

Student Activities Committee

A meeting of the committee will be held on 26th October 2023 at 1 pm in AG57.

AGENDA

Invited

C. Fieldhouse (LTSU VP, Chair), M. Halliday (Treasurer and first captain) M. Slavov (VP ISoc) M. Rayson Regan (secretary to SAC), K. Simpson (VP Men's Football), H. Tombling (VP Badminton), L. Ramshaw (Treasurer Dance/Social Sec for CathSoc) J. Randall (Treasurer RATTS/Chair Gaming)

Present

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Apologies

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1 Welcome and Introductions

Quoracy was not met so there was no voting on new societies.

2 Membership briefing

Should committee members on SAC get a vote in funding requests for their own clubs/soc? - Can be part of the discussion but not vote. Have to leave room when voting is taking place.

Process for voting for awards is agreed if the award nominations are submitted anonymously – Approved

Positive conversations about other societies and clubs – no negativity

Clubs grant £3000/Societies grant £1500 – due to travel and kit for clubs

Quorum -4/7. Today we only have 3.

3 Meeting occurrences (times and dates)

Monday afternoons for future SAC meetings

2 SAC meetings a month for full months

Emergency meetings – Teams or emails

4 Matters arising

There are no matters arising

5 Membership numbers

Club members 343

Society members 144

Student Groups Members: 456

Most Popular soc: Isoc

Most Popular Club: Men's Football

6 New club and society applications

CF explained the process of starting a new society/club

Are they a good fit for the community?

Do they impact any other societies/clubs?

If approved, by the SAC they become an official society/club

If a new society comes through and a SAC member is on the committee, the SAC committee has agreed that they do not get a vote in the appointing of this group.

6 Applications for the Student Activities Committee funding

The committee must discuss where the money goes and how much goes to each.

Committee members of a group asking for funding who are on the SAC do not get a vote in the approval of their grant funding request.

7 Varsity

Proposed schedule of 17th January

MH said that a couple of training sessions will be required between of Christmas and new year.

There is a Rugby Union BUCS match on 17th January

Proposed date is the 6th March

MH suggested t shirts for varsity members so that they feel more together

On discussions on mixed sport, one favoured mixed sport and one was opposed for religious reasons.

8 LTSU Awards Evening

CF explained what the awards evening is for SAC members who have not attended in the past.

Feedback said that awards was not well planned.

Feedback from SAC said it was too expensive for drinks and finished early. The event was boring and food was the same as it always was. A change in venue would be better – different hotel – drink token-one free drink on the SU? Possibly organise a coach from uni to the venue.

No awards in Pryzm

CF asked how we can make it more inclusive for ISoc. Martin said he will think on it and come back to us.

CF asked SAC members to ask their committees about ideas where awards ceremony can be held.

Awards will be discussed as and when we need to discuss it.

9 Sustainability

CF asked how we can stabilise societies/clubs

Better social media and promotion advertising

Communication between new societies and the SU while they're starting up.

SU communication is much better this year.

CF asked how the SU can improve/support Societies/clubs financially.

SAC mentioned that coaches and transports and the main concern for BUCS in sports

Would it be cheaper to pay for someone to drive the minibus and petrol than a whole coach. 0 hour contract for a student.

Alternate/rota of which soc/club gets the university mini bus – closer fixtures get it over further away ones.

A coach was sent for 8 netball members instead of a mini bus last week.

Are the areas given for your society/club sustainable? – Yes

Is your club/society sustainable at the moment? Isoc – yes Netball – yes

10 Any Other Business

Handover – do we need a more formal handover i.e a form to fill out

Yes, so that it's in writing and can be looked back on – developmental form

Teams group chat would be good for SAC members

11 Dates of next meeting for 2023-2024

Mondays are better – the next meeting will be held at a former date

Item A: Membership numbers update

This is through MSL, so memberships paid.

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

Item B: New club and society applications

Item B.1: The Together Society

Your Name	
Your Student ID	
Proposed name or the Club/Society:	The Together Society
Please provide a minimum of two overall aims for the society (these is the long term purpose and core values of your club/society) combat loneliness through university life making social bonds for students	
Please provide a minimum of two objectives for the society (These are short term goals that you want to achieve) to give students something to do and feel more included in the university to put on regular social nights like games nights / film night and other social events and off campuses trips	
How much do you think you should charge for membership?(this is not set, we just want to get an idea of your thoughts)	5 for trips/ free for general membership
How are you going to try and get other students interested in your club/society? A meet up night in the student bar or another place in the university. Social media.	
Please tell us about the activities, events or trips you would like to run as a society? regular social nights like games nights / film night and other social events and off campuses trips	
President/Chairman Name	
President/Chairman Student ID	
Treasurer Name	
Treasurer Student ID	
Social Secretary	
Social Secretary Student ID	
Please outline any other committee positions and Student ID details:	
Please provide the names and student ID's at least student's (excluding committee) interested in your proposed club/society: (This is to ensure the sustainability of our LTSU communities)	



