



SUSU LGBTQ+ SOCIETY

Minutes

Meeting Date:	Thursday 4 th November 2021	Meeting Time:	18:00
Meeting Location:	Discord		

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

Meeting Introduction

OCW introduces the meeting and asks how everyone is doing. Nothing of importance to note since last meeting.

Upcoming Event Availability

CP messaged the committee saying upcoming events need to be discussed outside of the recurring schedule. These have their own agenda item.

Rest of the committee states their availability and fills in the schedule otherwise.

Kanban Board Review

CP not currently in attendance so cannot comment on the status of some tasks.
Trans Swimming Event feedback poll from last meeting uploaded to welfare folder on the sharepoint by MC. OCW will take this feedback to an upcoming meeting with SUSU.
AS to take over drafting rules for an activism channel.

Action on AS to ask members for opinions and gauge interest in this channel.

Payment to CP regarding bowling reimbursement currently pending.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

OCW presents the minutes for the meeting taking place on August 23rd 2021. Voting to approve the minutes results in 6 votes for, 0 against and 2 abstaining out of the 8 members present during voting. Thus the minutes are approved and uploaded to the sharepoint.



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Welfare Report

No currently ongoing cases or anything of importance to mention from either welfare officer.

LGBTQ+ Officer Update

JN says there was a meeting on the 28th October in which LGBTQ+ halls of residence were discussed. The residence team at the university seems to be on board with the idea, and the feedback survey has been met with positive reception, so JN will be forwarding these results on to SUSU. Trans Awareness Week was also mentioned at this meeting, in which JN has suggested working with SUSU long term and will update committee on the outcome of a meeting tomorrow. There are also discussions of installing gender neutral toilets on campus facilities taking place.

Treasurer's Report

AS says current society balance is £700.72 with a pending transfer out of £333 to reimburse CP for bowling tickets, and a pending transfer in of £333 as revenue from Box Office sales.

Feedback

OCW says nothing of note to feedback on.

Trans Awareness Week

CP not present to lead conversation, OCW will take lead.

OCW says we should hold a discussion group, and we can also try to plan the swimming event to take place during this week as well which will help with asking SUSU for funding. Also says we should consider attending a vigil at The Art House on the 20th November as a society. OCW is already in contact with organisers and will keep committee informed with details if we wish to proceed. Other committee agree this sounds like a good idea for our members. OCW have said SUSU are willing to provide transportation to the event and will look to schedule a bus from campus.

OCW notes SUSU have offered us a social media takeover for TAW.

Action on IA and TT to prepare a media takeover – posts and stories.

OCW says we should look to plan a trans social, similar to the Ace Cake day. Can use this to gauge participation in future trans-only events.

Action on CP to organise trans-friendly social.

IA suggests hosting a lecture on trans history. OCW says this may be a better suggestion than a discussion group as previous turnout has been low.

Action on TT to design graphics and media posts, OCW to work with TT planning events.



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Action on IA to organise film night with CP.

Action on CP to create timetable for committee to indicate availability.

IA to talk to history dept. to find host for lecture.

OCW to make announcement regarding Trans Remembrance Vigil.

At this point in the meeting, JN excuses themselves and leaves the call.

Requested Events

OCW says there have been suggestions for upcoming events hosted both on discord and in person. Members have requested a society games night, shopping trip and book club. Says as CP is not present, we can discuss planning this at a later time.

OCW comments that a shopping trip sounds like a good idea. Committee in agreement. IA asks about the possibilities of having a large winter event, such as a ball or dinner. OCW says this would be possible, but we would have to make it a paid event.

This agenda item has also been copied to the next meeting's agenda for further discussion.

Other Upcoming Events

MC says there is nothing else particularly new to cover without CP. Regarding organisation of events discussed in the previous meeting, no substantial progress has been made but they are still in contact with staff. OCW says we need to push engagement to members as we will have a guest speaker and want to encourage attendance. Says we should organise social media posts to advertise lectures and discussion. OCW will mention this to SUSU tomorrow to ask if they would be willing to advertise these events.

Action on TT to work with MC to make a social media announcement for the lecture.

In-Person Lunches

OCW says we should move our regularly scheduled lunch socials from online to back in person again. Online lunches are now seeing near-zero attendance, and this is likely because people have moved back into university accommodation and have more to do. Suggests hosting them at The Bridge on Highfield Campus. SV and AS think this sounds like a good idea. To further discuss with CP regarding venue booking etc.

At this point in the meeting, IA excuses themselves and leaves the call.

OCW says they will talk to CP and book spaces. CPF says we should be careful committing to only in-person events in case we see a rising risk of Covid. OCW and SV agree.



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EGM

OCW says an EGM needs to happen soon to fill vacant committee positions. Suggests having it within the month so that results can be announced by early December. Recalls we used to have EGMs on Monday so that results can be counted over the weekend before. OCW says the issue with this timing is that it clashes with TAW.

Following committee discussion, the meeting is decided to be hosted over discord.

OCW suggests closing the voting period on the 1st December and announcing results on the 3rd.

The positions which need filling are:

Secretary

Ordinary member (BAME)

Ordinary member (Gay)

Ordinary member (Aro)

Action on OCW to organise dates and set up website for online voting.

Feedback from Black History Month

MC to give feedback from the recent discussion group.

Says members who attended were not aware that BAME ordinary member was a role, and would like to see the committee push to fill the position. Members would be interested in seeing BAME events outside of just Black History Month. There was a suggestion regarding a feedback box, which was decided felt too impersonal, and society members would like the committee to be more actively involved with the BAME community. Collaborations with other societies were suggested.

MC says one member suggested translating our announcements and posts to other languages to combat the language barrier between English speaking and non-speaking students. Following discussion, committee decided this was not feasible as professional translation costs more than the society can afford and none of the committee are capable of doing it ourselves.

Another suggestion was to promote more visibility to influential figures within the BAME community throughout the year and not just within BHM.

Action on OCW to write a blog post about Black History Month.



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Feedback from S

OCW says after attending the organised meeting, the member felt it would have been a good idea to elect a BAME ordinary officer before freshers week. They also think it would be a good idea to create an opt-in channel on the discord for BAME members. However, SV disagrees as this would require use of a BAME role, which could single members out and thus from a welfare perspective, we should not label the society members. OCW and AS agree on this point.

S also suggested we run BAME events, which were also suggested in the BHM discussion group. MC asks if there would be safeguarding issues with advertising events to members outside of our society. OCW comments and says we will be careful to retain identifying information and specific details to our members alone.

Action on OCW and IA to reach out to other societies regarding future collaborations.

Any Other Business

No other business from any members in attendance.

Meeting Conclusion

OCW says nothing more to comment on. Thanks committee for attending and wishes us all a good evening.