

#### **Student Activities Committee**

# A meeting of the committee will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> November October 2023 at 10 am in AG-105.

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Welcome and apologies
- 2. Membership briefing

To explain to new members the role of the Student Activities Committee, voting processes, quoracy, formalities, and funding grants.

# 3. Meeting occurrences

To discuss the issue surrounding finding a suitable SAC time/date.

# 4. Matters arising

To receive information of any matters of urgency within the activities area of LTSU.

#### 5. Membership numbers

To receive an update on total club members, total society members, and BUCS update.

#### 6. Applications for new Clubs and Societies

To receive incoming applications and decide on their approval/refusal.

# 7. Applications for the Student Activities Committee funding

To receive incoming applications and decide on their approval/refusal and quantity.

# 8. Varsity

To continue to discuss the upcoming Varsity with York St. John scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

#### 9. LTSU Awards Evening

To receive further feedback from previous LTSU Awards Evening and start to prepare for the 23-24 LTSU Awards Evening.

# 10. Sustainability

To share ideas about the sustainability of clubs and societies including facilities, membership, finances, and sharing of practices.

# 11. Communications

To receive an update on communication with LTSU and clubs and societies.

- 12. Any Other Business
- 13. Dates of next meeting for 2023-2024

To be set during item three.

# 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

<u>November</u>

This is through MSL, so memberships.

Club Members: 355 (3.5%1)

Society Members: 150 (4.2%1)

Student Group Members: 474 (3.9%1)

Most popular societies (in order): Islamic Society, The Gaming and Esports Society, RATTS

Most popular clubs (in order): Football (Men), Netball, Cheerleading

Item B: New club and society applications

# **Item B.1: The Together Society**



Hello Caitlin,

We have met with a new propose society – The Together society. They are a committee of three and have a genuine focus on building communities on campus for students that maybe have not found their feet through university. Their objectives for the year are to host different events such as get together, film nights, quizzes and more.

I believe that they can have a good impact on campus and have a good base for a society. My only concern is the amount of interest to join the society, they did not provide many names. I have asked them to go away and provide more before you meet with SAC – fingers crossed.

We also have another society that is up for adoption with a similar purpose, the Wellbeing Society. I have proposed a adoption and rebrand to become The together & Wellbeing society, which they were keen on but were going to get back to me on that. But I think that is something you and SAC could stipulate to them if you so wish.

I believe you next steps are to take this to SAC and let me/Mia know if they are approved/ not approved and we can begin that process

Kind regards Nathan

# **Item B.2: LTU Computer Science Society**



#### Hello Caitlin.

I have recently met with Shawn who is interested in starting the Computer Science Society, an Academic based society.

They want to do this as there is no way to meet students on similar course through all years at the University and it is a fairly new course. There is no current society that fits a similar demographic or core purpose.

They have support from Academics which supports their sustainability greatly and are also interested in sourcing extra funding from BSC which are an external community who support student groups in this academic area across Britain.

I have no issues with their Aims or Objectives for the year as shown below and in my opinion I am confident they are prepared to be an active society with enough members.

There membership is set to £0 if they were approved but the committee were made aware if they wanted to host events that cost money, they would have to charge individual tickets.

Please let me know how this gets on at SEC committee. We will then approve/deny this proposal with the group.

Kind regards Nathan

# Item B.3: CrimSoc Society

#### Hello Caitlin,

Please see below the application for CrimSoc Soc. It was a great meeting and the committee have taken some clear time to complete the application.

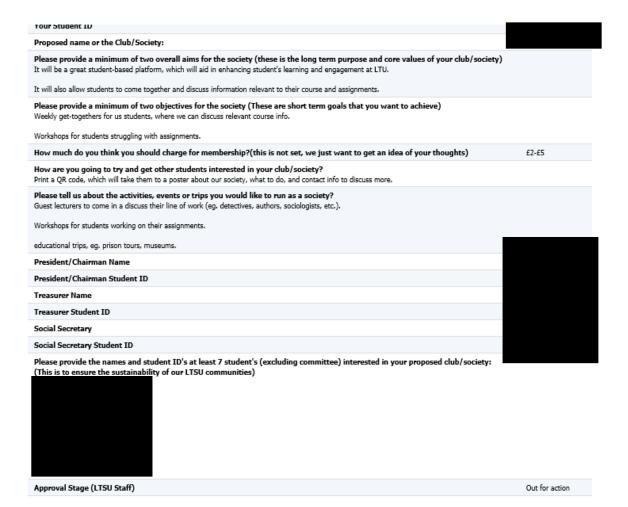
They have met each other through their course and want to set up the society so they have a safe place to collaborate outside of the classroom. They want to get 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> years involved and have even been in to lectures to promote the possibility of this society starting and gaining interest.

They intend to meet and discuss assignments and work and create a place where all years can help each other.

As below they have a good grasp on what events they want to hold through the year and what their membership money could be used for.

Overall, a good application and I can't see any club/soc on campus that would affect this.

Kind regards Nathan



#### Item B.4: Bollywood Society

Hi Caitlin,

Please see below the application for Bollywood Soc. It was a great meeting and the committee have taken some clear time to complete the application.

