

Present:

- Harry Clements (*President*)
- Nieve Fay (*Vice President*)
- Adèle Carr (*External Opportunities Officer*)
- Liam Carty-Howe (*Alumni Representative*)
- Nicole Antoine (*Equality and Wellbeing Officer*)
- Sam Sayan (*Communications Officer*)
- Abi Wander (*Social Secretary*)
- Marine Saint (*Freshers Representative*)



In Attendance:

- Naomi Fallon (*Secretary*)

1 - Apologies:

- Nathan Langford (*Social Secretary*)
- Ben White (*Treasurer*)

2 - Actions Update:

- ACTION Harry: Collect all ITW books- Done
- ACTION Committee: Look at the hand-over document on the drive and add in anything you have learned from this term- Ongoing
- ACTION Sam and Nieve: Update Website- Done
- ACTION Ben: Send Equality report for BAS to Nicole- Ongoing
- ACTION Nicole: Start working on Equality Report for BAS- Ongoing
- ACTION Nicole and Abi: Discuss wording of social rules message.
- ACTION Marine: Post on freshers group to encourage freshers to sign up for social.

3 - Treasurer's Report:

- Ben isn't here, but not much has happened money wise this month.

4- Balloon Accreditation Scheme:

4.1 Rate My Group Survey Feedback

- Harry: Overall everyone was really satisfied and understanding of the circumstances this year, but not many people filled in the survey compared to last year. There were only about 15 responses compared to last year we had 40/50.
- The questions were the same as on last year's survey, so for value for money this year we didn't ask people to buy membership, but people have. Normally the society is excellent value for money, but we have let people do free workshops throughout the year.
- Communication was also good and the 'fair and inclusive environment' was particularly high, which is nice to know!
- Harry: It's been hard to maintain a student community this year, but we've got good feedback and had a good response to lockdown.
- Overall we got 93.3% satisfaction so it counts towards the BAS.
- We are 3 away from gold!!

4.2 External Collaboration

- Harry: IUMTF competition should be fine for this! Maybe also the alumni events if not.

4.3 Equality

- Discussed in Section 8 with Nicole.

4.4 Environment

- Harry: Still not sure about this one, but we've discussed what we can write in previous meetings.

4.5 Employability

- Harry: We should pass this with the workshops from this year, especially the Mountview ones!

4.6 Handover and AGM

- Harry: If the committee could update the handover document in the next week, we can send this off.

4.7 Fundraising

- Harry: We have one over Christmas and there is another one planned later this term.
- Plans for the next fundraiser discussed in Section 10.

5 - Workshops Update:

- Adèle: We had the Mountview ones and there was a good turnout for the musical direction one, which was just kind of a short chat about musical directors and the course.
- Adèle: The theatre and community one was a bit longer and had poorer turn out, which is likely due to the lockdown restrictions easing and the sun coming out.
- Harry: Do you have any more plans for workshops in the next few weeks?
- Adèle: I think everyone is quite busy at the moment and I think people would be more willing to go to an in person social than an online workshop.
- Harry: We also have the competition and another social coming up, and we've already had some great workshops this year!

6 - Alumni Update:

- Liam: The main thing was the dance workshop with Ruth in collaboration with a capella!
- There have also been lots of alumni announcements recently with Merryl announced as Heather Duke in the UK tour of Heathers and the west end transfer of the Last Five Years with Oli Higginson! Congrats to our amazing alumni!!
- Harry: Any updates on the Curtain Call Cabaret?
- Liam: Not many updates on Curtain Call, but there are four videos and I will just put them together and upload them this week.

7 - Socials Update:

- Abi: We had the supermarket sweep social on gathertown, which worked really well and was really well received!
- Abi: We have an in person social on Monday at the Den and Terrace, which is fully booked apart from two seats.
- SIGN UP HERE:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1v-n4aqB-wCgT6oX0sSHNfdS5fxV0mRsQJK4sSRVNRel/edit?usp=sharing>
- Abi: There haven't been many responses to the would I lie to you form yet, so we could make that the MTB insta bio.

- If you've signed up tell Abi and Nathan some lies !!
----><https://forms.gle/MiqxKxY2WCh617v86>
- Abi: We discussed a potential tour date, but won't work due to timings. We are keen to do something after May 17th like a BBQ on the downs.
- If the Den and Terrace social goes well, we can have more socials there also!
- Abi: We may need to make an agreement with everyone coming to the social, so they understand the rules and consequences of breaking them.
- Abi: Perhaps a group chat to tell people about the rules and we also don't know what the consequences of breaking the rules are, do we want to take a hard line on it?
- Harry: A capella enforced that they can't come to another social if they don't follow rules.
- Liam: Maybe we could just ask people to leave after a warning, as wouldn't be fair to not have someone at the next social.
- Harry: Don't want people to jeopardize our reputation with a venue and SU would not be happy with us if we didn't encourage following the rules.
- **ACTION Nicole and Abi: Discuss wording of social rules message.**
- Abi: Another point is that there aren't many freshers, so it would be nice if we can encourage the last few sign ups to be new faces.
- **ACTION Marine: Post on freshers group to encourage freshers to sign up for social.**
- Abi: We were also wondering about getting people a free drink on MTB for the Den and Terrace.
- Harry: Needs to be discussed with Ben.

