

WSU Executive Committee Agenda

Friday 15th March 2024 at 12:30 (On Teams)

	ITEM	Owner
1.	Welcome	AL
2.	Apologies	AL
3.	Declaration of interest	AL
4.	Minutes of previous meeting	AL
5.	Matters arising	AL
Approval Items		
6.	Society Approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mooting Society</i> - <i>Surgical Society</i> 	IP
Reporting Items		
7.	Officer Objective Update	Officers
8.	Additional Campaign Updates	Officers
Discussion Items		
9.	Current Student Issues	All
10.	Update on Relevant Projects and Discussions with the University	All
11.	Dudley campus	SW
Any Other Business		
12.	AOB	AL/All

Minutes

1.0 Welcome

AL welcomed all members to the March Executive Committee.

2.0 Apologies

No apologies received.

3.0 Declaration of Interest



No declarations declared.

4.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The committee reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting in February and then took a vote to approve:

For - 2

Against - 0

Abstain - 0

The minutes from the Executive Committee on 22.02.24 are approved.

5.0 Matters Arising

Carried Over Actions	Owner	Update
Action July.05: Exec to keep on top of city campus refurbishment.	All	Action: AL to follow up with TJ about city campus refurbishment Update: SW is meeting with Lisa Stansby to discuss.
Action July.12: RC to feedback issues with quality of food at next meeting with Chartwells.	RC	Action: Al to raise in Student Council as a standing agenda item
ACTION December.01: Elizabeth Garret Building Access - AL to follow up with TJ in the new year on progress regarding CCTV.	AL	Action: Al to continue to follow this up with Tim Jones and Tom Taylor
ACTION December.04: IP to look at various grants (Worcester community grant and national lottery grant) for funding towards CoL objective or any relevant campaigns/developments.	IP	Ongoing progress Action: AL and IP to discuss together after reviewing independent
ACTION December.05: AL to start looking at other campuses and prayer	AL	Action: AL to speak to the university again and see where this is at and their plans for other campuses

space, and open student consultation in the new year.		
Action January.01: Sophie Williams to discuss progress and plans for the mental health policy with Claire Neild.	SW	Completed.
ACTION January.02: AL to take Incorrect Terminology Policy to University EDI Committee when it takes place.	AL	Update: Recently had an EDI Committee and AL expressed to exec that they feel it isn't an appropriate space to bring up item, it needs to go to EDI oversight group so AL to readdress how to approach this. Action: AL to email Lisa Stansby and Gill Slater about Incorrect Terminology Policy.
ACTION January.11: SW to talk to Sophie Smith about committee recruitment being added to a Student Activities Council	SW	Completed.
Actions from Feb Meeting		
ACTION February.01: HH to meet with the society and discussion changes and clarify some of the concerns with the society.	HH	Completed.
ACTION February.02: SW to follow up with Claire Neild about the Mental Health Policy when they meet.	SW	Completed.
ACTION February.03: SW to discuss RAPs concerns with Claire Neild in their catch-up meeting.	SW	Completed.
ACTION February.04: AL to email Liz to find out if there is any information about her replacement.	AL	Completed.
ACTION February.05: AL and ARE to discuss issues with Iron Mill with Sue Cuthbert	AL/ARE	Completed.

6.0 Society Approval

Mooting Society

IP explained the aims of the Mooting society:

- To provide students with the opportunity to partake in moots and mock trials.
- To assist students in the development of their legal skills, like their organisation skills, research skills, oral presentation skills and confidence.
- To provide structured programs to develop skills needed for court room advocacy with support from lectures and externals.

IP explained that HH had met with the students who are setting up the society to address the concerns expressed by Exec in the meeting on the 22.02.24. IP discussed the concerns related to safeguarding, their name, their amended aims etc. HH joined to talk through questions regarding competitions and concerns around the students running 6-8-week programs. HH explained the students will start off slow and build their society before starting any competitions and explained that the students are going to run their sessions in 6-8-week blocks and then have a week or two off and that there were no concerns around this.

SW asked whether the students would have support from lecturers and HH assured Exec that they do have this support.

SW asked if the students were happy to make amendments to the committee positions and HH explained that they were happy to have three roles and would only look to have more roles if they expand in time.

