



SUSU LGBTQ+ SOCIETY

Minutes

Meeting Date:	Saturday 16 th October 2021	Meeting Time:	16:00
Meeting Location:	Discord		

Attendees	
OCW President IA Vice-President AS Treasurer JN Ordinary Member	SV Welfare Officer CC Welfare Officer TT Publicity Officer CP Events Officer
Apologies	
MB Ordinary Member	CPF Technical Officer

Meeting Introduction

Meeting Introduced by OCW – nothing of importance to note since last committee meeting. Hopes everyone is well and thanks for attending.

Upcoming Event Availability

CP says there are currently no upcoming events other than regularly schedules social events and lunch meet-ups.

Action on CP to create schedule for lunches and socials.

Rest of committee asked to fill in their availability once this has been done.

Kanban Board Review

Regarding art competition – JN was previously unable to obtain prize funding from SUSU. CP notes that committee previously discussed running 2 different art competitions and asks if we are now only running 1. OCW says it makes more sense to just run the one as we have only received one prize to give away from SUSU. CP and JN say they will prepare an idea for the next meeting.



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JN says they will be having a meeting with SUSU on the 28th October regarding the planned swimming event. MC plans to potentially send out a member survey and blog post following confirmation on this.

Regarding grant funding from SUSU – AS has confirmed that the society has received grant money from SUSU and is now to try and finalise a purchase for new banners for the society inventory. Needs to confirm and finalise banner designs with TT – informal action on both. AS to follow up with SUSU with the aid of OCW and CP regarding the potential of receiving funding for National Student Pride.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

OCW has presented the minutes for meetings on July 20th 2021 and August 7th 2021 for review on the Discord server. Voting for approval of these minutes, the results were 8 for, 0 against, and 0 abstaining of the 8 members present during voting.

Welfare Report

Nothing of importance to note from either welfare officer, with no current cases.

LGBTQ+ Officer Update

JN attended a meeting with SUSU in which issues were highlighted such as Box Office not using students' preferred names when booking event tickets. Other societies have noted the same issue and this has been referred to SUSU's technical team. JN has another meeting on October 19th regarding LGBTQ+ residence at UoS and will inform us of the outcome. A meeting on the 28th will cover SUSU's involvement with Trans Awareness Week (13th – 19th Nov) in which JN will ask about flying a transgender flag on Highfield Campus throughout the period. OCW says they will also be talking to university staff about this.

Treasurer's Report

AS says our current balance stands at £700.72.

A grant of £114.89 was recently received from SUSU which is intended to be used for purchasing banners for the society inventory. Revenue from the bowling event is still pending clearance via moneyhub.

Action on AS to schedule payment from the society account to reimburse CP for bowling tickets at £333 in total. (34 tickets at £9 each.)

Feedback

Nothing to feedback on.



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S Meeting

OCW says S would like to set up a meeting with them regarding setting up a BIPOC LGBTQ+ society. OCW, MC, SV, CP, IA happy to attend this meeting.

OCW to schedule a meeting with S.

Alumni Events and Newsletter

OCW says we previously decided on sending out newsletters to our alumni members and run events for them. Says a newsletter is supposed to be sent out approximately November-time and we need to be aware that we need to create this and organise events. CP says they will be aware of this and start thinking of ideas for events. OCW says they will talk to IA and discuss contents of the newsletter.

Action on CP to think of ideas for events.

Action on IA and OCW to organise alumni newsletter.

CP reminds everyone that we need to organise a leaving event for alumni involving current students. OCW says we agreed to trial split events on a temporary discord server. CP says we should ask alumni for ideas for what they would like.

Action on CP to message alumni, also to discuss technical limitations with CPF.

Black History Month Events

CP says it is currently BHM, we have nothing planned so far due to freshers week. Intends to do another film night BIPOC focused as they think it is popular. They are also thinking of running coffee mornings/socials. Would like to run a discussion group but need to find someone appropriate to run the event. Asks if anyone has any suggestions to find someone to run the event. AS says we can ask the server/members, CP agrees that maybe an announcement is a good idea. Says it is worth putting a message out to the server to see if anybody is happy to lead a discussion/focus group soon. OCW suggests reaching out to other societies and ask if there are any other society committees that would be willing to help us run the event?

Action on IA, CP to reach out to other societies/post announcements looking for someone.

