

## **Student Activities Committee**

## A meeting of the committee will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> of February at 3 pm in Group Study Room 11 (Andrew Kean Learning Centre).

## AGENDA

## Invited

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## Present

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## Apologies

K. Simpson (VP Men's Football), M. Halliday (Treasurer and first captain)

## 1. Welcome and apologies

Welcome from the Chair. Apologies from MH and KS but we have their votes from them. When placement starts for SAC panel, we will discuss when is best to host meetings.

will be attending at 4:00 to present her SAC grant. She will not vote in the grant.

## 2. Matters arising

No matters arising. Memberships are still low for societies. A lot of societies do not have committee in place for next year.

## 3. Membership numbers

Club members have not gone up but will do once Arm Wrestling have their constitution in. ISoc's memberships have jumped substantially.

## 4. Applications for new Clubs and Societies

N/A

## 4.1 Adoptions of previous clubs and societies

N/A

## 5. Applications for the Student Activities Committee funding

3 SAC Grant applications.

- Gaming and E-Sports
- Badminton
- ISoc

Even though MH and KS have sent apologies, SAC has agreed to count their votes that they have already submitted.

Gaming and E-Sports - £110.85

JR: Lack of committee. Can't charge membership fees for the society. The members have asked for a Minecraft server. Community Games, Switch, Jackbox – helps with Cost of Living. Helps members play games who can't afford games.

CF: How much charging memberships next year, £10-£15 next year. Are you staying online until September?

JR: collab with RATTS on Tabletop nights. So it can be online and in person.

CF: how do you know that Minecraft is what the students want? Will they move to the server?

JR: Minecraft has many servers. JR can run it remotely and see who has joined and the percentages.

KS: Will gaming fund memberships next year - Yes

KS: [insert KS message]

Voting: JR does not get to vote.

In favour: 5/5

Current balance:

Islamic Society: £300

CF: welcomes

£250 for food. £50 food hygiene certificates. No entry fees. No guest speaker chargers. Membership is free since £0. First time doing Ramadam on campus so they are wanting to try it out and continue it for years to come. Hoping to cater for 50 people. Large Muslim population on campus. Sometimes lonely to break fast and would be nice for everyone to be together. World Hijab day was really successful so they want to keep pushing the events. Committee members are covering cutlery etc.

CF: Training can it be a first or second year student who gets the certificate so you don't need to reapply.

is running for next year and has connections with the caterer.

CF: If you are doing this again next year are you wanting to reapply every year?

Figuring out logistics this year so that we can find sponsorships for next year before Ramadam arrives.

CF: Did you look at Aramak?

breaking fast with their food is not exactly what you give at Iftaar it's more picky food. The caterers that we have are more ethical.

HT: Where on campus?

Conference rooms

CF: Would it be open to just ISoc or open to everyone?

Open to everyone but check with GP if you can/should fast. Educated by the guest speaker.

## KS: [INSERT KS COMMENT]

our other events we do out of pocket.

SAC happy for to stay through voting.

5/5 vote yes.

CF: happy for certificates to go to first/second years and not third years - no.

Current balance:

Badminton: £130.17

HT: Shuttlecocks – plastic for training and feather for BUCS. A lot of shuttlecocks get broken and lost in netting. They'd like a constant reply so that when they play in BUCS next year, they are safe.

JR and MS: why do you need it when you have over **the set of the s** 

HT: we don't know how much BUCS will cost next year.

JR: would you not rather put in for more money for next year?

HT: We thought it would be better to apply for less.

KS: [INSERT KS COMMENT]

HT: will be increasing membership. Transport is expensive next year.

CF: If we approve Badminton for equipment, every other club can apply for equipment and we should give all members the same price.

JR: The club has lost £400 this academic year.

MS: Do you plan to apply for any other grants this year?

HT: No

MH: voted yes

KS: voted no – all clubs should pay for their own equipment because it comes with the sport. Men's Football have paid  $\pounds 250-\pounds 300$  on balls.

CF: What are memberships going to be next year? £65

HT: We want to put expenses on travel next year. We're also looking at getting a sponsor.

Vote: HT does not get to vote. 2/5 for the grant. 3/5 against the grant.

MS: how much did the grant get used last year? If any was left we might as well give them it.

CF: If we had used all the grant, we'd get more. If we didn't use it, we'd get less.

MS: If you didn't have over a grand in your account, we would have said yes. You can apply in the new year.

CF: Use your finances to buy equipment this year. Ask for SAC for travel next year.

CF: Do you think we should promote to more non-SAC members. Yes. How? On Teams.

# 6. LTSU Awards Evening

CF: tables have been organised by club/soc/areas. Group setting not individual seats. If you win you come up and celebrate. At start/end are you happy to be mentioned? Just SAC, no names.

Tickets have sold out. We are now selling celebration awards.  $\pounds 6 - 10$ pm ticket. Please promote.

# 7. Sustainability

Nothing to report

## 8. Communications

Nothing to report.

JR: LTSU is very student facing.

Well communicated and supported by LTSU.

SAC agreed that there was nothing to report on doing anything better.

