



AU President's Forum
07/03/08, 12:30
RGU Sport

Present:	Andy Smith	Chair, RGU, Exec	AS
	Kerry Anderson	Secretary, Glasgow, Comps	KA
	Anna Anderson	Vice Chair, Dundee, Exec	AA
	Siobhan Wilson	Paisley, SUSPAC	SW
	Simon Messenger	Edinburgh, PDC	SM
	Lucy Botham	Strathclyde, Comps	LB
	Gordon Cox	Aberdeen, PDC	GC
In attendance:	Stew Fowlie	SUS	SF
	Niall Sturrock	Non student rep	NS
Apologies:	Ian Lowe	Abertay	IL
	Jen Savage	Stirling, SUSPAC	JS
	Michael Bates	UHI	MB
	Ed Nicholas	BUSA Rep	EN
	Eddie Bryant	Heriot Watt, Comps	EBr
	Ed Barker	St Andrews	EBa
	Steve Rea	Glasgow Caley, Comps	SR
	Dave Waddell	Napier	DW

1. Minutes

- 1.1 Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.
- 1.2 Matters arising
 - 1.2.3 Tour policy: circulated **ACTION:** All to note that this should be included as part of handover for incoming presidents
 - 3.4 Proposal to Chairs forum well received
 - 9.2 **ACTION:** KA to check with Glasgow Transport Service regarding tacographs in minibuses. (AA noted Dundee's sports Administrator is carrying out work on this and it will be circulated once completed)

2. SDC Involvement

- 2.1 LB updated group that COMPS and SUS office are looking to increase the number of SDC at Summer Conference, suggested that presidents could make personal contact with SDCs to encourage attendance.
- 2.2 NS highlighted that this had been done in the past and not been successful
- 2.3 AS noted that sabbaticals could compromise position of SUS
- 2.4 SF certain level of communication would be good as long as it does not complicate current situation.
- 2.5 AA suggested that list of SDCs be sent out and Presidents can pick ones they could get in contact with to ask what SDCs would like from the conference and encourage them to come along i.e. offer them a lift.
- 2.6 **ACTION:** SF to send list of SDC to LB, LB to circulate to all Presidents
- 2.7 AA noted a list of SDCs for 08/09 would be beneficial for next years Presidents

3. COMPS/ AU Forum relationship

- 3.1 SF gave overview of paper sent out
- 3.2 NS noted should change "*it is hoped*" to "*it is expected*", concerned that AU forum isn't acting as it should be i.e. should be steering policy
- 3.3 AA noted the biggest problem is the lack of continuity
- 3.4 NS there should be a code of conduct for example include email response time
- 3.5 AA dates of meeting should be set in stone and be a priority, should relate to time of year e.g. January discuss BUSA KO
- 3.6 NS noted Comps was set to represent the students view, and Comps role is pivotal so AU forum should work rounds Comps
- 3.7 SF AU forum need to represent a collective view on topics and feedback to Comps, grey area is which group is responsible for BUSA/political stuff this needs to be ironed out
- 3.8 AS turn AU forum agenda upside down so Comps, PDC, SUSPAC issues prioritised
- 3.9 AA procedure needs to be nailed down; dates, timing of minutes, papers sent out, feedback etc
- 3.10 All agree with paper and that the role of AU forum needs to be formalised
- 3.11 **ACTION:** AA to email round all to get pros/cons of AU forum and what the responsibilities of sabbatical is and put it into training day

NB. SW email; everyonehadthenameiwanted@hotmail.co.uk

4. BUSA

- 4.1 SF reported back from meeting in Leeds: positive meeting regarding competition significant changes are coming up. Discussed appropriate levels of competition eg competition under tier one should regionalise.
- 4.2 NS concerned that teams will be playing the same people, what is classed as regional.
- 4.3 SF replied it will be mainly conference based, below tier 1 it will be more appropriate to do local competition, manage it better and team entries money could be better used
- 4.4 **ACTION:** SF to circulate notes from meeting
- 4.5 NS requested what and when the consultation/decision making process will be as it could have a knock-on effect to fixtures administration
- 4.6 **ACTION:** EN to find out details of the above process
- 4.7 AA noted problems with fixtures this year **ACTION:** LB to report to Comps, women's rugby fixtures ended in November which had a negative impact when KO come round, Presidents need more control over waterpolo
- 4.8 GC noted problem with BUSA draw and fixtures came out a week before when they could have been released earlier **ACTION:** AS to look into this
- 4.9 NS noted problem Strathclyde had with KO and that without a paper trail of team sheets appeals cannot be properly investigated. Could this be done online **ACTION:** LB to take to Comps

5. UKUS Developments – nothing to add

6. BUGS update

- 6.1 SF said it is all going well, playing second fiddle to BUCS as was to be expected
- 6.2 AA having problems with bus insurance **ACTION:** All institution that are supplying mini buses to look into insurance for drivers and passengers using the vehicles and feed back costs to EBr and SF
- 6.3 SF Volunteer briefing day tbc

- 6.4 SF noted that Jacqui will be sending out invoices to institutions for BUGS representation costs **ACTION:** All to let Jacqui know who invoices should be made out to
- 6.5 SF produced a sheet of invoices yet to be paid **ACTION:** ALL to look into and get them paid!!

7. Comps Update

- 7.1 SF updated New Sports Policy is now available, NGB audit is almost complete. Meeting next week 13/03/08 will be discussing issues regarding next year
- 7.2 NS mentioned issues with selection process of SUS representation, needs to be robust and transparent

SF leaves meeting

8. Looking Forward

- 8.1 AS noted that AU forum is an important group and asked the group what they would like to change for next year
- 8.2 NS would like team sheets for KO on fixtures live
- 8.3 GC include induction into none BUSA leagues (e.g. SUS cups) in training day. President rep for PDC should be the president of the institution hosting the Conference
- 8.4 SM have a code of conduct for all Presidents
- 8.5 LB & AA noted handovers are crucial to maintain some continuity
- 8.6 SW noted that the AU forum has been very helpful
- 8.7 NS noted that at the last AU forum for the year can incoming presidents attend to understand what the AU forum is about then have a breakout session to get a presentation of 'role and responsibility of a sabbatical'?
- 8.8 **ACTION:** All to check availability of incoming president and get them along to next AU forum

9. Professional Development Committee

- 9.1 GC and SM noted that they feel that they have not contributed and the role could be changes **ACTION:** GC and SM to look into how PDC should feed into AU forum for next meeting

10. SUS PAC

- 10.1 AA also noted that SUS Pac could be more student friendly nothing to attract presidents to the committee **ACTION:** AA to look at how AU forum can integrate with SUSPAC better

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- AS asks all to check Executive minutes online

Date of next meeting – Friday 5th May, Napier
Close – 3pm