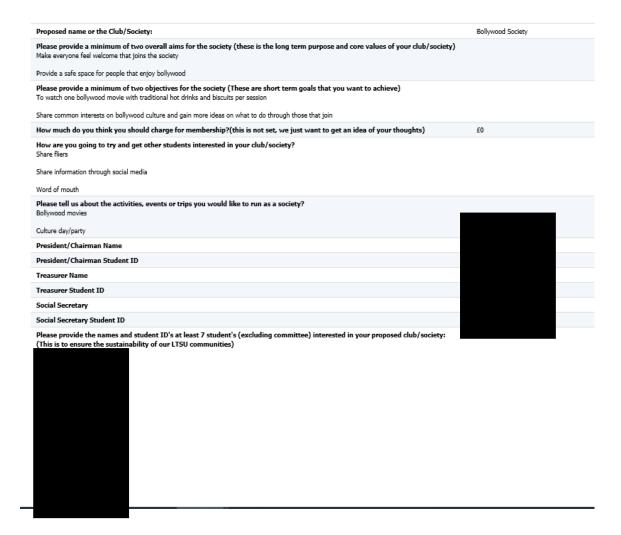
They have met each other through their course of Primary Studies and all share a common interest in Bollywood. They want to start this society to get other people together who are interested in Bollywood and also use it as a way of educating others about Bollywood. The President has already made a poster and handed out in her lessons which is where she has got the interested members from already.

They intend to meet and watch Bollywood films on screens and have Bollywood 'parties' sharing Bollywood and Asian food and listen to music from this culture. They have shown a keen interest in getting involved with Culture Days at the university. I raised the issues that we're currently looking into with food on campus.

Overall, a good application and I can't see any club/soc on campus that would affect this.

Best wishes,

Mia



# Item B.5: The PEAR Society (The Philosophy, Ethics And Religion Society)

No meeting notes from the Activities Coordinator and the Engagement Manager available.

Your Student ID	
Proposed name or the Club/Society:	The PEAR Society (The Philosophy, Ethics And Religion Society)
provide a minimum of two overall aims for the society (these is the long term purpose and core values of your club/society) ce where personal beliefs and individual values will be respected. There will be controversial debates and discussions but these will be done in a civil, professional and mindful manner.	
2. A place for all students, not just those on the PER course, to connect with like-minded individuals.	
3. A place that cares for the mental health and well-being of students.	
4. A place where students can express themselves and their views on a debate with constructive criticism.	
Please provide a minimum of two objectives for the society (These are short term goals that you want to achieve)  1. Advertising the society to the university (through posters, welcome and introduction events, university social media et cetera).	
2. Making the starting up membership fee affordable for students.	
3. The welcome/introduction socials and sessions being free so students can see if they want to commit to a men	mbership or not.
How much do you think you should charge for membership? (this is not set, we just want to get an idea of your thoughts) $ \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \left$	£6 a year? (Starting)
How are you going to try and get other students interested in your club/society? Through advertisement, velcome and introduction socials and activities, interaction with the university through s discussions being member l	amall competitions and rewards (according to the budget available). Acting on student feedback, suggestions, what they want to see in the society. E.G The debates and
Please tell us about the activities, events or trips you would like to run as a society?  1. Having lecturers with a background in Philosophy from other institutions, come to give talks on campus.	
2. Trips to religious sites to research their philosophy and culture.	
3. Socials, get-togethers, balls, philosophical salons.	

4. Group study events for students regardless of what course they are on (getting together in a study room and motivating one another with snacks and breaks near exams).	
5. Debates and discussions on matters of Philosophy, conspiracies, world affairs et cetera. All conducted in a civil, professional and respectful manner.	
6. Student led talks, seminars.	
7. On-campus events like coffee get-togethers, watching a movie in a classroom et cetera.	
8. Projects on campus like volunteering together as a society.	
9. Competitions according to the society budget.	
10. A social media account for the society (most likely Instagram or Facebook).	
President/Chairman Name	
President/Chairman Student ID	
Treasurer Name	
Treasurer Student ID	
Social Secretary	
Social Secretary Student ID	
Please provide the names and student ID's at least 7 student's (excluding committee) interested in your proposed club/society: (This is to ensure the sustainability of our LTSU communities)	

# Item B.6: Accounting and Finance Society (AFSOC)

Hi Caitlin,

Please see below the application for Accounting and Finance Soc. It was a great meeting Lois and the committee are really excited about this and have really thought about what they want out of the society and it is reflected in the form.

is no longer on the committee but is interested in being a member and Social Secretary. The society was suggested by the faculty head of Business as a way to guide students in budgeting. The committee have then taken this idea and developed it. The society is more of a way to support students interested in a business career in developing themselves ready for future careers. This includes support and guidance on budgeting and finances. They also are very keen to develop partnerships with external companies in the business world. On top of this, they are interested in the social element of a society and want to collaborate with other societies in games nights and social sports. Through talking to students in lectures, they have already started to gain an interest in the society.

I have explained to them the situation with membership fees and they're going to discuss as a committee, if they are successful, whether the membership should be free or a low price.

Overall, a good application and I can't see any club/soc on campus that would affect this.

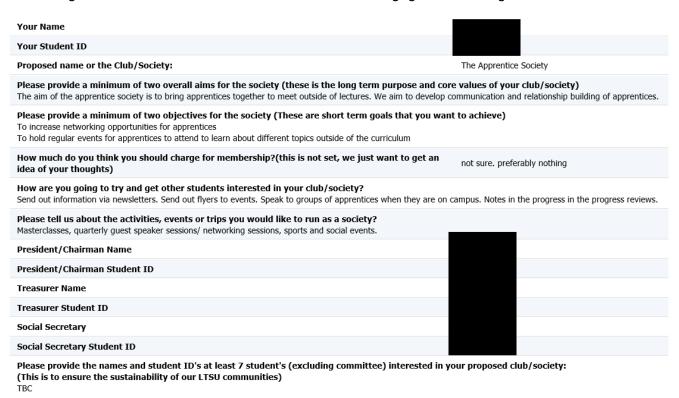
Best wishes,

Mia



# **Item B.7: The Apprentice Society**

No meeting notes from the Activities Coordinator and the Engagement Manager available.



Item C: New applications for the Student Activities Committee funding