

SUCSES Update

SUS Executive is asked to:

1. Note minutes from SUCSES and ask any questions

Background

SUCSES met on the 3rd May and SUS were invited to attend. Due to prior engagements this was not possible but Ross Sanders was offered an update from SUS which he shared with the group including an invitation for them to meet, as in previous years, at SUS conference in June.

Minutes

The minutes are attached below for reference.

SUCSES
Notes of the meeting
Tuesday 03-05-11, 1.00p.m.
At University of Abertay

Present: Ray Lloyd, Nannette Mutrie, Alison Jenkinson, Phil Carver (sub for Dan Shaw), Julien Baker, Yvette Wharton, Ross Sanders (Chair), Richard Davison, Pam Scott (Skills Active)

Apologies: Derek Ball, Dan Shaw, Jacqui Stone (SUS)

Agenda Items:

1. SUCSES Contribution to 'closing the skills gap'. RS presented a preliminary proposal submitted to Scottish Funding Council (SFC) that had arisen from Skills Active meetings. The proposal, submitted jointly with FE Colleges (represented by Brian Lister) at the behest of SFC following initial discussion as a combined proposal to develop e-learning courses for use at various levels from courses delivered in HE courses to 'lay' versions for volunteers. The material was to be aimed at education for those working with activities relating to exercise and recreation among elderly and obese individuals. A letter from SFC was also tabled encouraging the proposal to be further developed. However, the letter also indicated that while SFC was highly supporting of the idea, there were no funds that could be made available through SFC at this time. Also reported that the representatives of the various organisations attending the Skills Active meetings had agreed that the ideas could be incorporated into a larger joint bid from that group.

Actions:

- i. SUCSES members would seek a reaction to the ideas from programme leaders.
 - ii. Interest remains in development of the concept, or variation of it, at masters level.
2. Articulation of FE College HNC and HND with university courses. PS outlined the recent courses proffered by SQA. There is doubt regarding the extent of the consultation and quality assurance procedures. Some courses and material are missing from the portfolio on offer.

Actions:

- i. SUCSES to maintain dialogue with regard to what is expected regarding articulation.
 - ii. PS to ensure that Universities are involved in the consultation process.
3. Industry-lecturer collaboration. PS offered to do a seminar for lecturing staff at each of the SUCSES institutions.

Actions:

- i. SUCSES members to organise a seminar in their respective institution.
 - ii. PS to circulate a report.
4. SUCSES contribution to Olympic Games Congress. NM described the opportunity.

Actions:

- i. NM, JB, and AJ to interact to submit a proposal for a workshop to 'showcase' 'career development in Scotland' and opportunities for postgraduates.
5. Communication with other sport related bodies. RS relayed invitation from Jacqui Stone (SUS) to participate in the SUS conference 14th June and to have a SUCSES meeting at the conference.

Actions:

- i. Next SUCSES meeting scheduled for 14th June, 14.15 to 16.30 at the SUS conference being held in St Andrews.
 - ii. RS to contact Jacqui Stone to collaborate wrt including agenda items of mutual interest to SUS and SUCSES. SUS representatives to be invited to the SUCSES meeting.
 - iii. KTP with SUS to be investigated
6. Research Collaboration. The need for a tack record of cooperation among SUCSES departments was discussed.

Actions:

- i. SUCSES members to continue to search for areas of common interests of the staff of their departments with other SUCSES departments and to communicate interests to possible partners.
 - ii. RL to provide information re the earlier approach to Neil Park.
7. AOB. NM raised the possibility of contribution to conference organisation in association with the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games.

Actions:

- i. RS to lead development of a letter to Louise Martin (SportScotland) with input from the group.
8. Next Meeting: June 14, 14.15, St Andrews in conjunction with the SUS conference.