8 - Equality and Wellbeing Update:

- Nicole: I'm just finishing the TB2 equalities form to send out in the next week or so.
- Nicole reached out to a mental health organisation who train committee members to help with mental health, but they only offered it to sport societies.
- Nicole: I might do a few more wellbeing posts on social media as well.
- Harry: For the BAS equality criterion, we can speak to Ben and get this done after the second report.

9 - Fresher Update:

- Marine: Not much has changed since last meeting, but would be nice to post about the IUMTF competition to encourage freshers to audition, if there's no freshers multitrack.
- Harry: Not enough time to do freshers multitrack, but there's plenty to get involved with.
- Harry: Are freshers less likely to come to online events now Bristol is opening up again?
- Marine: People seem keen to be involved in the competition and will want to come to an in person social.
- Adèle: We could have a freshers mixer, with the committee, where we book a couple tables and invite all the freshers to get to know each other and meet in person. They might be intimidated to come to in person socials if it's just older years.
- Marine will work with Nathan and Abi on this.
- Abi: The engagement is very low on the freshers group, but definitely down for trying it, but concerned that no one would come.
- Adèle: We could also do it in a café and have brunch or something.
- Harry: Would be a good idea considering the AGM coming up as well.

10 - eVITA Cabaret:

- Harry: We have the cast now, but there was a low turnout in auditions, so there will be 3 episodes rather than 5.

11 - Fundraising Event:

- Nieve: We decided to change it to a 12 hour dance-a-thon to be more realistic, as 24 hours will be a bit difficult to fill and it will probably be 8am-8pm on the 21st April.
- Harry: When will sign ups start for that? After this meeting?
- Nieve: Yes we can do a sign up sheet with names next to a time slot so we can all take a shift. Also thinking about a social after the zoom call?
- Harry: Is this for next week? It may be quite soon after the Den and Terrace social.
- Nieve: The plan was to fit in before the end of April for the BAS.
- Harry: They extended the scheme to the 17th May, so we do have longer to submit now.
- Abi: We could do it the week after and ask the Den and Terrace to let us have the terrace area for the day and make it an in person event.
- Harry: We will pick a new date and make an event.

12 - IUMTF Update:

12.1 Planning the Event

- Harry: Nine unis have signed up to compete. Got the song lists and cast lists from all but one!
- It will be more similar to an in person competition with one multitrack, one solo and one small ensemble duet/trio.
- They will be posted separately over the second week of May.

12.2 MTB's Performances

- Harry: We did a directors call out for all of the performances, but only had one director apply for the group performance, so we decided to take the solo and duet from online cabaret performances from this year and put the energy into creating the ensemble piece, which is This is Me.
- Harry: Auditions are up and will be extended to Sunday so we can push it on our socials, so have a 3 week turn around for the video.
- We also need to get an editor on board.
- Check out the event on facebook for info on auditions
<https://www.facebook.com/events/233991518510509/>

13 - Into The Woods Update:

- Harry: The last ever ITW update after all the books have been returned!!!
- We will hopefully be getting the deposit back soon (~£400)

14 - AGM:

- Harry: The original planned date was May 15th, but the SU won't have a big space open and would prefer to not have another 6 hour zoom call, so maybe just speeches for President, Vice President, Social Secs and any constitutional amendments.
- Need to make an event and get an interest form out for an idea on numbers, because they may be lower than usual this year. We can also attach the role description document.
- A capella are doing a committee q and a, we could do something similar?

- Abi: We could do an instagram live stream?
- Nieve: We have done similar things before with not much interest.

15 - Merch:

- Ben, Nathan and Abi looked at this earlier in the year, but were not sure when we were coming back to campus.
- Committee is keen to have teal t-shirts to remember this year and all the hard work we put in even if we can't use them this year.
- Harry: MTB will be able to cover some or all of the cost.
- We can do a merch order early next year when people are definitely back in Bristol. We can also offer it to alumni who weren't able to get it this year or want a new jumper/ hoodie.

16 - Musical of the Week:

- The Last Five Years & Heathers <3
- Congrats to our fab alumni!!