



SUSU LGBT+ SOCIETY

Committee Minutes

Meeting Date:	9 th May	Meeting Time:	18:30
Meeting Location:	Meeting Room 5, SUSU building, Highfield Campus		

Attendees	
KG (She/Her) President EKC (They/Them) Secretary KL (He/Him) Treasurer AL (He/Him) Technical Officer	AB (They/Them) Welfare Officer TG (She/Her) Engagement Officer LLG (They/Them) Welfare Officer EM (He/Him) Ordinary Member
Apologies	
SB (He/Him) Ordinary Member	

TOC:

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SH (Vice-President) has with immediate effect resigned from the committee due to personal reason we wish them the best of luck in the future.

Housekeeping

Format of discussions and meetings going forward:

KG outlined their proposed suggestions for how committee meetings will work, the meetings formats and changes.

Reiteration of Forums for Discussions:

KG reiterated that the committee chat is to be kept separate with the social chat to discuss life outside of committee work and the 'organise' chat to be where the committee discusses LGBT+ society related questions and concerns.

EKC brought up where they should place the minutes, it was discussed that EKC will put the minutes up in the committee Microsoft Team, and reiterate that they have have uploaded it for the committee to check before public upload.

Vacant Role workload:

KG has suggested that we hold either EGM in the autumn or in the summer. KL has commented that even when people said they would run prior to the event do not. KG followed up that if we do hold off electing to the next academic year - we must



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realise it will come with an extra workload in the next few months. AB commented that the roles that we would have to share as an extra load, KG reminded us that the jobs undertaken by the previous roles.

Vote:

Wait for election in the academic year: **Unanimous.**

Workload:

Activities

KL commented that we can brainstorm ideas regarding activities.

Publicity

KG and EKC will take the helm on the social media with LLG, AB and TG commented that they will help.

Constitution:

The wording the constitution was agreed however the format was not. KG has worked on reformatting the constitution to within SUSU standards. The committee has ratified the changes to the constitution.

Around the Table

Presidential Update:

KG had an individual meeting with the former president, regarding handover which included going through the constitution and passed over materials. KG has undertaken networking within the university, working on the reformatting the constitution, running the social media.

SUSU senate meeting -

- KG pushed back and challenged SUSU on the divvying up of societies within 'zones'. They are getting rid of society 'zone' in general but are currently working on how to reorganise.
- Survey regarding Sexual Awareness Survey, and SUSU has been granted some money to do a working group - KG wishes for someone from LGBT+ society to step forward to help/
- Update to disciplinary procedure- new rules with how we would report that to SUSU, and there is an elected student who can offer support to the welfare offices on how to deal with disciplinary action, and also members if they need support.
- [Redaction]

KG has organised a meeting with student records term, to discuss students changing names and getting rid of titles.

Finance update:

Currently: £1591.76

After all updated payments £1595.04

After all payment: **1,345.04**

SB need to be reimbursed.

KG raised the question that we have 2 accounts - moneyhub and Barclays account which we will discuss under 'Finance Process & Banking'.

Welfare update:

LLG and AB cannot comment much on what they are working on, but they wished it to be known that they can only offer support, and people can rightfully refuse.

Technical update:



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AL asked if committee members who have emails need their passwords resetting, or if they were passed on by the former committee member holding the role.

AL has reminded us to do our about me profile for the website from TG, KL, LLG and EKC.

KG raised a query about having a log on screen rather HTACCESS for the committee area. The committee then went through how to get to the committee area.

Projects

Boat Ball 2020

We can start thinking about next year boat ball as soon as the next exam calendar is released. AB and LLG will keep an eye out for dates and research into possible data.

Freshers Week

Marketing and events. LLG and AB have brainstormed regarding fresher's week - or the three weeks.

KG will own this action with AB and LLG assisting.

Welfare Activities (AB & LLG)

Freshers

LLG and AB wish to reach out to, do a information/introduction session talk at halls with 2-3 committee members in attendance.

TG commented that we do have the white t-shirt within the fresher periods, but we agreed that we would be happy to discuss other fresher events. LLG suggested craft session such as painting mugs and other craft-based activities, with

Discussion group

Feeling welcome at Uni.

Drug and alcohol use.

Other events

Together they are working on updating the website, as the information was limited and commented about needing to update the leaflets.

LLG wishes to introduce closed coffee afternoons.

Finance Process & Banking:

Bank account - Current situation

As KG mentioned earlier, we have 2 accounts.

Mainly used the MoneyHub one and is generally easier to manage to have grants paid to by the union and is better than getting cash out. The Barclays account is a very old, the signatories are no longer at the universities and does not have mobile or internet banking, therefore it has to be cash or cheque. In the past it has been someone on committee has to pay and be reimbursed.

Back Account -Future

KL would like to revamp the Barclays account, change the name, the signatories that would allow us to make payments directly to people and it is a loss less hassle. Kg wishes to add that there should be no barriers and does not like that someone has to float it.

EKC asks if we could close it and reopen elsewhere and KL is happy to look elsewhere.

EKC asks is there any cons - KL replied that it is a bit more annoying with grants and that there is a need to update SUSU in three months.



