



SUSU LGBTQ+ SOCIETY

Minutes

Meeting Date:	Thursday 9 th June 2022	Meeting Time:	16:00
Meeting Location:	Discord		

Attendees	
SV (Secretary) AS (Events) RP (Publicity) DM (Welfare)	MT (Vice President) EC (Ordinary Member) CC (Ordinary Member)
Apologies	
ID (Treasurer)	

Meeting Introduction

SV welcomes everyone to the first meeting of the newly elected committee – briefly explains how meetings tend to run for the benefit of the new members and mentions that in future MT will be the meeting chair, and SV will move agenda items along. MT says as it is their first meeting they are happy to let SV chair and run this one so that they can observe how things tend to operate.

Upcoming Event Availability

This agenda item was skipped as there is no current events schedule.

Kanban Board Review

Plans for activism section of the discord put on indefinite hold.
CC to talk with NDDSoc and make an accessibility checklist for future events.
No progress on art competition.
Society inventory completed – AS has purchased banners and they have arrived.

Minutes of the last meeting

No minutes to present – secretary handover did not take place so minutes will need to be chased up by new committee.

Welfare Report

No current cases or anything important to mention from DM.



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LGBT+ Officer Update

Previously this agenda item was present because the SUSU LGBTQ+ officer was also a member of the society committee, however as this is no longer the case and current committee do not see it necessary to invite SUSU into our meetings, this item will be removed from this meeting and future meetings' agenda.

Treasurer's Report

ID not present, no formal report.

AS is expecting a reimbursement of £150.29 for purchase of society inventory (banners). ID to confirm next meeting.

Emails From SUSU

MT says we have received an email from SUSU offering us an account takeover for pride month. Says maybe RP can organise posts to advertise on SUSU social media and contribute to their publicity.

Action on MT and RP to follow up on this and pursue advertising.

AS says we should be careful not to reveal the exact time and location of society events to the public to keep members safe. SV suggests giving only surface information and redirecting to the society social medias for further information, thus requiring members to join the society to participate in our events. CC says they remember events being advertised on campus, but is not sure if this is still possible. MT agrees that we should only advertise date and time, and further information can be obtained by society members on our pages.

DM mentions that events taking place at public spaces such as The Edge pose a greater safeguarding risk, but committee should be okay to cover this by being attentive.

Action on AS to create risk assessment templates from SUSU examples for future SUSU events.

Student Feedback Form

DM thinks it is a good idea to reach out to current members querying satisfaction and feedback on the state of the society. Suggests doing this alongside the buddy system feedback form being planned by CC. SV asks what kind of feedback we would ask for. DM says a generic satisfaction poll with questions such as "is there anything you would like to see change in the society?". AS notes to ensure the poll is secure and anonymous by using our MS Teams links.

Constitutional Amendments

CC proposed the idea of an accessibility OM role to ensure that the community is represented. SV asks if this is necessary given that this is not a sexual orientation or gender identity/presentation, and may not fall under the LGBTQ+ umbrella. AS says the role would



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be similar to that of the WSA and BAME ordinary members, and it has nothing to do with being LGBTQ+. SV and MT both agree on this.

MT calls a vote to introduce an accessibility (wording pending) ordinary member. The resulting votes were 7 for, 0 against and 0 abstaining from introducing this position.

Action on CC to decide upon appropriate wording for position title.

Action on SV to draft wording for amendments at a general meeting.

EGM

MT asks whilst an EGM needs to be held to fill empty positions, whether or not we want to run a meeting over summer whilst many members are away. AS says it's unlikely there would be any negative outcome from postponing the election. MT agrees it is likely no big concern. EC says we won't want the EGM to clash with fresher's events, so we should host before students return to Southampton. DM says we will be forced to do the event online over summer, and in person might work better. AS says this isn't a problem (with online voting) so long as we extend the voting period to ensure everyone who may be busy gets a chance to vote.

MT calls a vote to decide the format of the upcoming EGM. The options being: Online Summer EGM, wait until after freshers, Abstain. The results are as follows: 7 votes for Online Summer EGM, 0 votes for waiting, 0 abstaining. With an absolute vote among the members present, the committee votes to host the EGM over the summer with an online voting procedure.

SV wants to discuss timing of the process. Do we want to wait until late summer or host earlier? EC suggests July of August to not overlap with pride month events. DM says July sounds good as many people might still be in Southampton at this time. EC says this is typically the moving period for people moving into private residence. Unsure if this is a good time. SV suggests holding a long voting period so that people moving house have a while to vote when convenient for them. Suggests holding the whole process from 4th July to 24th July over 3 weeks. Everybody agrees with this schedule.

Pride Month Events

AS wants to fill out an events calendar and asks for input. Also mentions they want at least one online event. DM says they have a portable BBQ and would be willing to lend it to the society for a grill social. Suggests funding food safety training with society money. ID is not present to comment. SV asks how we will source food. AS says maybe the treasurer can decide if we should use society funds. DM suggests sending out an engagement poll to estimate how much food should be bought, as well as how many people have dietary requirements. SV suggests using a disposable BBQ tray to allow separation of meats from meat-free products. DM, MT and SV happy to undergo safety training to get a certificate.



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AS notes there was a discussion group last pride, and asks if we want to run another one this year. SV suggests altering this into more of a lunch social, as discussion groups have had increasingly worse turnout over the year. AS agrees and says we should do this alongside another non-alcoholic social, such as going to get ice cream as a society. DM suggests Sprinkles as a venue as they have a shelter, given the upcoming rainy forecast. AS suggests another alcohol social – SV in favour as they are popular among members.

DM suggests a film night. SV says we can look into booking a theatre room on campus, and sending out a vote to the society to decide on which movie to watch.

Action on AS to contact The Edge regarding spaces/free entry for a society event.

Any Other Business

AS notes we are missing minutes from the previous secretary. AS and SV to ask for their notes/minutes.

No other business from other members in attendance.

Meeting Conclusion

SV and MT thank everyone for coming, celebrating the first meeting of the new committee. SV says they will schedule another meeting ideally within the month, but no rush as we are on summer and less work to be done.