



SUSU LGBT+ SOCIETY

Committee Minutes

Meeting Date:	Monday 5 th August 2019	Meeting Time:	18:30
Meeting Location:	Online Video Call		

Attendees	
KG (She/Her) President KL (He/Him) Treasurer AL (He/Him) Technical Officer KF (He/Him) SUSU LGBT+ Officer	AB (They/Them) Welfare Officer TG (She/Her) Engagement Officer LLG (They/Them) Welfare Officer EM (He/Him) Ordinary Member
Apologies	
Ezra Keegan Carr (They/Them) Secretary	SB (He/Him) Ordinary Member

NB: SUSU's LGBT+ Outreach Officer **KF** has been invited to participate in today's meeting but is not an elected member of the LGBT+ society committee.

Fresher's Week

Recap from last meeting, action updates

- only person who commented on last meeting minutes; we talked about what to do one the week of, before and after Fresher's Week. Recap:
- Fresher's Week: 23rd September (start's with [redacted], v. important)
- Monday 23rd: first day – have a LGBT+Soc lunch for existing members + freshers
- Wednesday 25th: bunfight – LGBT+ presence is KEY (we've been very hidden in the past)
- Arts and Crafts at the bunfight stall

AB: let's make friendship bracelets?

- Everyone is keen
- Ace colours, trans colours, gay colours

KG:

- Evening of Wednesday 25th: social? – 'fresher's week queer night'

KF:

- Welcome meeting: as people what they want and expect from this society

KG:

- Welcome meeting? – 26th? – Thursday, late afternoon/early evening – need to know what SUSU is doing



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KG: To avoid overloading fresher's week, aiming to spread events into the week after:

- Bowling night
- Cinema/LGBT+ film screening

Other comments:

- Rather than always doing lunches, maybe do some breakfasts
 - § Cheaper, maybe a better part of the day
 - § No response from SUSU about reserving a table at the Bridge
 - § Downstairs Café that does breakfasts has gone vegan but apparently still going to do cooked breakfasts

LLG: please can we move the lunches entirely, the bridge is noisy, expensive and packed

- Some agreement

KG:

- Evening drinks for those in Southampton?
- For the bowling – can we reach out to corporate HQ of Hollywood Bowl to get free stuff?
 - § Came back to Kes's email saying no (“we only support one charity a year”)
- For the film screening – film itself doesn't cost anything to provide

Recap ended, let's discuss:

KF: stress the bowling etc. as icebreakers – fellow queers meeting up and being happy together

KG: however, if the bowling etc. costs money, then we need to do free events

Leo: scoops after cinema?

KL: wary about doing a ticketed event – i.e. the bowling – might be difficult to make the money back/sell tickets for a completely new society event. Would it not be more sensible to do ticketed events when we have a membership?

KG: make the bowling event a bit further into the schedule?

EM: could we have a board game night instead on second week? – Board In The City??

KG: could pop in and chat with them, check out which date that week would work better, do we need a deposit to hold space etc.? <<- ACTION



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KG: we could go to scoops after either or both the film screening and the games night

EM: BITC has discount on certain days

KG: preference on day for either event?

- None

KG: shortlist films in members group and ask what people would like?

Suggestions:

- Beautiful Thing (KG)
- I'm a Cheerleader (AB)
- Love, Simon (EM)
- Moonlight (AL)
- Pride (pretty much everyone??)

KG: @KF can we have shared space rather than separate presences

KF: is all for that

KG: we need a rota to organise bunfight

AB: leafleting and merchandise? <<- any other business

AB: we need someone to give KG relief on social media

KG: we should draw up a plan for advertising and communication, share with committee and people can take over at different times <<- ACTION

AB: still do not understand how to add people to the FB group? <<- any other business

Current SUSU Funding Round & Financial Update

- Nothing has actually changed since the last meeting
- £1600.04 currently in account

- First funding round is currently open
- KL has made a little guide for everyone on what generally gets funded
- Can we get ideas for resources etc. that we want to get in – in the past we've had whiteboards, marker pens etc.



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AB - Welfare

- Craft activities that need costing
- Aalijah happy to cost: thread for bracelets for bunfight

KG: unfortunate that funding doesn't cover printing; we have a duty to our members.

- Unsure whether we need any updated banners/largescale society branding – is what we have in date?

KL: we also need to work out what we want to spend the donation money on

- In the past we've had a grant for Ziploc bags in the past – we've made resource packs of different leaflets and sometimes contraceptives

Please keep ideas coming for anything we can put in for the funding round.

Any Other Business

KG:

Leaflets/merchandise/inventory

- We inherited a bunch of stuff from the last committee
- Had a brief look: there is lots of out of date stuff (condoms and 'chewits'...); some duplicate things
- In order to know what we need, we need to go through this stuff: please can 2+ people come over and help me stock take ->> then we can make proper decisions
- Wants this done in the next week or 2

Facebook group, decisions regarding:

- We could change the name to 2019/2020
- We could make a fresh secret group and invite people back into it
- Still a question to answer – do we remove alumni or not? – safety issues
§ Thoughts?

Options here:

1. Leave everything and rename the group
2. Make a fresh group for the next academic year, open to students only. Existing group becomes the alumni group.
3. Keep the current group as-is, create a separate alumni group and ask alumni to move



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- KF's opinion is #2 but is unable to vote
 - #1 – no vote
 - #2 – 6
 - #3 – no vote
- Make a fresh group for the next academic year, open to students only. Existing group becomes the alumni group.
 - § KG and AL are going to look at how to make this transition

KF: make groups that people can just press 'join' on

KG: we need to make sure we can communicate this properly, work out when this is going to happen

Elliot: Southampton Pride

- It's on August 24.
- We've discussed doing something for pride

KG: almost no students and committee members in Southampton. University has a slot in the parade

LLG: in my whole time at Soton Uni, the society has always done something, taken a group to Pride

TG, EM, AB & KL will all be at Pride.

KG's first commitment is their band.

KL: we need to make sure we have a proper banner if we want to join the parade

- We need to sort out an event to properly organise this

KG: I'll check in with A (who runs Pulse) to make sure we can properly collaborate

KL: night out as well? What do we want to do?

LLG: I think that's up to you guys who are going

KG: I think you all should stick around for the band

KL: I think being in the parade is the main, organised thing – if people want to stay that's up to people individually



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KF: Do we know the status of the Brunei House motion?

KG: Short answer: no, Long answer: it's still in VC's office

KF: I want to chase this up in that case

EM: Lunches throughout July/August?

KG: July yes, August no

EM: was confused because the lunches are automated rather than actively inviting them

KG: yes, I did this during summer for ease, however during the new academic year we will return to non-automated

AB: Tweet (?) UoS PhD student

- Attempting to make a poll about whether risk assessments for LGBT+ people are included for fieldtrips etc.
- Are they in contact with the uni?

KG: yes, they are.

Summary of Actions

AB – spreadsheet for signing up for bunfight rota

AB – will cost the thread necessary for bracelets at bunfight

AL – going to post a poll in the FB group

KF – move our bunfight stall to the section to do with welfare rather than politics

KF – chase up Brunei House name

KG – going to Board In The City to chat to them

KG – going to write up a plan for advertising and communication & share

KG – will speak to Andy and make a facebook group/event

KG, EM, KL – going to go through lots of condoms (stock take)

KG & AL – going to talk through the facebook transition to separating alumni and current students