



SUSU LGBTQ+ SOCIETY

Minutes

Meeting Date:	17 th October 2024	Meeting Time:	18:00
Meeting Location:	Highfield Campus		

Attendees	
RR KR KD AW WW NB	Secretary Socials Officer Vice-President Ordinary Member Treasurer Technical Officer
Apologies	
AH GI N/A N/A	Media Officer President Welfare Officer Outreach Officer

Discord Verification Bot

- Current technical issues with the discord verification bot means that new members are not being verified properly. At the moment NB is manually verifying new members to the discord server.
- Depending on the severity of the issue we may have to use another bot, however an update to the bot should be ok. The current bot has had a lot of work into protecting the data of GaySoc members and therefore we would like to keep it, if possible, for ethical and data handling reasons.
- NB has said they will work on this between this meeting and the start of November.

Ace-Spec Events / Asexuality Visibility Week

- Committee has discussed the nature of focus and events during Asexuality Visibility week (from the 20th to 27th October) and what events we can run for this.
- Volunteer speaker has contacted GI about doing an educational presentation/talk for visibility. At the moment we are considering the specific details of this and if we may be able to modify it to make it more specific to asexuality as opposed to multiple identities.



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- A general coffee morning will be organised on Highfield Campus, for the 23rd of October, as a social for the visibility week. If any other social ideas arise during now and then they may be added to these plans.

Board in the City Society Social

- We have had contact prior to the start of term from the management at 'Board in the City' who would be happy to offer us discounts for a collaborative event for our members when group-booking with them. We would like to pursue this and will be sending out an interest poll to our members to gather how many people we need to account for when booking with the management.
- KD will be booking with 'Board in the City' after having estimated attendance numbers and finding a suitable date.

Halloween Movie Night

- Committee wants to hold a Halloween themed movie night showing 'The Rocky Horror Picture Show' on the 1st of November as of writing.
- Ideally members will be asked to meet in the designated lecture hall at 7.30pm so that members have enough time to wait on campus and both go home and come back if they are planning on wearing costumes.
- Committee has both a physical copy of the movie and access to the movie via streaming services.
- KD has said they will book this in in due time.

Mailing List

- The mailing list was purged at the start of the year as there was a significant backlog of contacts of which we did not know who should still be receiving emails. Members have been notified that they must re-register for the mailing list for the new academic year.
- Consistent mailing schedule would be beneficial as certain members on the mailing list may have no other access to our events notifications (eg via social media or discord) this way we can improve visibility among all our members. Further work needs to be implemented to make sure this remains consistent.



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Media Officer Role

- The current media officer has not been able to keep up with their committee duties nor have they been responsive to current contact made by other committee members. For this reason, we will be considering the media officers role within committee and whether this needs to be modified. As social media is the biggest face of our society available to students and non-students, its important that its updated regularly for our visibility and member communication.
- We have made contact with the media officer providing them with their expected duties and alternatives for contact that may make it easier for them to get in contact the rest of committee. We have set a confidential date for this review and if we receive an inadequate or no response, we will consider the future of this committee member and whether we need to re-assign the roll at the upcoming November EGM after having taken appropriate disciplinary action (*see Article XIV & VI of Constitution for further details on the proceedings of these actions*).

EGM

- EGM is being planned as of this meeting.
- Committee is continuing the practice of taking questions from members remotely, after which another committee member will communicate these to the elected individual. After having dealt with prior verbal abuse in live chat functions, we do not think this is safe for elected individuals or committee to have live/online questions as it is difficult to moderate and hold individuals accountable.