

REPORT FROM PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Professional Development Committee has met twice since the last executive meeting, firstly at Heriot-Watt on 8th September and then at Abertay on 20th October 09. Below is a summary of the business discussed.

SUS Conference 09: PDC reviewed conference 09 and discussed areas for improvement. It was felt the venue, format and content all contributed to making the event a success and we should try and keep to a similar format next year. Areas for improvement are to develop a more effective online booking system, to be more stringent on an accommodation deadline and to improve the trade show. PDC agreed as a committee to have specific roles to help ease the pressure on key individuals particularly at the lunch time period.

SUS Conference 2010: It was hoped that conference 10 would be hosted by Aberdeen University but due to their exam calendar this is not possible. Interest in hosting the event was expressed by a couple of other institutions so it was decided to approach all institutions and ask them to bid for the event. This will be a quick process as it is vital we agree the venue soon to allow planning to start.

PDC discussed the quality of the event and whether or not we should place some charge on the conference. It was agreed that we should start charging a small fee for conference and this would help to alleviate some of the financial pressure SUS is facing this year. We would ask the executive to approve charging for the conference. A fee of £25 per day is suggested.

Christmas Seminar: This year's event will be hosted by Glasgow Caledonian University on Tuesday 15th December. The draft programme is attached and we would encourage you to push early bookings with your staff. The key note speaker is the Director of Atlas Communications which specialise in Social Marketing, she will focus on how we can start to address student attitudes to health, fitness and wellbeing.

SUS Strategy - PDC Action Plan: At our first meeting we allocated the tasks of the PDC action plan to members of PDC. Progress on these items is then updated on at each meeting. Good progress is being made and the key developments are:

- Production of an A4 folder glossy annual report for SUS, promoting our achievements in 08/09
- SUS Shop now on line: www.susport.org.uk/kit
- Working towards Foundation Equality Standard, including survey of all committees, training session for all committees, and updating the SUS Equity Policy
- Administration forum up and running managed by Administrators for Administrators
- Potential Development of a SUS App!!
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SUS Executive is asked to consider the following:

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