



Précis and action points from the Scottish Student Sport West Region meeting held on Friday 4th November 2016 at sportscotland, Templeton on the Green

Meeting 1400

Present

Alastair Adamson (AA) – Glasgow International College
Andrew Kirk (AK) – City of Glasgow College
Andrew Walker (AW) – GCU
Dale Johnston (DJ) – UWS
Fraser Michie (FM) – University of Strathclyde
Jamie Taylor (JT) – University of Glasgow
Jenny Beedie (JB) – University of Glasgow
Karen McLoughlin (KM) – University of Strathclyde
Leo Howes (LH) – SSS
Linsey Roseman (LR) – UWS

Actions

1. Welcome and scene setting

LH welcomed everyone to the meeting followed by introductions for those attending their first meeting. David Dougan sent his apologies as Ayrshire College had student graduations.

Heading(s) reflecting the Agenda

2. SSS Update

a) Active Students Survey

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SSS running this survey throughout November, institutions are asked for support with getting as many students as possible to complete the survey regardless of whether they are currently active or not.

Social media guidelines for the campaign can be obtained from keith@scottishstudentsport.com and we are using the hashtag #HowActiveRU for all posts.

b) News Stories

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All institutions are encouraged to send news stories to LH on recent activities and upcoming projects to be promoted on SSS website and to key partners such as sportscotland.

Suggested format of ~3 paragraphs, a quote and several pictures per news story.

3. Glasgow Sport Volunteer Bureau

LH

Glasgow Sport have an online portal for event providers to promote volunteering opportunities in Glasgow or for volunteers to see what is currently available to them in the city. LH to circulate flyer

with further information and should any institutions be interested, Lorraine Toner at Glasgow Life (Lorraine.Toner@glasgowlife.org.uk) is happy to set up individual meetings to explain the system.

4. Institution Priorities

LH asked everyone to provide a short summary of their institutions top priorities for the year.

City of Glasgow College

- Increasing participation and frequency of activity
- New club sessions delivered by student coaches
- Creating new sport governance structure

GCU

- Implementing new strategy for sport including new funding model
- Focus on support of coaching and development
- Working towards Investing in Volunteers accreditation

Glasgow International College

- Increasing student engagement (1-3% to 35% so far in 2016), particularly through sport
- Strengthening link with University of Glasgow and promoting opportunities
- Introducing some competitive activity

University of Glasgow

- Review of sports club tiers (Gold, Silver, Bronze) and focused club support (10-12 clubs)
- Developing rec sport/ drop in programme
- Welfare and mental health activities

University of Strathclyde

- Preparing for new sports building
- Looking at membership and structure models
- Sustaining increased sports programme and retaining members

UWS

- Increasing BUCS points to achieve University rankings target, more clubs/teams
- Sport for all focus
- Managing increased activity and resources (eg embedding coaches within clubs)

5. Club Development Planning

SSS Regional Team have developed a new template club development plan which will be circulated along with these minute and institutions may use however they wish. In particular, the plan has been designed to help student committees set SMART objectives (specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, time-based).

6. Competitions

a) BUCS – all institutions recommended to have personal injury cover to meet “appropriate insurance” requirements to compete in BUCS.

b) SSS National Programme – check the new SSS website for information about upcoming events including entries.

c) SSS Regional Programme – Semester 1 has so far been a success in badminton and men’s basketball with 2 league events in each. Women’s Basketball will be a one day event due to teams struggling with BUCS fixture commitments. Several men’s basketball teams have expressed interest in entering the BUCS leagues next season.

Semester 2 – currently the only regional activity scheduled is the Football Ladder. As per attached Regional Event guidelines, any other semester 2 regional activity needs to be led by member institutions.

KM mentioned that Strathclyde are looking at potentially hosting a futsal event. If anyone else is interested in organising an event please update LH.

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7. AOB

Strategy

Having a specific strategy for student sport was an area that most institutions identified as a current gap. SSS Regional Team is currently developing a guide to creating a sports specific strategy to be shared in early 2017.

Coach Development

The group discussed current approaches to coach development and identified this as an area for future regional focus including: funding, CPD support, coach engagement and getting the most out of coaches.

Processes for reporting misbehaviour and removing coaches were also highlighted as potentially lacking in some institutions at present.

All institutions challenged to check how they currently support their coaches and if policies relating to coaches are comprehensive and up to date.

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PSP Leadership Programme

The PSP programme has evolved into a leadership programme for students involved in sport. Students involved receive direct support from SSS staff and peer support from other PSPs in developing their leadership skills. Places are limited but still available. Contact LH for details.