

REPORT TO UNION COUNCIL BY VICE-PRESIDENT SPORT

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SCARBOROUGH CAMPUS

I firstly hope you all enjoyed the festive period and your time off from University. Furthermore, I hope that you were successful over the exam period and all your assignments are progressing well.

Personally, I found great satisfaction over the Christmas period when Ben and I stayed in Hull and cooked for 8 other students, mainly those from abroad. Luckily, the complaints about food poisoning have been minimal so I would deem it a huge success and a very rewarding way to spend the festive period.

Though only weeks have passed since our last Council meeting of the first Semester, much has been happening in HUU in regards to Sport. Most of my Operations plans are still ongoing though we do have a lot of updates on a big term for Sport at HUU.

TOUR – After an impressive collection of 593 deposits in total at the end of December for both AU teams and Societies, we were amazed that from this only 53 people in total dropped out meaning that Hull is taking 540 tourists to Spain this year for a week of Sport and fun in the sun. I would like to extend my thanks to all my exec for their dedication in collecting money, details and paperwork, along with Vicky and Kathryn in Scarborough for helping me through a very stressful couple of weeks.

Tour training was delivered last Friday to all Tour leaders and Sabbatical officers, which involved going over safety procedures, deadline and various bits of paperwork, along with a lengthy Q and A session.

Dodgeball - Has been organised for Friday 19th February with 10 teams competing in total, 9 from various AU clubs and the other a combined team from HullFire and Jam. The bar will be open all day from 11am to 4pm so if you are in the Union that day pop into Asylum for a great day of fancy dress, sporting excellence and a few casual drinks.

Kit – Meetings have taken place between myself and a variety of companies in regards to organising a new kit contract for the Athletic Union, as our contract with Errea expire at the end of this academic year. No decision have yet been made, however, the current plan is for the AU Executive committee to select the top three companies who will then deliver a pitch to AU council on the 16th March. AU council will then vote which company will ultimately receive the AU's kit contract.

Locker Space – I have met with Dave Windley over at the Sport Centre, who have agreed to repair all lockers and also re-design each locker to meet each club's needs so as of September each club will be more responsible for their locker space but will have a locker space that is better designed for their type of sport.

Trophy Presentation – The date has long been booked for the AU awards evening, which will be happening on Friday 23rd April at Staff House. Vicky and I are currently finalising the speaker for the event along with invitations to distinguished guests. With the success of AU Ball we want to make this event truly massive and with the small profit on the AU Ball, the event for the first time since I have been here should also break even.

New AU Exec Position – Due to the high levels of Admin imposed on Vicky and I this year, it has recently been agreed that a new position on the AU Exec Committee will be created to deal solely with trip packs and administration on Away matches. This person will also be paid a small wage each week for their work. The role is not completely satisfactory as I feel that the Athletic Union requires another full time member of Administrative staff to deal with BUCS and Sport Safety. However, the position is currently being trailed by our current Communications and Events Officer.

Women's Participation in Sport update – We are currently still awaiting the results of the online survey carried out in January. However, the wheels are now in motion for projects for this semester, with the focus sports for women from the survey being used to provide taster sessions. So far, the one task by the end of the year was to establish a Women's Cricket team, so far a group has been established and 45 people showed interest at the Refreshers Fair so this is well and truly underway.

So as you can see a lot is going on and there is still much to achieve over the next Semester. It is scary to think that in a few weeks I will know who is taking over my job when it feels like

I haven't even started yet. The AU has got much to do over this semester to set itself up next year, finances are steady, performance is up with greater dedication and participation is through the roof. However, to finish all of the previous points and make them successful would be the icing on the cake for a good year to date for the Athletic Union.

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