

# Ustinov College GCR Exec Meeting

## Minutes

6:00 pm, 14/09/20



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### Action Points From Minutes – **red is new from today's meeting.**

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CA to find out about the updates to green move-in sale, and update details about facilities at SP for handbook

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#### 1. Apologies: *JJ, DM*

Present: *BD, CA, SK, JB, CV, MZ*

#### 2. Approval of minutes from last meeting.

- a. Approval of minutes from 08/09/2020 – *passed on the general aye*

#### 3. Matters arising from previous minutes.

- a. All exec to think of list of games/activities online and/or in person *done*
- b. All exec to think of in-person activities while the bar is open *done – see agenda item*
- c. DM to create the buddy system sign-up form with different filters *done*
- d. DM/CA to ask for an update on the transition refund *done*
- e. CA to extend last few email accounts *ongoing*
- f. CA/everyone to come up with a system of bookings for the Netflix/Disney+ system *ongoing*
- g. CA to post in the GCR/GCP Facebook group about online events (music seminar, film sharing apps) *done*
- h. CA to contact someone to fix the vending machine *ongoing*
- i. CA to chase up Alex Hampton regarding winter graduation *ongoing*
- j. CA to find out about the updates to green move-in sale, and update details about facilities at SP for handbook *ongoing*
- k. CA to go through SOs and ensure all male/female welfare rep names have been updated. *Ongoing – will be done next week once GM results go through*
- l. BD to sort out the gaps in the minutes from previous years GMs *ongoing*

- m. JB to look into theatre shows available to stream during induction week. *ongoing*
- n. SK to check Livers Out FB group *ongoing*

#### 4. Agenda Items:

##### a. **[CV] Replacement induction week events**

*Since the new government restrictions made a lot of the content last week (for induction week) discussed irrelevant. Now that we're not holding in person events, is there something we can do?*

*JB met with GUSP, overlap into eco rep and local community events we can do. Trying to find some way of doing community walks over the next few weeks, checking permissions etc. Idea proposed by GUSP – certain times, leader arrives, once 5 people arrive then they go. If there's a lot of interest, then having additional leaders could be a good option. A few of GUSP would be happy to do that each day, there seems to be a few volunteers (IF THIS WAS ALLOWED).*

*Ian's new info about students being allowed outside during quarantine period only applies for this 2 week period – they are still allowed outside briefly.*

*Any risk assessments need to be updated to have this maximum group of 6. These routes are only 45-60hrs at most, short/long hike options for those who want to go further/shorter. If there is continued interest, then we could keep doing it, and built it further after lockdown restrictions eases.*

*We could put some of these during the 3-4 days we had planned to do the in-person events.*

**[AP] DM to contact Ian and ensure that it is okay to organise the GUSP walks.**

*Other thoughts? With a smaller group, e.g. segment or two at a time, we can run online Jackbox/parlour games such as Mafia/Werewolf etc. Similar things can be assisted by apps. Would everyone want to do this? Would we need a google form of people who want to do it? We would have a group of 30 and see if they wanted to do some online events.*

*Should we think about 6 person events? 350 students is a lot, need volunteers. However, not every person wants to do it. Very few, approximately 100 at most, being general? Depending on restrictions, i.e. bar has covid secure operation, while each group can be 6, we can have more than 6 in there. This is probably something that we shouldn't be promoting, i.e. shouldn't bring down many groups to the bar. Even if they have 1 hour in the bar, it probably doesn't give them much benefit either.*

*Instead of planning exactly what to do in advance, we can have people posting in groups/whatsapp etc such as "who would like to play xxx online at this time"? At least we make an effort, and we replicate the idea of meeting new people. Tell them to join x channel on discord, or join Zoom meeting etc.*

*Online escape room – Monday 28<sup>th</sup>. Either come with a team, or we'll put people into teams.*

*GUSP Thurs 5-6pm preliminary time – open meeting to show what to do. Could be made available for students to access.*

#### 5. Officer Reports:

- a. **Bar [-]**
  - Nothing to report.

**b. Clubs & Societies [CV]**

- I've emailed all captains and presidents about the things they need to do before and after the beginning of the new year (elections, prepare for the fair, re-ratifications and funding calls). Also the gym re-opening might be more complicated than we expect. The University policy states they want every gym staffed at all times to make sure social distancing is in effect and it's cleaned properly. In our case that's something we can't do with current staff (or volunteers). I'll email Ian to see what he thinks about it. I don't see how most of the colleges will be able to support this.

*CCTV? Would it be possible to carry out spot-check/cleaning with this? Would college even give us this. Lots of differences between college gyms – this is very difficult.*

**c. Communications [-] (CA)**

- Nothing to report.

*Is there any way to find a list of livers out? Helpful in creating a group for them, future events etc? At the moment, just livers out facebook group – all of them are still on uv-info, so could get in touch with them, but will go to everyone. If in some future years, we end up not relying on university email system, we could set up our own mailing list. If we can find a way to get people opting in. Meeting in town is still difficult, but if restrictions are loosened, we could have a livers-out event e.g. on science site, or a picnic in a field.*

**d. DSU [-] (DM)**

- Nothing to report.

*DSU have stopped giving to the Palatinate paper – are we doing anything for this? Normally we feedback via Diana to presidential committee, or via DSU rep (currently don't have one!). However no current movement, so nothing for us to give our opinions on. DSU has only stopped giving paper copies out – however, what really needs to be physical at the moment. Nice to have for bars etc. If we feel like we need to take an official position, then make an agenda item next week. Maybe it could be a health and safety risk as the DSU suggests, but this certainly isn't a big issue for now.*

**e. Facilities [-] (CA)**

- Nothing to report.

**f. Finance [-] (CA/DM)**

- At the GM last night, the updated budget for the 2020-21 academic year was passed.

**g. International Officer [MZ]**

- After the motion for BAME representative has been accepted in the AGM, the advertisement for the post is expected to be live in coming days. Added to that, with the new rule of law imposed on congregation and social distancing, it seems difficult to organise a trip for the upcoming academic year. However, I may find one or two links for virtual trips especially for the new students.

**h. Livers Out Rep [SK]**

- Still working on updates on the livers out page with my email ID if they need to get in touch with me.

**i. Social [JI]**

- Nothing to report.

**j. Steering [CA]**

- We held our final GM of the year last night. All the motions presented passed and I will be updating the standing orders accordingly. I'll need to look into advertising elections for the incoming students relatively soon and have already updated the 'upcoming GM' section on the website.

**k. Welfare [JB]**

- Included social and welfare information for email Brenda is sending to each individual student as an introduction to the college. Posted Day 1 for Wellbeing Week. Chasing up Martin re: BHM speaker and poster issue, which may have been raised by CMT but radio silence indicates negative progress. Martin is creating quarantine brochure including what to do if symptoms develop but waiting for university procedure to be shared. Arrivals will be spread out with quarantining occurring up til late October possibly. Uni catering have done their best but students are not giving much notice when they arrive for food box delivery etc. But they are able to order essentials for delivery. Met Alyson today (before exec), will update with details.

*Food sharing might be difficult given current situation. Put in contact with Greenspace staff. <https://www.dur.ac.uk/greenspace/staff/>*

**l. University/College Matters [DM] (with apologies)**

University matters

- Nothing to report.

College matters

- Nothing to report.

Exec matters

- Nothing to report.

**6. AOB**

*- Instagram takeover during induction week*

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GCR Secretary

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