

**Précis and action points from the Scottish Student Sport Development Committee meeting held on  
Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 via ZOOM**

**14:00 – 16:00**

Present	In attendance	Apologies
KC – Katherine Corbett (RGU) <b>Chair</b> KM – Kirsten Mullen (Fife College) AT - Amber Taylor (Heriot Watt) AI – Abby Irvine (Strathclyde) MD – Millie Doherty (Edinburgh) JT – Jamie Taylor (Glasgow)	IL – Ian Lowe (SSS)	KB – Kirsty Bannatyre (Strathclyde)

	Agenda Item	Action
1.a	Welcome & apologies	
	KC welcomed everyone to the meeting and note the apologies received from KB.	
b.	Minutes & Matter arising from previous meeting	
	The minutes of the previous meeting were recorded as accurate. All matters arising were complete and/or to be covered during the meeting.	
c.	Round the table updates from members	
	<p>Members provided brief updates with the current state of play at their institution. Generally speaking participation in sport &amp; physical activity on campus was high with some continuing challenges around the staff working from home and online learning.</p> <p>Common themes included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The return of various Varsity Challenges around the country with a wider variety of sports included</li> <li>▪ An increased vigour around student leaders training</li> <li>▪ The return of Sports Balls</li> <li>▪ Remaining challenges with blended learning and time on campus</li> <li>▪ General issues with student off field behaviour</li> </ul>	
2.	General Update from SSS	
	IL provided a general update from SSS noting:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Positive discussions with sportscotland on various fronts: Young People, wider sport &amp; education strategies, SSS funding</li> <li>Ongoing discussions with SFC regarding funding, the wider student experience &amp; the positioning of physical activity within SFC</li> </ul>	
3.	SSS Dev Team Op Plan Update	Action
	<p>IL tabled the SSS Development Team Operational Plan for 21/22 noting that a more detailed update will be provided at the end of Term 2 gateway.</p> <p>Positive progress in all areas of work with notable progress and momentum with the portfolios of Learning &amp; People and Inclusion &amp; Culture. Less tangible progress within Active Health however this is to be expected as it is a new area of work.</p> <p>Highlights/areas of improvement/change included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disappointing student interaction with our Coaching Network – consideration given to change the network to focus on staff whose role it is to develop people rather than student coaches. This would increase interactions but potential still have a student coaching element to this.</li> <li>Limited responses to our Equality Questionnaire – however when merge with other data sets from members and Playwaze we are confident of being able to create an equality profile of around 3000 students who participate in sport.</li> <li>Excellent Active Health session reviewing the Thriving Learners report</li> <li>Ongoing work into transitions with SDS, Fife Council and more wider with sportscotland</li> <li>Potential to create a SSS online learning course to act as a first step into the world of Student Sport. Much work to be undertaken with this but the plan is for the course to become part of a pathway into volunteering in student sport ultimately leading up to sabbatical positions.</li> </ul>	IL to continue to update with progress.
4.	SSS Club Membership Audit	Action
	<p>IL presented on the results of the 21/22 Club Membership Audit. Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total membership of 39, 976 (90% increase from 20/21)</li> <li>48% Female</li> <li>44% Male</li> <li>6% in another way, prefer not to say or unknown</li> <li>1083 students with a disability</li> </ul>	Members to consider the information and any corresponding areas of development for the sector.

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	<p>IL updated members with the current agenda for conference: A breakdown of the agenda can be viewed at: <a href="https://www.scottishstudentsport.com/?s=conference">https://www.scottishstudentsport.com/?s=conference</a></p> <p>Members were urged to sign up to attend as soon as possible and to ensure colleagues do the same. Equally members were asked to consider any additional sessions to be included in the agenda.</p>	<p>Members to promote sign up to conference with peers and colleagues</p>																																																												
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	<p>KC tabled the above paper detailing considerations on the future composition of the Development Committee. Members were asked for feedback. A lively debate on the structure of the committee, the flow of information from regions upwards and downwards and membership took place. Common themes to emerge included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. There was an agreement that the structure needs to reflect workflows rather than any regional focus</li><li>2. The College network would need a dedicated approach</li><li>3. Regional forums are a nice thing rather than a necessity and could still happen without SSS</li></ol>	<p>Action</p> <p>KC &amp; IL to liaise with senior SSS staff members &amp; SSS Management Group to make progress towards tabling a motion at the SSS AGM. Members to discuss progress at next Dev Com.</p>																																																												

	4. Opportunities for members to network and meet with colleagues from across the sector are of high value but must be content driven	
7.	Any other business	Action
	None	
8.	Date of Next Meeting   19 <sup>th</sup> May   10:30am   Zoom	

Action List	Owner
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