**GULS Committee Meeting 5th August 2024**

Attendees: Fay Lightbody, Louise MacArthur, Jodie Marshall, Susannah Wallace, Ella Clayton, Ben Gaskell, Holly Marsden, Lauren Kirk

Apologies: Julia Budzynska, Grace Meldrum, Urooj Chaudhary, Louisa Crerar

Unknown: Abbie Linden, Rachel Genave

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Committee roles

* Fay is doing a check in on committee roles and making sure everyone knows what they are doing.
* Lauren still waiting on handover (supposed to get it next week from Fionn) and Holly is starting from scratch
* Jodie –
	+ The main thing to sort is law ball but have to wait for firms sponsorships first.
	+ Discussed Freshers’ drinks and welcome drinks first week in term
		- Debate on a pub crawl for freshers as may be less awkward but people also want to be with people they know. Note that freshers will not commit to anything until the day (affects numbers)
	+ Began to discuss dates for socials (in socials event calendar heading)
* Susannah –
	+ The main thing is to start looking ASAP for Grad Ball venues to give plenty time (venues Jack considered in handover)
	+ Idea for a buddy-type system - 4th years pair with first years so first years have a contact to ask questions to etc
* Ben –
	+ Getting a space to host varsity needs to be sorted over summer as GUSA block book when term starts.
	+ Provisional date 8th-10th November (long enough after Halloween – only note is around the time of formatives/ summatives)
		- Figure out demand for it with this date
	+ Next steps are to discuss with other universities (and to commit t0o it before another university does)
		- Discussion on co-hosting as more space and a bigger event but may be too many downsides
	+ New sports equipment (will discuss when discussing merch)
	+ Plan to keep football and netball, poll for introducing new sports
		- ask GUSA teams to promote as people may want to join law team
* Lauren –
	+ The bank account they had this year didn’t have a physical card so trying to set up new account.
	+ Merch cannot be done until bank account sorted but will start once done
* Ella –
	+ Looking for law sponsorships - try to get a sponsor for varsity, law ball etc and sort sponsorship document with Fay to send to firms (in sponsorship heading below)
* Holly –
	+ Trying to think of welfare events but waiting for social calendar to be built up before putting them in place.
	+ Plan to communicate with Abbie to get welfare presence on social media.
	+ Get a strong approach to freshers and figure out what people are wanting out of role.
* Louise –
	+ Applied for affiliation with GUU and waiting to hear back.
	+ Going to apply for SRC and QMU affiliation.

Sponsorships

* Three firms asking for info on sponsorship
	+ DLA want to carry on as they did last year
	+ HSF want to be at Bubbles and Truffles and maybe a networking dinner
	+ A and O Sherman want details on sponsorship
* Renewed Commercial Law Academy – complete some advertising for them (link in Linktree and some socials promotions) and they will give people discounts on law books etc and send freebies
* Try to get more opportunities for common law students/ those interested in family law
* Need to get brochure made and sent out to law firms (plan to do it ASAP)
* Main deadline is before Bubbles and Truffles to get main firm sponsorships in - if anyone has any contacts etc, let Ella/ Fay know

Freshers Schedule

* Freshers’ drinks – Record Factory always suits well but discussion on pub crawl
* SRC need volunteers for campus tour for diploma students on 11th September
* Waiting to hear about Freshers stall from SRC

Events schedule

* Family ties in October
* Sub-crawl in November (mid-November?)
* TBD: Varsity 8th to 10th November
* Career with GULS event on 14th November
* Charity quiz in December

GULS Website

* Google forms on website for complaints
* Update website with new committee members

Future Committee Meetings

* Still yet to decide on time/day as timetables haven’t come out and also other extra curriculars activities haven’t been confirmed.
* Will be every two weeks and more often/less if needed.
* Continue with meetings on Zoom (probably) because easier for everyone

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