MC asks if there are any non-university local groups that we may be able to get in contact with regarding this event. CP does not know. MC says this is potentially worth looking into. OCW says they can do some brief looking into this, but also do not know. IA and OCW will work to reach out to appropriate groups. Asks if CP is happy to reach out to our members and other societies asking for interest, CP says they will also ask alumni. Suggests hosting something at Trago as events there have been popular amongst members. OCW asks if this is specifically for BAME focus/exclusive or if all members are allowed. OCW and CP are unsure and will check previous years' events. CP worries that BIPOC population in the society is low



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and does not want them to feel overshadowed at events. OCW suggests tabling the coffee social for now to find something more appropriate.

OCW says to focus on film night and discussion group. CP will think about more event ideas. IA suggests asking a lecturer to lead a discussion group. OCW in agreement. MC suggests asking English dept. staff to lead a talk. MC and IA to contact staff and ask.

Accessibility

OCW asks if MC would like to lead conversation about event spaces not being wheelchair-accessible. MC says staff are being difficult and is struggling to raise a complaint. Asks for society support. OCW agrees with the principle that places should be accessible. Rest in agreement. MC will be emailing venues to formally complain. OCW says we should announce the issue to society and that we will not be holding events at these venues until accessibility is improved. CP says they will avoid planning events at offending venues. OCW confirms that the society will support this issue.

Request for trans only social events

MC says they have received requests from members to host trans-only events. Asks if CP has any comments. CP suggests we can definitely do these during Trans Awareness Week, and if there is good turnout we can look at future events too. AS says this will provide a good environment for people to explore and meet like-minded people. OCW says we should avoid “trans-only” wording as this excludes gender-questioning individuals. AS agrees. MC suggests hosting a variety of events both sober and alcohol-involved. CP says events should be more relaxed given the intended environment. AS agreed and adds events need to be discreet. OCW and CP in agreement. OCW says we can plan events for TAW and talk about future events with members at a discussion group.

Voting System

CPF not present to discuss, item moved to the agenda of the next meeting.

Issues with Fresher’s Fair

MC says we should discuss issues with table positioning with SUSU. (Being in the political section). SV is happy to follow up with assistance from OCW and ask if any progress was made. CP asks if we can include other points in an email to SUSU regarding inconsiderate behaviour from other students. Says refreshers fair is in February, and we should try to sort this out before then. JN says they will mention this in an upcoming SUSU meeting.



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Pronoun Badges

OCW says we have run out of many flag/pronoun badges and asks if we can obtain more. CP they remember society previously ordering badges, and can contact previous committee for sources. OCW and AS agree to look for a previous supplier. OCW asks about the possibility of SUSU funding this purchase. AS says they can look into this but there is no currently active grant round from SUSU. CP says we should also try to finish this before refreshers.

Action on AS and CP to find a supplier for badges, TT to design new pronoun badges.

AS suggests putting out a survey asking which pronoun combinations members would like. SV recalls there was a lack of stock of specific flags at bunfight. OCW suggests blank pins which can be customised. CP says this could work well. AS says if SUSU grants us funding, we can purchase extra stock. JN suggests using a button press as an alternative. CP says may be worth looking into.

Separate Events Channel

CP messaged committee members suggesting a separate discord channel in which events would be advertised. This would feature a collection of upcoming events similar to a calendar, which members can scroll through. There would be no additional announcements. OCW says this would be a good idea, and we can edit one message to avoid clutter. CP notes a suggestion would be to make this channel opt-in, so that not everyone feels spammed, and that announcements could be once per week. OCW disagrees and says we send out more than enough announcements already. SV suggests using a new discord feature for events as this would decrease clutter and make advertisements more visible without spamming our members. CP likes this idea.

Action on CPF to create a temporary events channel, CP to announce change of format.

NSFW Channel on the alumni discord

OCW says alumni members have suggested a NSFW channel on the alumni discord, but does not think it is a good idea as we do not moderate the server enough and it would simply pose more potential problems than benefits. All committee in agreement and the idea is discarded. OCW says they will respond to the request.

Any Other Business

CP says she intends to organise a Halloween pub crawl and needs to contact The Edge soon as they get very busy. Asks if anyone has any comments or suggestions such as making a costume competition. JN asks if the event would be best held on the Halloween Sunday. CP intends to organise the event on the proceeding Wednesday. Also notes that members have requested we run events on days other than Wednesday in future due to timetable clashes. OCW says this is a good idea, and suggests alternating big events with smaller ones throughout the week to avoid member burnout.

Action on CP to organise and timetable Halloween events.



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JN says there is a box of society supplies being held by SUSU, and asks if it can be collected. OCW says they will collect it and store the supplies at their house.

SV says society name and logo are outdated on some documents. OCW will update this.

No other business from remaining members.

Meeting Conclusion

Nothing further of note. OCW thanks all for attending and wishes them a good evening.