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

Your Name		
Your Student ID		
Proposed name or the Club/Society:	Leeds Trinity University Computer	Science Society
Please provide a minimum of two overall aims for the society (these is the long term purpose and core values of your club/society) To continuously promote the study of Computer Science within Leeds trinity University		
To enhance employability of LTU Computer Science students, within the technology sector as well as other fields such as academia		
Create an interest in Computer Science amongst LTU students from other academic disciplines (as well)		
Please provide a minimum of two objectives for the society (These are short term goals that you want to achieve) Gain recognition as an accredited chapter of the British Computer Society (BCS) Achieve an active membership of at least 20, consisting of undergraduate as well as postgraduate students		
How much do you think you should charge for membership?(this is not set, we just want to get an idea of your thoughts)	0.00	
How are you going to try and get other students interested in your club/society? There are already 7 students who are awaiting for this society to be formally recognised by the LTSU. Upon gaining formal recognition, emails, social	media channels as well as in person can	vassing will be used to engage with potential members.
Please tell us about the activities, events or trips you would like to run as a society? Tech sector careers talks, both in-person and online Visits to relevant events (such as Leeds Digital Festival and Legal Tech in Leeds events in October 2023)		
Networking events organised by professional bodies, including the British Computer Society (BCS)		
President/Chairman Name		
President/Chairman Student ID		
Treasurer Name		
Treasurer Student ID		
Social Secretary		
Social Secretary Student ID		
Please outline any other committee positions and Student ID details: Kindly note that the treasurer, Dr. Alan Reynolds is a current LTU student although he already has a Ph.D and the title Dr.		
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)		
Approval Stage (LTS) Staff)	Actionad	

Hello Caitlin,

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 1st / 2nd 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)
Please provide a minimum of two overall aims for the society (these is the long term purpose and core valu 1. A place where personal beliefs and individual values will be respected. There will be controversial debates and discussion	
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 at 1. Advertising the society to the university (through posters, welcome and introduction events, university social media et	
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 membership	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) $_{\rm E6\ z}$	year? (Starting)
How are you going to try and get other students interested in your club/society? Through advertisement, welcome and introduction socials and activities, interaction with the university through small comdiscussions being member led.	petitions 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 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 has offered to take their place as 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.

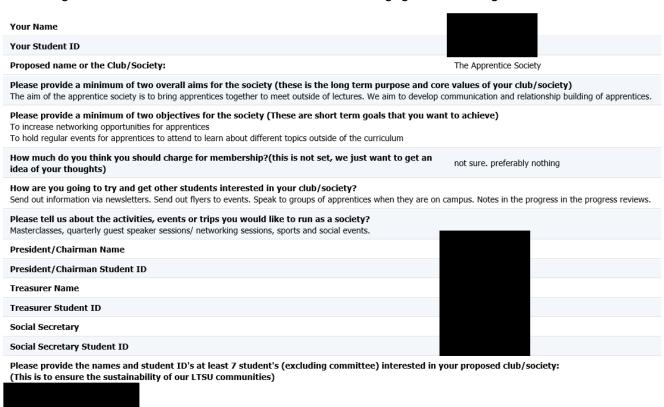
Best wishes,

Mia

Your Name	
Your Student ID	
Proposed name or the Club/Society:	Accounting and Finance Society (AFSOC)
Please provide a minimum of two overall aims for the society (these is the long term purpose and core values of your club/society) - To increase student motivation and participation at university - To encourage updilling, personal development, and to promote the university's resources for success	
Please provide a minimum of two objectives for the society (These are short term goals that you want to achieve) - Have a strong executive team - 15 new members	
How much do you think you should charge for membership?(this is not set, we just want to get an idea of your thoughts)	At the moment, membership is free. £1.90 membership fee once there's a stable trend of active member attendance
How are you going to try and get other students interested in your club/society? Walk-in presentations in lectures/workshops, events incl sports events, society podcast, trips	
Please tell us about the activities, events or trips you would like to run as a society? Fundraisers Partnerships Trips to London Stock Exchange, Finance/Accounting companies Workshops, Q8A coffee chats	
President/Chairman Name	
President/Chairman Student ID	
Treasurer Name	
Treasurer Student ID	
Social Secretary	
Social Secretary Student ID	
Please outline any other committee positions and Student ID details: Vice-President Zimraan McQauley - 2124708 Vacant committee role left: Head of Communications (marketing and engagement)	
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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