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Vote

Moving away from Moneyhub - **unanimous**.

Anonymous donations

Last year it was agreed that we would use it for long lasting, but it was not agreed on what.

LLG should the anonymous donation be publicised, we agreed not to until we decide what the money shall be spent on and used on.

- Committee to go away and brainstorm ideas.

Reshaping the committee for 2020 & beyond - KG.

We currently have 13 roles. We have not had much update for some roles, mainly Winchester.

It is a good time to look at the committee, and think about whether the committee is working to its best ability, is there a way that we can create a committee that meets the need for the whole of the student body such as trans officer & BAME officer etc. This year could be used to create a new pathway for the society.

- LLG&TG to work on that.

Other societies:

AB wishes to reach out to societies, including religious societies and other minorities societies to broaden the societies horizons and get more people involved but also in general.

Inclusivity and Allies -

TG has been contacted by someone who feels 'too straight' to come to events and wishes to try and do more to ensure that the B in LGBT+ is more inclusive. LLG commented that perhaps we need to try and open up the society to allies and ensuring diversity. KG commented that when we do Boat Ball partners are welcome LGBT+ or not. Overall, we agreed that we need to ensure that people feel comfortable to come to society events and that there are no barriers

EVENTS:

Upcoming -

Boat Ball

KG has boat ball posters and SUSU have bigger ones and they are getting okayed by the marketing team. Ticket wise we have sold 7 tickets, and we shall receive more sales closer to the events and we need to sell 60 minimum we need to contact people individually. Photographer wise we have a society member who have offered to photograph boat ball for free if we compensate their ticket.

IDAHOBIT

We have an event scheduled for it by KG and pulse staff network is fairly new. The new committee is keen to get involved with us, and our first 'shared' event is upcoming, and the university is flying the pride flag for the day we are having a mini 'flag raising' out 8:30am outside the library and then having breakfast. KG has published the Facebook event.



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Future

Lunches

The past year the lunches have zigzagged MTWTF-FTWTF. Next academic year (and in the future) the committee discussed doing MTWTF - it was raised that the gap between Friday-Monday is small but that it is better than people having to wait for the days to circle back round doing MTWTF-FTWTF.

Summer Events

Post-graduate students are here over the summer as are other courses, such as nursing. Therefore, we wish to continue the lunches running over the summer break so that there are activities for people to do over the summer, bar August when the campus is particularly quiet.

Southampton Pride

KG cannot be there in the parade as they have prior commitments, therefore other committee members are to check if they are able to go to ensure the societies presence during the parade.

Campaigns

We have as a society been a-political and as a society we wish to continue unless there is any LGBT+ news in the media that we feel the need to take a stance on.

Brunei house

SUSU and the LGBT+ society and estates all wrote letters regarding the recent news of Brunei's anti-LGBT+ stance and legislation HR backed the aforementioned letters and petitions to rename Brunei House. The VC has not replied since the Brunei student statement.

Brunei later retracted that they would implement the law, but there is a wish to still go against it because it is still very hostile and the law is still in place - SUSU is in favour and the committee is - Unanimous in favour of continuing to rename Brunei House.

LGBT+ survey

It is very important that we canvas all LGBT+ students on campus, as the society knows that there are far more LGBT+ students over campus and at the university away from the society. There is a wish for it to be a comprehensive survey similar to the one previously run by SCA - such a survey we all agreed would give us good results about LGBT+ experiences on campus away from society members.

KG - thinking of some questions, draft the survey, agree that with SUSU so that they are happy with the question to promote it. Hope to have it done by the end of the academic year, so we catch leavers and new students coming into the university - especially while SUSU is supportive. It was agreed that there would be an attempt to get the survey signed off by the end of June as the survey turn around is harsh.

Any other business:

You are more than

Share more of that stuff out on social media - to try and remind society members of events that SUSU are putting on during the exam season.



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Date of next meeting

Doodle poll for the next meeting. Short meetings every few weeks work best, to discuss progress and events rather than long meeting.

Updating facebook page and group

On facebook the group secret and requires admin approval (If society members add people) or for the committee to add them. KG raised a question of whether there should be a separate group for alumni, to remove them from the academic environment and make the main group an environment for current students. It was agreed as we had multiple questions and concerns regarding the Facebook group that discussing the creation of an alumni group would be tabled for the next meeting.

Social Media Etiquette (KG)

Just a reminder to be nice and kind to other people.

Trans awareness week:

Get our minds rolling on ideas for trans awareness week, and SUSU are up for doing a week of well funding events. Committee to send suggestions, for events and also speakers.

Fieldtrips:

Thoughts about looking into other universities, such as Cambridge, Reading and Solent other LGBT+ societies to try and reach out and branch out our society and get involved with other LGBT+ societies to help us network.

Email

EKC commented that the current LGBT+ inbox is near full quota; AL will look into the possibility of archiving it.

Membership list on SUSU website.

EKC commented that there is a list of LGBT+ society 'members' on SUSU webpage that the committee can see, KG wishes to reiterate that the list is opt in through clicking 'join' and we do not use it because it is not very accurate.

London Pride.

We set up a 'who is going to London pride' thread to post if people are going but the society are not going to go