



Date: Monday 23 January 2022  
 Time: 18:00 – 20:00  
 Venue: Zoom

Activities Zone

Minutes

Chair: Ilyas Benmouna, Activities and Engagement Officer

Members:	P	AP	AB
Abigail Smith, Disabled Students' Officer (Job share)			✓
Akosua Osei-Owusu, BME Students' Officer (Job share)	✓		
Alex Ford, Sports Non-portfolio Representative			✓
Angel Ma, LGBTQ+ Officer			✓
Angela Han, Societies Representative – Performance Art			✓
Chiamaka Agu, Sports Non-portfolio Representative	✓		
Danilo Paganelli, Disabled Students' Officer (Job share)		✓	
Ilyas Benmouna, Activities and Engagement Officer, Chair	✓		
Isobelle Smith, Sports Non-portfolio Representative	✓		
Jade Ygouf, Women's Officer (Job share)			✓
James Maidment, Sports Officer (Job share)	✓		
Jasper (Ting-hsun) Chou, Societies Non-portfolio Representative			✓
Jevan Cousins, Sports Non-portfolio Representative			✓
Katie Townsend, Volunteering Representative			✓
Luca C Dell Antonio, Sports Non-portfolio Representative	✓		
Mohammed Safayat, Societies Officer (Job share)	✓		
Oluseyi Osibamowo, Arts Officer			✓
Paul Ho, BME Students' Officer (Job share)	✓		
Priya Jain, Women's Officer (Job share)			✓
Rishika George, Volunteering Representative			✓
Roha Ali Khan, Societies Non-portfolio Representative	✓		
Saiff Hamid, Sports Officer (Job share)	✓		
Sasha Green, Sports Non-portfolio Representative			✓
Shoora Shafeeq, Volunteering Representative	✓		
Viktória Makai, Postgraduate Students Officer	✓		
Yee (Angel) Au, Volunteering Representative		✓	
Yen Chan, Societies Officer (Job share)			✓

In Attendance:
Frankie Quinn, Policy and Research Coordinator
John Braime, Head of Volunteering
Jo Swo, Societies Development Coordinator (Departmental)
Osman Teklies, Union Affairs Officer
Arifa Aminy, Equity Officer
Ayman Benmati, Education Officer
Student Observers (Tor Sorensen, David Yang)
Rupinder Sandal, Societies and Support Manager
Henry Warne, Sports Development Coordinator
Julia Rooke, Representation and Democracy Coordinator, minutes

1. Preliminary matters – Approval of minutes from previous meeting  
The minutes from the previous meeting could not be approved as the meeting was not quorate
2. Preliminary matters – Follow up on actions from previous meeting  
No actions
3. Announcements/ Updates - Officer updates  
The Officers provided updates on the work they have been doing since the last Zone meeting.
4. Announcements/ Updates - Staff update  
The staff present provided an update on the work being done within their teams currently.
5. Announcements/ Updates - Affiliations, disaffiliations and disciplinary actions  
The Chair updated members on recent affiliations, disaffiliations and disciplinary actions taken since the last Activities Zone meeting. There were no affiliations or disaffiliations.
6. Announcements/ Updates - Club and Society Grant Allocation 2021/22  
The Chair updated members on Club and Society Grant Allocations during the 2021/22 academic year. For more details, please see refer to 'Grants Awarded 21-22' in the papers.
7. Announcements/ Updates – Awards Update  
The Chair updated members on the Awards and reminded members of when they are taking place
8. Matters for Discussion – UCL Strategy  
Frankie Quinn provided an update on the UCL Strategy, please see the slides in the papers. A brief discussion was had, and ideas were shared on this [jambaord](#).
9. Matters for Discussion - UCL East Update  
John Braime gave an update on UCL East. It was established that if any students had queries about UCL East, they should refer to Osman Teklies, the Union Affairs Officer. James Maidment raised the issue of TeamUCL and bringing clubs and societies to UCL East in a cohesive way. Please see the slides in the papers.
10. Matters for Discussion - Changing 'remote' membership to 'taster' membership for clubs and societies  
Rupinder Sandal (RS) presented this matter. There was general agreement to this and the change will go ahead.
11. Matters for Discussion – Increasing the amount students are allowed to spend and claim back to £350  
RS presented this matter. There was general agreement to this and the change will go ahead.
12. Matters for Discussion - Club & Society Rules and Regulations updates  
RS presented on the updates, with only minor changes being made to the Rules and Regulations. These can be found in the papers.

13. **Matters for Discussion - Overview of training plan**  
RS presented the training plan update for Clubs and Societies. There was varied discussion on the core and compulsory training. Paul Ho agreed that the training looked comprehensive and suggest this also be offered to the Liberation Officers as part of their training. It was also suggested that the Tackling Sexual Violence training be made compulsory. Isobelle Smith also suggested that some of this training should be extended to Social Secretaries. RS to take feedback from Activities Zone to Student Activities Department
14. **Policy Proposal - Add option for multi-year membership of departmental societies**  
The proposer (TS) introduced the policy about adding a multi-year membership option for departmental societies, proposing that this was a more straightforward option for members and those administering the membership. It was countered that often students sign up to membership of societies at the start of the year and then change their mind and want a refund. It was also noted that buying a multi-year membership could be made possible via the website, but would take some work. This policy could not be voted on as the meeting was not quorate.
15. **Policy Proposal - Open the role of postgraduate officer to all clubs and societies in term one**  
The Postgraduate Officer (VM) introduced this policy, explaining that this is not a compulsory policy. James Maidment suggested that if the policy were to pass, additional support should be provided to Clubs and Societies on how the committee position would work. A discussion was had and there was general support for the policy, but it could not be voted on as the meeting was not quorate.
16. **Policy Proposal - Changes to leadership selection rules of society subdivisions**  
The proposer (DS) introduced the policy about changing the leadership selection rules for society subdivisions. A discussion was had on the policy and concerns were raised about the responsibilities of the positions – especially if they were to hold political or financial powers. Democratic procedure and transparency were also discussed. This policy could not be voted on as the meeting was not quorate.
17. **Questions to Officers**  
There were no questions to officers
18. **AOB**

<b>Minutes approved as a true and accurate record</b>	
Chair:	Ilyas Benmouna, Activities and Engagement Officer
Signature:	IB
Date:	26/05/2022