



Minutes

Monday 23rd April 2018 – 18:00, Checkland C218

Present: Alex Taylor (AT), Amber Moys (AM), Bradley Stewart (BS), Cal Barnes (CB), Cal Kenny (CK), Dan Sims (DS), Ellie Deane (ED), Gabby Alexander-Harvey (GA), George Le Bihan (GB), Harry Cross (HC), Honey Manso (HM), Humaid Ghori (HG), Iain Peacock (IP), Ibrahim Hamami (IH), Joe Tan (JT), Josie Porter (JP), Matt Williams (MW), Megan Harrison (MH), Rebecca Gill (RG), Sophie Lloyd (SL), Vivien Ngo (VN), Ziqiao Qi (ZQ) **and 20 members of BSMS MedSoc.**

Apologies: Alice Lagnado (AL), Alicia Paessler (AP), Ana Shahmiri (AS), Daisy Holmes (DH), James Barber (JB), Kate Howell (KH).

Absent: N/A

	Agenda item	Notes and actions to be taken	Person responsible
1.	Committee business		
2.	Minutes of the previous meeting	The minutes for the previous meeting held on Thursday 19 th April 2018 were approved.	
3.	Matters arising	Changes to the BSMS MedSoc Constitution:	
3.1	Winter Ball	<p>Proposition that the role of Social Secretary is split into two separate paired roles: The Social Secretaries who organise alcoholic and non-alcoholic events and the Second Year Representatives who organise the Winter Ball.</p> <p>Alternatively, proposition that responsibility for the Winter Ball is added to the role of Freshers' Representatives.</p> <p>The first option would offer up the Social Sec role to other years so the Committee is less second year heavy . It would also take the pressure off the Social Secs in first term. However this would make the committee larger and we are already one of the largest in the country so want to avoid this.</p> <p>Freshers' reps don't do anything after freshers' week so this would be a good addition to their role. Current Social Secs tried to organise a committee but people were not fully committed and it almost took more time trying to organise than just doing the jobs themselves. Using the Freshers' Reps would avoid this and utilise committee members we already</p>	



<p>3.2</p>	<p>Membership</p>	<p>have rather than making the committee bigger. Concern that this may put people off from applying for Freshers' Rep but members present did not seem to think this was an issue if it was done as a four person committee. Agreed that the ball is too close to Freshers' week to hand it over to the Freshers' Reps completely. Vote: Option 1 (2nd Year Reps) = 13 Option 2 (Freshers' Reps and Social Secs) = 28 No Change = 1 Abstain = 0 In the event that the Social Secs are not in 2nd Year then the 2nd Year Reps will be introduced to help the Freshers' Reps with the ball as already stated in the constitution.</p> <p>Proposition that MedSoc introduces a "No Refund" policy on student memberships Refunds undermine the idea of the society and that people are buying into it for life. It would be better for people to raise their concerns so we can ensure people are happy with what we do and where their money goes. However, it happens so infrequently and selling something as "non-refundable" does not sound appealing. Vote: No Change = 22 "No Refund" policy = 10 Refunds only 28 days after purchase = 9 Abstain = 1 Refunds will continue to be down to the discretion of the committee and decided on a case by case basis.</p> <p>Proposition that we introduce a reduced price for those in Phase 2 or 3 who wish to purchase a membership having not done so as a Fresher. Suggestion that this should be a division of the current membership cost. But would people use this to cheat the system just so they can land society committee roles and boost their Foundation Applications for a cheaper price? Should be one price that is slightly higher to deter people from doing this. Vote: No change = 1 £30 for all of Phase 2 or 3 = 1 £35 for all of Phase 2 or 3 = 40</p>	
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3.3	Dietary Requirement Fund	<p>Proposition that we set aside part of the MedSoc budget to cover additional costs imposed by external venues for vegetarian/vegan/ halal meals at events. This is likely to be <£50 a year and should come under the role of Welfare to make all events (conferences, balls, sports meal etc) accessible to everyone. Clearly defined that it is only for it there is no option available and NOT if people want extras. No change = 0 Make this constitutional = 42 Abstain = 0</p>	
3.4	BSMS Murmur responsibility	<p>Proposition to add the BSMS Murmur to the responsibilities of the Societies Representatives. Could this not also be something more suited to the Vice President? Vote: No change = 0 Responsibility of Societies = 28 Responsibility of VP = 13 Abstain = 1</p>	
3.5	Freshers' Reps and First Year Reps	<p>Proposition that it is clearly stated in our constitution that the Freshers' Reps help the First Year Reps organise Re- and Three-freshers. Vote: No change = 0 Make this constitutional =42 Abstain = 0</p>	



3.6	Change to the role of Sports Reps	<p>Proposition that the Sports Representatives book the facilities for sports teams and not just “liaise” with them in organisation as sportsbrighton like one point of contact to avoid confusion</p> <p>Proposition that the clause 8.6.5 is removed as facilities mean it is safe to continue sports into the third term</p> <p>Proposition that the exact events that need to be organised are added to the responsibilities of the Sports Representatives</p> <p>Proposition that the price of SporsFed memberships are agreed with the previous Sports Representatives to avoid Sports Rep candidates canvassing for votes by promising to reduce the price.</p> <p>Vote: (All clauses voted for individually with the same response) No change = 0 Make this constitutional = 42 Abstain = 0</p>	RG to make all voted changes to the MedSoc Constitution
3.7	Sports Funding	<p>Drawing up an outline of what is appropriate use of MedSports money that can be passed on through Sports Representative handovers. By setting out what to fund and not fund this avoids arguments between the pair if they disagree.</p> <p>Disagreement about the fact that referees are not fundable as players are paying for SportsFed and for referees. SportsFed could be different prices for different sports depending on what they cost. This will be discussed in the next MedSoc meeting.</p>	
4.	Any other business		
4.1	BSMS Jumpers	<p>Proposition that the responsibility of BSMS jumpers is passed from the First Year Reps to Vice President as they already have a relationship with the company after ordering Committee Polo Shirts. Vote: No change = 1 Change to VP = 41 Abstain = 0</p>	
5.	Date of next meeting	TBC	

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