CF: were elections well promoted?

JR: Yes we got the correct information but unsure how to hype the interest.

CF: Is communication good between committees and members?

HT: yes but I don't think they listen.

# 9. Any Other Business

# Item A: Membership numbers update

<u>October</u>

This is through MSL, so memberships.

Club Members: 343

Society Members: 144

Student Group Members: 456

Most popular societies (in order): Islamic Society, The Gaming and Esports Society, RATTS Most popular clubs (in order): Football (Men), Netball, Dance

#### November

This is through MSL, so memberships.
Club Members: 355 (3.5%<sup>↑</sup>)
Society Members: 150 (4.2%<sup>↑</sup>)
Student Group Members: 474 (3.9%<sup>↑</sup>)
Most popular societies (in order): Islamic Society, The Gaming and Esports Society, RATTS
Most popular clubs (in order): Football (Men), Netball, Cheerleading

## November

This is through MSL, so memberships.

Club Members: 364 (2.5%<sup>↑</sup>)

Society Members: 162 (8%<sup>1</sup>)

Student Group Members: 495 (4.4%<sup>↑</sup>)

Most popular societies (in order): Islamic Society, The Gaming and Esports Society, RATTS Most popular clubs (in order): Football (Men), Netball, Cheerleading

## December

January

This is through MSL, so memberships.

Club Members: 366 (0.5%<sup>↑</sup>)

Society Members: 169 (4.3%<sup>↑</sup>)

Student Group Members: 504 (1.8%<sup>↑</sup>)

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## <u>January</u>

This is through MSL, so memberships.

Club Members: 380 (0.5%<sup>+</sup>)

Society Members: 177 (2.9%<sup>1</sup>)

Student Group Members: 521 (0.7%<sup>↑</sup>)

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## <u>January</u>

This is through MSL, so memberships.

Club Members: 380  $(0\% \rightarrow)$ 

Society Members: 184 (4%<sup>1</sup>)

Student Group Members: 527 (1.2%<sup>↑</sup>)

Most popular societies (in order): Islamic Society, The Gaming and Esports Society, RATTS Most popular clubs (in order): Football (Men), Netball, Cheerleading

# Item B: Student Activities Committee Funding Request: Gaming and E-Sports Society

Club or society	Society
Club or Society name	Gaming and E sports
How much would you like to apply for	£110.85
Is your club/society contributing anything towards this cost? If so how much?	Due to myself and treasurer taking over this soc late, we decided to not charge membership fees until we found our feet.

What would you like to spend this grant on? Please include a breakdown of how the money will be spent.

 The first objective we would like to look at would be a community Minecraft server, this allows us to be add community and is a cheap way for people to enjoy game nights as this would enable us to install a variety of mod packs to have different themed nights. This to last us till September would be £56.74. These values will be able to be seen at the end of the document alongside links to the website. I have researched the capacity we need for our society at this moment, and this is the best fitting.

- 2) Secondly, we would like to have community game nights that people don't have to spend money on, this helps due to us being in a cost of living crisis and it promotes mental wellbeing. We will be looking in the next academic year in expending our community game set with our funds. In the photo it will show discounted price, however the offers ends before SAC. These games will also be held on a Soc game account so it can be passed to future presidents.
  - a. Jackbox 10 £29.49
  - b. Jackbox 9 £24.99
- 3) Therefore, the total is £110.85

#### Why do you require this grant? Please be specific.

I was left with this soc, in September I had no other committee or any resources or funds. I have worked incredibly hard to get this soc on its feet. I am trying to incorporate thecurrent third years within the soc who have been dissatisfied with how the soc has been run and how little meet ups there have been over the year.

It would be lovely to work on the community sense of the soc and let everyone feel included while they still can.

Furthermore, game prices are reaching massive prices with some competitive games reaching £100, so I would like gaming to become a lot more accessible to students.

Current balance

Name and Committee position

Minecraft server info:



Packages and Pricing - Apex Hosting (apexminecrafthosting.com)

Jackbox



On steam website.

## Item C: Student Activities Committee Funding Request: The Islamic Society

Club or Society	Society
Club or Society name:	Islamic Society
How much of the grant would you like to apply for?	£300
Is your club/society contributing anything towards this cost? If so how much?	Yes, £50

# What would you like to spend this grant on? Please include a break down of how the money will be spent.

We are holding our first ever iftaar event at LTU - which is a dinner event for Ramadan, to celebrate opening our fast that day. We will be having a guest speaker, prayer and food afterwards. We would like to request this funding to cover the costs of this event such as the food as we are hoping to accommodate for around 50 people.

The money will be spent on the food from the caterer as well as extras we will need to purchase such as cutlery, drinks, plates, trays etc

Our caterer has given a quote of around £250 (which we are requesting) and the other £50 will be for the extras (our contribution).

