



LTSU Student Activities  
Committee – 17/06/2025

## **LTSU Student Activities Committee**

**Minutes: 17/06/2025**

**Attendance:** Maddeleine Goodhand (MG - Chair), Jennifer Freeney (JF), Sinead Ferry (SF), Amy Kiani (AK).

**Staff Support:** Benn Rapson (BR - Representation and Democracy Coordinator).

### **1. Welcome**

#### **1.1 - Welcome and Apologies**

- The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.
- The following SAC Members sent apologies: Jenna Randall (JR), Harry Tombling (HT), Kieran Simpson (KS).

#### **1.2 - Conflicts of Interest**

- No major conflicts of interest declared, except for Sinéad Ferry regarding the SAC grant for Cheerleading. She noted that she would provide context if required but not vote, in line with previous precedent.

#### **1.3 - Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

- Minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously with no amendments.

### **2. New Club/Society Applications**

#### **2.1 No New Applications**

- It was noted that there were no new club or society applications received.

### **2. Club/Society Adoption Requests**

#### **3.1 Spiritual Society**

- MG gave an overview of the application.
  - Noted that there was no membership fee.
  - Stated that they aim to create a learning space for individuals with spiritual beliefs.



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- Stated that planned activities include discussions, events, and visits to spiritually significant places.
- Noted that they plan recruitment via social media and posters.
- Noted that the following roles are filled: President, Vice President, Treasurer.
- AK asked if they could work with BR or DS (Denica Shute, LTSU Engagement Manager) to make their purpose and activities clearer to students.

**Decision: Approved unanimously, with the recommendation that the committee works with BR or DS to clarify and update their activity plans, like previous adoptions (e.g., Darts Society).**

#### **4. SAC Grants**

##### **4.1 - Cheerleading**

- MG Provided an overview of the application:
  - Application for £850 to purchase interlocking foam mats for safer training.
  - Current balance: £959.88, reserved for competition entry fees.
  - Full-sized cheer floor costs £22,000, but a cheaper alternative was found.
- SF provided additional context but abstained from voting.
  - Money in the account is essential for paying competition fees and cannot be spent on these mats.
  - Current mats are unsafe and have caused injuries.
  - New mats would reduce injury risk and improve training quality.
  - Would reduce reliance on expensive external venues (e.g., White Rose).
  - Cheer is the largest female team on campus and second overall.
- The committee agreed that the request was reasonable.

**Decision: Approved £850 for Cheerleading. Unanimous (SF Abstained).**

#### **5. Miscellaneous**

##### **5.1 AOB**

- Freshers Planning



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- AK raised concerns about the lack of communication regarding Freshers Fair. She noted that:
  - Neither her society nor others she spoke to had received any detailed information or preparation guidance.
  - Only one vague email had come from the Business School.
  - Societies are unable to plan logistics (e.g. stall materials, badge orders) due to missing details like dates, venue, and expected attendance.
  - She had contacted DS but received no response, acknowledging DS may be busy.
- MG responded that:
  - Internal planning is now underway, but details (e.g. room bookings) are still being confirmed.
  - She is leaving her role at the end of next week and will no longer be contactable.
  - DS will be the main contact going forward, and MG will inform her of AK's outreach.
  - Updates to societies will follow once logistics are finalised.
- AK requested at least rough numbers and venue confirmation to allow for early preparation, especially given last year's limited setup.
- MG agreed to follow up with DS but could not confirm specific timelines.

## **5.2 Date of Next Meeting**

- To be confirmed. This will be the last meeting of this Academic Year.

## **5.3 Closing Remarks**

- MG thanked the committee for their contributions over the year.
- Encouraged returning members (JF and AK) to reapply for SAC roles in the next cycle.