The committee voted on the approval of the Mooting society:

For - 2

Against - 0

Abstain - 0

Approved.

Surgical Society

IP explained the aims of the Surgical society:

- To support and encourage individuals interested in a surgical career, and to develop topical knowledge and practical skills through engagement in extracurricular activities with those involved in the profession.

- To provide members with up-to-date information on Local and National Surgical Conferences, events, courses, workshops, and networking opportunities to further their professional development.
- To connect members with allied professionals interested in surgery, and to explore inter-professional learning, mutli-disciplinary teams, and increase accessibility for all students at the university interested in a surgical career.

SW asked who has decided to set this society up and IP stated that it was medical students. SW followed up with asking whether they are happy to be separate to Med Soc. IP explained they are happy to be separate and that they have the potential to collaborate if they want to.

No further questions received for IP regarding the Surgical Society.

The committee voted on the approval of the Surgical society:

For - 2

Against - 0

Abstain - 0

Approved.

7.0 Officer Objective updates

AL & IP reviewed the officer objectives log and updated on their progress and their leftover actions explaining that most of their objectives were completed or very close to completion.

There was a brief discussion that some reassurance and details around Get Involved for 2024-2025 would be beneficial.

Action: IP to ask for further details about get involved for the academic year 2024-2025.

8.0 Additional Campaign Updates:

Period dignity Campaign

Period products stocks in the SU are becoming very low and running out extremely quickly and the charity providing period products are looking like they are struggling financially. IP and KD are currently making up period dignity bags but these will have to

stop when stocks run out. Posters have been put up in the toilets informing students of low demand and only taking what you need.

Student Voice Conference

Planning for the conference is taking place and the conference is set to happen on April 26th.

Varsity Campaign

IP shared that the Varsity sports have been doing an excellent job sharing all about their campaigns and informed Exec that the Varsity pledge video 2024 has been produced and shared on social media.

9.0 Current Student Issues

There was a brief overview of some of the student issues the SU are aware of.

Rep forums

The Rep forums took place the week of exec and those present shared that what came out of them was positive and any really concerning feedback was dealt with straight away by Ann Jordan.

Chartwells - SU regularly discussing Chartwell's.

Help and Advice update

ARE explained to exec that in Help and Advice it is currently a period where they are seeing a rise in Academic Integrity cases.

Housing has calmed down a little but compared to recent months Help and Advice have formed a better relationship with purple cactus which is positive. It means that student housing issues are being dealt with quicker and easier.

10.0 Update on Relevant Projects and Discussion with the University

SW explained that we continue to speak up about accommodation and Chartwell's.

SW explained we need to work out our capacity around the General election as we will experience pressure to do events related to the election.

Action: ARE to discuss the General election with Ann Jordan and gauge what David's expectations are for the general elections

Action: AL and IP to put it on the agenda for UW/SU.

SW explained that David Green will expect us to do something as it is so important and we will have to ensure we build it into the operational plan over the next few months.

11.0 Dudley Campus

SW gave exec an update on the Dudley campus.

Some of the key points are as follows (with particular focus on items that relate directly to Worc SU):

- Building of the University Centre is on track.
- DBS - SW asked if we would need to have DBS's.
- The university staff will expect reimbursement for commuting to Dudley which will have cost implications. It will also require the SU considering this too because if the university decide to the SU will need to as well.
- Their will be staff parking.
- Receptionists at the new university campus and the second campus will need to be trained in what the SU do and what support we can provide.
- It is not a 24-hour campus - Although it isn't open for an equal amount of time with other university campuses the university feel it is open for sufficient hours and if students are informed it is okay that it is unequitable.
- Sconul - SCONUL Access is a scheme which allows many university library users to use study spaces or books and journals at other libraries which belong to the scheme. SW asked IP and AL if they knew what this was, and they stated they didn't. We do not promote this as a university/SU.

12.0 AOB

No submitted AOB.

- AL explained that they think some students have access to SU offices and shared their concern with this.

Action: SW to speak to Ian Buftan about issue with RLT students having access to SU offices.



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- ARE asked whether Worcester Award still takes place which AL confirmed it does not.

Meeting ended at 13:22

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