

Minutes from the **AU Forum** meeting held on Friday 8th May in Glasgow Caledonian University.

Present:

Gordon Cox	Chair, Aberdeen
Ross Simpson	Heriot-Watt
Peter Burgon	Abertay
Joe Gray	Edinburgh
Euan Millar	Glasgow
Hannah Dunwoody	GCU
Campbell Steel	Strathclyde
Paul Blake	Dundee
Emma Raeburn	RGU
Greg Ure	Stirling
Siobhan Wilson	UWS
Alex Cooper	St Andrews
Mike Wallace	Napier
Christine Duncan	Aberdeen
David Hegarty	RGU
Brian Carson	Heriot-Watt
Beth Montgomery	GCU
Arnaud Bastianelli	UWS
Philip Gallagher	Strathclyde
Stephen Flahavan	Glasgow
Ollie Cruikshank	Napier
Sam Roberts	St. Andrews

In attendance:

Stew Fowlie	SUS
Shona Roche	SUS
Neil Sturrock	Non student rep
Elaine Anderson	Glasgow

Apologies:

Iain Wilkie	UHI
Andrew Maclean	QMU
Hannah Dunwoody	Edinburgh
Sarah McDonald	Dundee

WELCOME, AND SCENE SETTING

1. GC welcomed everyone and thanked GCU for hosting.

HOMOLOGATION

2. No Conflict of interest were noted
3. Minutes of Last meeting were reviewed and it was agreed to change regional for district on the last paragraph of the second last page. The minutes were then approved as an accurate record.
4. There were no Matters Arising

WHAT IS THE AU FORUM?

5. The AU Forum is a networking tool for presidents. It is important for incomings to be aware of dates and make attendance a priority.
6. Committee members to flag student issues from individual committees in advance so that presidents may have a collective say on the committees.
7. The AU Forum also allows a sense of fun and community to prosper between the presidents of Scottish Universities.

BUCS AGM

8. The BUCS AGM will take place in Birmingham on the 17th of June.
9. JG to look into accommodation for everyone.
10. Student Directors rep form now available, if anyone wishes to run or knows of someone

ACTION

ALL

wishing to do so to contact GC.

SUS CONFERENCE

11. The SUS Conference will take place in Heriot-Watt on the 8th-10th June. AU Training Day will take place on Monday 8th June from 10am-4pm.
12. Attendance is free and compulsory, only costs are for the dinner and accommodation.
13. All will need to bring sports kit for evening activity.
14. Election to various SUS committees will take place at the SUS AGM on the Wednesday.

SUS & BUCS PROPOSAL

15. There have been discussions between SUS and BUCS for the past 12-18months. SF provided background information.
16. Issues are two fold:
 - Finance and value for money
 - Politics and Ownership
17. Some concerns raised over the status of BUCS points and relationships in the sector.

AU FORUM BUSINESS

Competitions Debrief

18. Important to have similar Conference Cup structure next year.
19. Problems highlighted of first team players playing on seconds teams.
20. Perhaps city intervarsities will be held all in the same week, this will be easier for fixture planning.

Cricket

21. Should be treated the same as other sports.
22. All need to make an effort with cricket as it is not administered well, the book stops with the presidents.

Incoming Training

23. Incoming training will take place on Monday the 8th of June.
24. Involves a broad introduction to SUS.
25. There will be no detail on fixtures or using fixtures Live. All agreed it would be appropriate to have a specific workshop for this in early August. Will take place in Glasgow University.

Blues & Colours

26. Discussion on the possibility of SUS institutions having common Blues and Colours criteria.
27. Three options were identified
 - Implement common criteria
 - Maintain status quo
 - Publish Blues and Colours criteria on the SUS website as a source of best practice.

Promoting the SU Agenda

28. Round the table discussion on engaging people in their Sports Union, perhaps a need to target specific people.
29. An importance for presidents to have administrative support was identified

SUS Representation Selection

30. Concerns aired over the make up of teams.
31. SUS to address guidelines on selection procedures.
32. Survey to be put out to those who have nominated themselves in the past three years.
33. Agreed to look into choosing a team in a sport even if there are no competitive matches.

BUCS Chairs and Regions

ALL

34. Important for the chair of the SU Forum to ensure that the Scottish Voice is heard at BUCS Chairs and Regions.
35. The BUCS Conference will take place in September at Keele, BUCS have actioned themselves to be more relevant to presidents this year.
36. There has been recent discussion on player registration, it was suggested to use formal team sheets or fixtures live for this.

Administrators Forum

37. SUS holds an Administrators Forum on an annual basis. An online forum has been set up to allow administrators to chat online.

WINNING STUDENTS UPDATE

38. Meeting being held on 28th May to finalise sports short list.
39. It doesn't matter which institution an athlete is at, they will be able to access this initiative as there is an opportunity to outsource necessary facilities/services.
40. Thanks were expressed to directors who have been involved in the Winning Students process.

ENGINE ROOMS

41. GC briefly explained the role of each committee

PDC

42. Focus is now on Conference, programme to go live within the next week.

SUSPAC

43. Last meeting was held in St. Andrews, all experienced alternative outdoor activities in the afternoon. Active Age Festival coming up on the 27th of August. Information for the newsletter and flyers are due in next week.

Comps

44. The committee have reviewed their year and discussed representative sport and the possibility of a survey. SUS Awards deadline is the 19th of May.

Exec

45. Have been deciding on working arrangements for JS's maternity leave. SF and SR to take on more roles and committees will take on distinct projects.
46. The strategy should be finalised shortly.
47. The government liked the idea of Active Students and SF has meetings lined up on the matter.

AOCB

48. St. Andrews were identified as having the best hospitality for 2008-2009.
49. Thanked GC for his work throughout the year and thanked the SUS office for making presidents lives easier for the year.
50. JG cycling from London to Africa over the summer and is looking for some support, he will send out sponsorship packs shortly.

Actions List

Anyone who wishes to run for BUCS Student Director Rep or knows of someone wishing to do so to contact GC	All
Make an effort to improve cricket administration	All