The £250 for food will include the following: Starters - samosas, kebabs, chicken drumsticks (100 of each) Mains - 50 biryanis Desserts - 50 halwas

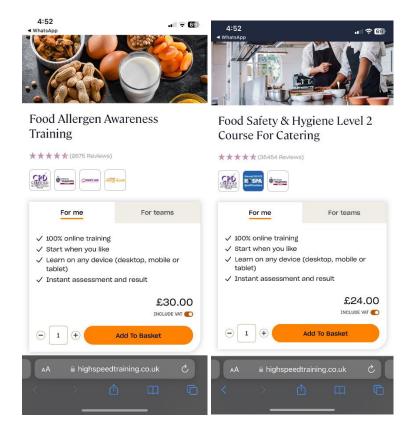
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#### If successful, how would this grant develop your club/society?

If successful, this will 100% grow our society as it is the first time we are hosting an event like this and on this scale so it will set a standard for the future years to come. Ramadan is such an important time for Muslims and it is important that we highlight it as an ISOC and a university and make it a big thing for the Muslim student cohort at LTU. There are also a lot of Muslims living on campus this year that will be breaking their fast alone so it will be nice for them to have somewhere to do it, in a group setting, and to be provided food. It will hopefully bring together our community even more and our society members can see what we are actively doing for them and offering them! I think it will also give the future committees the confidence to take the leap and host bigger events like this, after seeing how well it goes hopefully.

Current club/society bank balance?	
Your name:	
Your committee position:	



Item D: Student Activities Committee Funding Request: Badminton Club

#### Leeds Trinity Student Activities Committee

Club or Society	Club
Club or Society name:	Badminton
How much of the grant would you like to apply for?	£130.17
Is your club/society contributing anything towards this cost? If so how much?	Νο

# What would you like to spend this grant on? Please include a break down of how the money will be spent.

36 plastic shuttlecocks - £52.87 (inc. Delivery) - Direct Sports

36 feather shuttlecocks - £77.30 (inc. Delivery) - Central Sports

#### Why do you require this grant? Please be specific.

We require this grant because at the moment we are often short on shuttlecocks during training sessions, with them either getting stuck in the netting around the sports hall, or they get damaged, which is expected, and this grant would allow us to buy more shuttlecocks.

As a very small club at the start of the year, we had to drop out of BUCS because we didn't have enough members, and therefore we lowered our membership price as we were offering less to our members. In addition, we were unsuccessful for this current academic year to find a sponsorship due to our low membership numbers, as companies didn't want to sponsor us for the year with only 5 or 6 members (we have since grown slightly in numbers, but companies won't sponsor us for two months). As a result, we have had a relatively low yet still fairly successful income this year and this grant would allow us carry on our club next year and would allow us to be in a strong financial position for BUCS next year. BUCS is what we are most looking forward to for the 2024/25 academic year and receiving this grant would put a lot of pressure off the club financially as we would only have to buy new rackets if we get a large influx of members, the BUCS entry fee, and transport to matches. This would mean that we could lower the membership fee for 2024/25 members in comparison to what it could be without this grant, therefore hopefully attracting and retaining more members.

We require both plastic and feather shuttlecocks as we use plastic during training since they are much more durable and also cheaper, meaning we expect to get through much less than if we used feather shuttlecocks. However, as per BUCS regulations, we are required to use feather shuttlecocks during home games.

We have had a look at a variety of shuttlecocks and tried our hardest to balance cost with quality. Jacob, our social sec who is also a qualified badminton coach, recommended the Yonex Mavis 300 for the plastics, and Yonex Aerosena 30 for the feathers, as they are tournament quality shuttlecocks, about as durable as shuttlecocks can get within our budget, and also relatively cheap for the quality they will provide. The plastic shuttlecocks are also designed to replicate feather shuttlecocks so will give us a realistic representation of what we will be using in competitions. I have since looked at numerous wholesalers and online stores to find the best prices for these, and the prices mentioned above were the best that I could find.

As previously mentioned, it is our hope to buy 36 of each type. Plastic shuttlecocks are prone to damage over time due to general wear and tear, impacting their quality and flight path. Buying 36 of them would position us well for next year. Feather shuttlecocks are even more fragile, as seen by the eight we unintentionally broke during our BUCS game against Huddersfield at the beginning of the year. Therefore, having 36 feather shuttlecocks should suffice for the BUCS season. This amount would ensure we always have a sufficient supply for our games, reducing the need to reorder in case of unexpected breakage, which could lead the risk of not having any for our next BUCS match, due to delivery delays.

#### If successful, how would this grant develop your club/society?

If successful, this grant would allow us to have more focused training sessions as we would be able to use more shuttlecocks per training drill. For example, we often do serving drills in groups of three, and after 3 shuttlecocks we have to go collect them from the other side of the court, however with more shuttlecocks it means we can have more time practicing, and also work in smaller groups, another way to get more training time within our 1 and a half hour training session. This would therefore hopefully improve players' skills and set us up with a better chance in BUCS.

Also, as mentioned above, by receiving this grant for shuttlecocks, we will hopefully be able to keep our membership relatively cheap and therefore both retain and attract members who are willing to compete in BUCS.

Current club/society bank balance?	
Your name:	
Your committee position:	

#### Item E: Sustainability Survey

Sustainability skills survey (forms-db.com)

