

## Societies Assembly Minutes – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014

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### 1. Apologies for Absence

Politics  
Gamer  
Conservation  
Gamer  
Vegetarian

Labour  
Knitting  
Brack Wildlife Photography  
Geography

Societies not in attendance from signing in sheet;

Aegis  
APSoc  
Anthony Nolan Marrow  
Architecture  
Astronomy & Physics  
Business  
Chemistry  
Chinese Christian Fellowship  
Civil Engineering  
Comedy  
Computing  
Conservation  
Conservative Future  
Cooking  
Criminology  
Cypriot & Hellenic  
Design  
Economics

Education  
Fashion  
Film  
Fly FM  
Funky Fresh Collective  
Jewish  
Korean  
Leadership International  
Malaysian  
Marxist & Proletariat  
Maths  
Miscarriages of Justice  
Pub Sports  
Real Ale  
Scout & Guide  
Sikh  
Trent Parkour  
Trent TV

### 2. Accepting the agenda

LK announced the Agenda

The Agenda was ACCEPTED

### 3. Minutes from previous meeting

LK asked Assembly to approve the minutes from the previous Assembly.

#### **4. Updates**

##### **a. Training**

LK announced that there would be additional training dates uploaded onto the website over the coming day and told groups that grants would not be allocated unless a society had attended all training session.

Question: Will there be sessions available at Brack?

Answer: We will communicate with Brack groups separately so we can find a time when you are all available.

Question: If we attended sessions before summer, do we have to attend again?

Answer: Unfortunately there are records from sessions before the summer. If you can provide a list of sessions that were attended by someone from your committee before summer we will count that towards the total.

##### **b. Trinity Square event**

LK reminded assembly that there were still spaces available for the event that was due to take place on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November and encouraged societies to put themselves forward.

##### **c. Give It a Go Week**

LK reminded everyone to submit their events by the end of the week as this was the deadline to get events into the GIAG week guide. A deadline for stalls at the fair was also given.

##### **d. Room Booking Procedures**

LK went through the room booking procedures and reinforced that all requests must give adequate notice.

##### **e. Leadership Award**

AP went through the criteria of the leadership award and explained that every committee members already met the criteria for the award. LK encouraged groups to submit themselves for the award.

##### **f. Activities HQ Christmas Party**

AP mentioned that the Activities team would be creating a timeline of student activities throughout Activities HQ and that all committee members were invited to attend the event on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>. LK

concluded by adding that a society could also win £200 if they organised an event that could take place in Activities HQ.

g. Reporting Society Events

AP informed Assembly that he would be emailing out a termly events list so the SU could accurately report how active the societies at NTSU were.

## 5. Affiliations

**Investment and Trading** presented their bid for affiliation

Question: How active do you think you would be? How many people would you have regularly attending?

Answer: We already have quite a large number of students interested and many are already active in these type of activities.

Question: You mentioned that there was an old committee. What happened to them? Why won't your society fail if the previous one did?

Answer: The previous society was very active but unfortunately they had a lot of communication problems particularly around the elections. We are already looking at ways at improving our organisation and communication to members.

Question: Are you trading real money in London?

Answer: No, it's entirely virtual, although we would expect people to gain real skills that they could use in a real trading and investment environment.

YES: 64

NO: 6

ABSTAIN: 0

The society was successfully **affiliated**.

**Green Society** presented their bid for affiliation.

Question: How similar are you to the conservation society?

Answer: We focus on the entire Green movement, including political.

Question: Won't you have too much overlap with Conservation?

Answer: LK reminded everyone that the aims and objectives had already been approved by the SHE team.

Question: Would you come to Brack?

Answer: Yes.

Question: Will you force a political stance on people?

Answer: No. There may be a foundation here but there would be no forced membership. Individuals should decide who they support politically.

YES: 49

NO: 27

ABSTAIN: 4

The Green Society was unsuccessful in their bid to be affiliated.

Wine

Question: Do you have people on your committee who do not drink?

Answer: Yes we do. The society is more about understanding and learning about wine.

Question: Will you use English wine? And where would you get your wine?

Answer: There are some good English wines, yes! We know where the best wine comes from so we will be able to get hold of it.

Question: Will there be a membership fee?

Answer: There are currently no plans to charge people. We may be able to develop good partnerships with external groups and businesses to get good offers on wine.

YES: 61

NO: 9

The Wine Society was successfully affiliated.

**Nigerian Students' Forum** presented their bid for affiliation.

Question: The last Nigerian society became inactive over time. Why won't the same happen to you?

Answer: We are much more organised this time and are communicating better with other members. We already have a group on Facebook, which is very active.

Question: Is the society just for Nigerian students?

Answer: We would want to encourage all students to attend our events and learn about our history and culture. At a recent Nigerian event at the Global Lounge we had many non-Nigerian students turn up.

YES: 67

NO: 3

Abstain: 0

The society was successfully affiliated.

**Erasmus Student Network** presented their bid for affiliation

Question: How will you support outgoing students and not just those here?

Answer: Each area has an ESN group so we will be able to coordinate and support students even when they are away from University.

YES: 67

NO: 2

Abstain: 1

The Erasmus Student Network was successfully affiliated.

## **6. VP Activities Report**

LK went through her report and covered what she had been working on.

Question: There were some communication issues with elections. What is being done to fix them?

Answer: We are working with elections committee to make sure that there are fewer problems next time.

Question: There was too much loud music being played by both societies and clubs at fresher's fair which made it very difficult for us to talk to our members. Can this be addressed for Give It A Go week?

Answer: We will feed this back to the GiAG week planning committee.

Kirsty Jenkins (Warloc's) reminded everyone of the role of the House Exec Committee and that any concerns should be fed back to them for SHE meetings.

Question: How many training sessions do we need to attend? How do we know if we've met the criteria?

Answer: 12 hours is the required amount. Emails will be sent out about further sessions and you will be informed when you've met the minimum requirement.

## **7. AOB**

AP reminded everyone of the Skills For Stronger Chairs session that was taking place on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

## **8. Date & Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting was confirmed to be on the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

