

Minutes:

Confirmed

Opportunities Zone

Meeting 3 of the academic year 2021-23

Date / Time:

Wednesday 30th March 2022, 17:30-18:30

Location:

Microsoft Teams

Chair:

Aashni Sawjani (AS)

Student Opportunities Executive

Attendees:

Sita Patel (SP)

Student Opportunities Co-Ordinator

Maariyah Ahmed (MA)

Opportunities Zone Member

Shamsia Qadir (SQ)

Open Zone Member

Navi Kaur (NK)

Open Zone Member

Benjamin Smith (BS)

Student Welfare Executive

1. Welcome and introductions**AS****AS**

Opened the meeting by explaining the manner in which zones are conducted and addressing the agenda.

ALL

Each member of the zone introduced themselves.

2. Notifications of Any Other Business**AS**

No notifications of any other business.

3. Minutes from the Previous Meeting:**AS**

Minutes from previous meeting was approved

4. Exec Update on goals and re-election**AS**

AS explained their goals for the next academic year due to a re-election in their position, and encouraged zone members to use zones and councils to scrutinise the student executive.

5. Development Fund Requests**AS****AS**

Explained to zone members what the Development Fund is, and the zone members role in allocating the development fund

SP

Explained further the use of the development fund and that out of the budget of £10,000, £5,000 has already been given out to student groups and to bare that in mind When allocating the fund.

Mooting Society Request of £2,700- AS

SQ suggested to ask the society for a clearer breakdown as she is in the society herself, in order to get a clearer understanding. NK agreed to take this action to ensure that there is no unnecessary spending by the society. SQ then suggested to

ask the society how many tickets they have already sold. BS asked how many other development fund requests there are this zone. AS said there is one more which is over £1000. SP mentioned that though the two that have come in from one are over £200, monthly the opps team sees several development fund applications that are over £200, so that is something to keep in mind, and as the event in a few weeks it would be convenient to make a decision now given the timescale. AS suggested 30% at £810. MA and NK voted in favour. SQ's vote was not counted as they have attended Mooting Society's sessions prior and BS did not vote as they were not a member of this zone. AS confirmed total of £810 with suggestions that the society could look for external funding,

Karting Society Request of £1500 – AS

AS explained the societies fund request, that the cost of the event is £3750, however, the society are only requesting £1,500. NK asked if students themselves will be contributing to the event or if the society is solely relying on the development fund. AS suggested to vote on this fund request the same way as Mooting, and not to be over stingy with giving the funds away. SQ asked for more clarification on how the society were spending the fund, AS clarified that the fund would be used to pay for the entry of the competition that they would be going to. MA suggested that £1,000 should be given. AS took the amount of £1,000 to vote. NK, MA and SQ agreed.

6. New Student Group Requests

AS

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Went through the process of approving groups.

Student Group Approval – Mingle Society

NK, QS, MA and AS approved

Student Group Approval – Protons Church

NK, QS, MA and AS approved

Student Group Approval – Cinema Society

NK, QS, MA and AS approved

Student Group Approval – Trading Game Card Society

NK, QS, MA and AS approved

7. Society Role Name Change – Health and Safety Officer

AS

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Introduced the new name as Health and Wellbeing Officer.

SP

Explained that the new name change will have a new take on the role as well. meaning that the health and safety officer will now look at society members wellbeing in not just the physical form but in terms of their mental health, they will also have mental health and wellbeing training in this role too.

- MA** Agreed
- SQ** Agreed
- NK** Agreed, and mentioned that they have thought about this earlier and would like to be involved in relevant focus groups.
- BS** Encouraged the change, however, importance that these students don't take on full responsibility and ensure that information on other DSU services is out there.

8. Opportunities Zone Feedback

AS

- AS** Asked Zone members how they find opportunities zone and any feedback.
- MA** Said that its been a good experience, and has gained knowledge and skills. However, the service at DSU is not so good and needs to improve. Based on her experience things have not been dealt with.
- AS** Thanked MA for the feedback.
- AS** Closed the meeting.