatical Reports:</b> It was announced that a full presentation on the USA Study Trip will be made at the next meeting	
6.1	<b>Ben Robinson:</b> Ben covered employability work,	
6.2	<b>Yasmin Omar:</b> Yasmin spoke on the subject of community cohesion work specifically our involvement in a responsible drinking campaign run by local police. This ties into a campaign she will be sponsoring around students as good neighbours. The juxtaposition of the fancy dress pub crawl was discussed and the group was reminded that the winner of this event would be the team who had collected the most money for charity not the one who had drunk the most pints!	
7	<b>Financial Report:</b> ME presented a tabled paper on the financial position to 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct 08 which indicates that the Union are on course to achieve their break even budget	
8	<p><b>Feedback on Big Deal</b> (for p/t officers to comment on rollout):</p> <p>TF commented that there appears to be less commitment from team members which might be due to there being no financial pain.</p> <p>JK commented that students appear to be ungrateful and don't recognise how much things used to cost them. It was suggested that JK should write an article explaining this and demonstrating the value. Action JK</p> <p>YW commented that some captains are struggling to get commitment from their players to turnout.</p> <p>It was agreed that this should be the subject of a separate meeting to be convened at AU council.</p> <p>TD commented that he and others had applied late to some teams and were told they were all full. Maybe there should be a second set of trials. It was agreed to look into doing this in term two</p> <p>Callum reported that students were being asked to pay for sports when they had been told it would be free. Callum will check what is causing this confusion. Action Callum</p> <p>CB reported that Ents were holding a refreshers event in Feb when the sports teams could pitch again</p> <p>JK reported that Cheerleading's total playing costs are NOT being covered, some clothing is but not all that is actually necessary for playing in competitions i.e. spankies. JK to take this up with CM</p> <p>Entertainments; TF commented that we should reconsider some of our events. E.g some of the live music is being very poorly supported with some events only attracting 20 or so people.</p> <p>YW stated that we should do the niche events because that is what we are funded for and this is for niche groups of students. Although in some cases we are not getting real value for money and that we are rushing into deals with 'rubbishy' acts.</p> <p>YO was actioned to call an Ents meeting to discuss these issues. <b>Action YO</b></p> <p>YW to look into transport to the Chalfont Zoo night <b>Action YW</b></p> <p>DJ workshop: AW commented that the DJ workshop was not properly arranged at both CH &amp; HW events. The events did not take place. ME to investigate. <b>Action ME</b></p>	<p><b>JK</b></p> <p><b>YO</b></p> <p><b>YO</b></p> <p><b>CJ</b></p> <p><b>JK</b></p> <p><b>YO</b></p> <p><b>YW</b></p> <p><b>ME</b></p>
9	<b>Societies Pack</b> – was approved. JK requested that the presentation be attended to	

		in design terms	
	<b>10</b>	<p><b>LRC Opening Hours:</b> TF reported that the LRC's were now shutting earlier at HW &amp; CH than the agreement made with the students union i.e. 9.30pm rather than 10pm that had been agreed. The computer room hours had not been changed. SL reported that you can use other University libraries that are open 24 hours. It is understood that this is due to financial pressure within the University so had to choose between a small daily cut or a more intensive cut in the vacations.</p> <p>YO committed to go back to re-examine the opening hours with the University based on current usage.</p>	<b>YO</b>
	<b>11</b>	<p><b>Bucks Student:</b> TF asked how we were going to publicise events now it was three weekly. BR reported that we will be advertising a months of events at a time. The decision has also been taken on editorial grounds due to low student involvement in the paper.</p> <p>YO to convene a meeting about generating more copy for the newspaper <b>Action</b></p> <p><b>YO</b></p>	<b>YO</b>
	<b>12</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	<b>YO</b>
	<b>12.1</b>	Student Voice question of the fortnight?	
	<b>12.2</b>	<b>Elections:</b> TD requested to change role to the vacant role of Black Students Officer, it was agreed he should be co-opted. TD agreed to carry on with the Volunteering role until a replacement could be found.	
	<b>12.3</b>	<b>Entertainments Officer:</b> Terry Ruffhead made a speech in favour of his co-opting to Ents Officer. After a secret ballot he was co-opted	
	<b>13</b>	<b>Date and time of next Meeting:</b> Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2009 6pm Room N1.01 Wycombe	