



Date: 28/01/2021
Time: 18:00 – 20:00
Venue: Zoom

Activities Zone
Minutes

Chair: Ilyas Benmouna, Activities Officer

Members:	P	AP	AB
Aarushi Menon, Women's Officer	✓		
Anna Chippendale, Arts Officer (Job share)	✓		
Catherine Bacon, Sports Non-portfolio Representative	✓		
Catherine Williams, Societies Representative – Performance Art	✓		
Chikamso Ekwe, Societies Non-portfolio Representative	✓		
Danilo Paganelli, Societies Non-portfolio Representative			✓
Elliott Denis, Sports Non-portfolio Representative (Job share)			✓
Ifrah Farooq, Community Relations Officer (Job share)		✓	
Ilyas Benmouna, Activities Officer, Chair	✓		
Isabel Keane, Sports Non-portfolio Representative	✓		
James Maidment, Sports Non-portfolio Representative (Job share)	✓		
Jim Onyemenam, Postgraduate Students Officer			✓
Katie Cham, Non-Performance Art Rep	✓		
Luca Dell Antonio, Sports Non-portfolio Representative	✓		
Megan McKee, Sports Officer	✓		
Miguel Rodriguez Ruiz, Sports Non-portfolio Representative			✓
Olivia Hammond, Sports Non-portfolio Representative	✓		
Philip Gregor, Societies Non-portfolio Representative	✓		
Sam Jones, Arts Officer (Job share)	✓		
Sasha Kroon, Societies Non-portfolio Representative	✓		
Sophia Tazi, Societies Non-portfolio Representative	✓		
Sumayya Patel, Community Relations Officer (Job share)		✓	
Syed Haque, Societies Officer	✓		
Yoonho Yang, Societies Non-portfolio Representative	✓		

In Attendance:
Carl Salton-Cox, Societies and Media Manager
Aimee Connolly, Representation and Democracy Coordinator, minutes
Katie Sykes, Sports Development Manager

1. Preliminary Matters

The Chair welcome everyone to the meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved unanimously. Action from the previous meeting were reported on, with one action being carried forward as a new action.

ACTION: Members to send any ideas for events that can be run to Activities Officer

2. Updates from Officers

The Officers gave updates on what they have been working on recently which included:

- UCL East sports ground
- Lockdown challenges
- Disability support
- Winter Arts Showcase
- Sustainability and Sport Week
- Volunteering projects for sports clubs

3. **Staff Update**

Staff members had updates on the UCL funding received which is being used for a disability sport project, project active classes and other initiatives. They also reiterated that support is still available for clubs and societies and on campus activity may be possible in the coming months if restrictions ease.

4. **Affiliations, disaffiliations and disciplinary actions**

There had been no affiliations since the last meeting. The disaffiliations and disciplinary actions that have occurred since the last meeting were reported by the Chair.

5. **Matter for Discussion: Leadership Race 2021**

Discussions focused on what can be done to encourage students to nominate themselves and what challenges should be considered in running the elections. There were suggestions that there should be Zoom drop in hours for societies, skills workshops, connections with previous society members and training provided to Social Secretaries. Members also discussed whether the two year maximum of being in a committee role should be extended to three years for the current year due to the extraordinary circumstances. Members agreed that committee members should be allowed to run for a third term this year.

6. **Matter for Discussion: Amazon Vouchers/Products**

The Chair began the discussion. A member suggested that Union products/vouchers or a choice of a voucher could be used as prizes instead of Amazon products in the future.

7. **Matter for Discussion: Participation Fund Criteria**

The Chair explained the draft criteria and the rationale behind them. Members agreed that the criteria were fair. Some suggestions were made about what should be requested from applicants on the form.

ACTION: The Activities Officer will work with Systems to get the form up and will report back at the next meeting when it will be available to students.

8. **Matter for Discussion: Society Lockdown Challenges and Initiatives**

The Societies Officer suggested that challenges should be introduced for societies similar to what Team UCL have done.

ACTION: Suggestions for challenges for societies should be sent to the Societies Officer.

9. Questions to Officers

There were no questions.

10. AOB

The Societies Officer suggested that discussions should be had around volunteering.

Minutes approved as a true and accurate record	
Chair:	Ilyas Benmouna, Activities Officer
Signature:	IB
Date:	01/02/2021