

GRADUATE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Graduate Students' Association held on Thursday 22 November 2007

Present:

Rana Tayara, President

Aseel Takshi, Welfare Officer

Jodie Davies, Internal Officer

Tom Flynn, Treasurer

Ashlee Honeyborne Events Officer

Carylan Lobo, Press and Publicity

Emma Cooper, Will Pyman, Kimon Polychroniadis, Victor Tsitakis,
Sports Activities Officers

Fred Danquah, NPC Officer

Eva Fairnell, Part Time Students' Officer

Rhodi C E Scantlebury, Senate Representative

Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

The QAA Audit team will come back in December and will visit two departments – Environment and Philosophy and will report back on 21 December.

Eva agreed to take on a committee(s) from Rana.

Emma attended RRAIG, the title of which is to be changed – feedback required.

Board for Graduate Schools – Aseel attended – there is a potential problem with the low level of English Language Skills with some students. Identity theft may also be a problem.

Ashley attended the Ethics Committee. She reported that there is currently no student representative on the health sciences ethics committee – this to be addressed; also the lack of a student representative on the physical sciences ethics committee, this also to be addressed. There is a possibility of a postgraduate rep sitting on the committee because of the high proportion of research projects requiring ethical committee approval.

Standing Committee on Harassment - there is a significant increase in cases (particularly in disability-related harassment both of and by academic staff. National Anti Bullying Week in Week 7 of this term. YUSU planning campaigns.

SSHomes – it was agreed that we should put the YUSU logo for this on our publicity (the SU will give us £100 towards costs).

There will be a Court meeting on Friday 30 November – Rana and Aseel prepared the GSA Report.

Library Opening Times – research students and the use of inter library loans – we seem to be using more than would be the norm.

Student Centre – it was unanimously agreed that the GSA put a “stake” in the Student Centre – this does not necessarily mean that we will move but will mean that we have an option should we so decide.

It was agreed that we should have Royal Blue Hoodies for committee members.

Events

80's event on Saturday (off campus)

Xmas Dinner for Friday 14 December on ticket sales close on Friday 7th.

Monday - DJ - Jodie arranging.

Re Freshers Week

Monday – Bar Crawl

Wednesday – Karaoke (Grease type music)

Thursday DVD's in the GCR

Friday – Late Night

Emma Arranging a Sports Social after Christmas

Website

James to re-do it completely.

The GSA Logo to be changed.

It was agreed that we recruit a part time staff member (15 – 20 hours per week) to ensure that all GSA publicity, communications, emails etc are delivered in a professional way.

Jodie to undertake a review of the Graduate Common Rooms with respect to facilities and their improvement.

Sporting Activities Officers to liaise with YUSU Athletic Union regarding GSA use of table tennis tables.

The next meeting of the GSA Executive Committee will be on Tuesday, 11 December at 4.30 (venue to be arranged).