

Scrutiny Panel Submission Document – 2019/20

Guidance:

- Your report should be 1000 words or fewer. You should write in all three sections, but it is up to you to decide how much weight to give each section.
- Your report should be submitted ten working days before the date of the Scrutiny Panel. This needs to be done by emailing: lee.mundell@nottingham.ac.uk
- You will have two minutes at the beginning of each Scrutiny Panel to supplement your report with a verbal statement

Officer:	Millie Doherty – Sports Officer
Date of Session:	19 th March 2020

Objectives:

This section is for you to track your progress on the objectives you set at the beginning of the year, based on your manifesto. The 'context' section of the document can remain the same for each panel.

#1: Increase student satisfaction within groups that use the sports and exercise offer differently at Nottingham. Through improvement of provision at SB, through a sports app, and through commercial relationships	
Context:	<p>Three of my manifesto points were linked to student satisfaction. Students based on Sutton Bonington feel that they receive a 'lesser offer' than student studying on University Park. As the Vet School will be doubling its student intake in April 2020, the problems on SB will only worsen.</p> <p>Members of UoN Sport have desired a Sports App for over a year. I believe it is something that could enhance the experience of a wide range of our students, from those who interact with the sports offer purely to use the gym, participate in sport casually, through IMS, through to our members who compete in BUCS weekly.</p> <p>Commercial relations predominantly relates to our partnership with Playerlayer. We're in our fourth year with PL, and have recently gone out to tender. My focus for the tender process will be to get the best</p>

	possible customer experience and kit quality, something that in the first two years of partnership was a recurring issue.
Progress since last report:	<p>Sutton Bonnington:</p> <p>Met with new SB Coordinator, employed as member of UoN Sport in collaboration with the Veterinary School to support students joining as part of the April cohort in the first year of dual intake at the Vet School. This new role will provide support for students on SB who are looking to engage in sport at the university, although their engagement might be different to the September cohort, UoN Sport and the University are keen to offer equal opportunities to all new students.</p> <p>App: Met with Tom Sherratt, original proposer of the sports app to gain a better oversight as to what he envisaged for the app, and the capabilities of the technology behind the app.</p> <p>Allocated £15,000 funding alongside senior management team (Sport) in this years potential spend to begin work on the app alongside licensing partners.</p> <p>This funding will enable a scoping exercise to begin. Since the last proposal, we believe certain aspects of the app should be changed or developed, therefore the next step is to ascertain exactly what the end user will desire from an app, and what is possible.</p> <p>Commercial:</p> <p>Working alongside Phil Smith to deliver kit tender document.</p> <p>Viewed sample items from all tendering suppliers and scored their tender documents as part of the initial process to find the most suitable companies to work with.</p> <p>Working with club committee members to gather feedback on items from proposed kit suppliers, ensuring student input at this early stage of the process.</p>

	<p>Organised Kit Tender Sports Council, inviting all club Presidents, and Kit Secs to hear presentations from top three kit candidates, and the opportunity to ask them questions on their bids.</p> <p>Working with partners to create 'goody bags' for athletes partaking in Varsity Series 2020 main events as a thank you to athletes.</p>
Next steps:	<p>SB:</p> <p>Meet with SB Coordinator to explore ways we can provide support for students on SB at whatever level they are looking to engage with sport.</p> <p>Work with UoN Sport on the medium term strategy for support and provision on SB.</p> <p>Commercial:</p> <p>Ensure student voice is accounted for when deciding the final supplier for sports kit.</p> <p>Communicate the chosen supplier with clubs effectively and timely in order to allow them to understand the ordering process in time for the 2020/21 season.</p> <p>Continue to work with the Varsity Admin Team to provide players with goody bags, building on relationships with internal and external partners.</p> <p>App:</p> <p>Support UoN Sport in scoping exercise and ensure students are involved at the appropriate stages in this process.</p>

	Ensure the funding is spent this year to allow the process to begin, and liaise with permanent staff who are keen and have the capacity to continue working on the creation of an app.
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#2: Aim to increase the awareness of the importance of welfare in general, but also in sports clubs where problems might be more specific.	
Context:	Aim to increase the awareness of the importance of welfare in general, but also in sports clubs where problems might be more specific.
Progress since last report:	<p>Met with CDCs and club committees/individuals who have had welfare related issues within their clubs. We have worked hard to provide suitable outcomes for all involved, with the key outcome being to ensure all individuals feel they can continue with their involvement in their club.</p> <p>Sat in on committee meetings to hear the students' perspective on welfare and surrounding issues within their clubs.</p> <p>Continued to plan content for club committee training surrounding issues of behaviour and drinking.</p>
Next steps:	<p>Finalise club committee training plans and the information that will be provided (the inclusion of such information has been supported by the University welfare team).</p> <p>Deliver club committee training over summer (alongside incoming Sports Officer).</p>

	Ensure incoming Sports Officer is aware of the work that should be done surrounding behaviour, welfare and initiations so they are able to plan and deliver sessions early on in Term 1, to set them off on a positive trajectory and ensure clubs understand what is expected of them.
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#3: Improve the financial sustainability of National League clubs by investigating and implementing cost saving measures, and creating achievable action plans for all National League clubs.	
Context:	The cost of entering National League can be extremely high to those clubs that do enter teams. NL provides the highest platform for our students to perform at, thus NL teams are attractive to high performing athletes.
Progress since last report:	<p>As previously mentioned, this manifesto point supports a small group of sports clubs. Due to workload surrounding other areas of my role, I have not made much progress on this area. Although a much smaller piece of work than other manifesto points, I was hoping to have made more progress at this point.</p> <p>Discussed the issue with CDCs and Assistant Director of Sport (Performance) to understand what financial support and guidance we should be providing to clubs.</p>
Next steps:	Work with Kiri Madhani (CDC) to create a basic plan for National League clubs to follow, how to make simple changes to support the longevity of their club finances.

Remit:

Here you can write about any projects you have been working on, or meetings you have been to that you think are of particular importance to your remit.

Meeting	Outcome for students
<i>Varsity Strategic Committee</i>	An enjoyable experience for competitors and spectators to showcase sports and performance groups in an exciting and inclusive series. Creating a competitive but fair environment, working in collaboration with NTSU and NTU Sport.
<i>Sports Operation Group</i>	Allocate CBTRC funds to clubs who have applied through the correct process.
<i>Senior Management Team (Sport)</i>	Voice student opinions and perspective to the Directorate of Sport.
<i>CDC catchups</i>	Promote positive plans for committees and support CDCs in their work.
<i>Sports Board</i>	Engaging noticeable alumni with the current sports model.
<i>Student Engagement Committee</i>	Chairing the committee within the SU to explore current engagement with students and work to improve the offer.
<i>Trustee Board</i>	Officer Trustee as part of the Trustee Board making decisions on behalf of the Union.
<i>Global Engagement Committee</i>	SU representative on matters involving all campuses, study abroad, global alumni and the global HE sector.
<i>Estates and Infrastructure Committee</i>	SU representative on matters involving the estate and potential building plans on all campuses.
<i>BUCS Regional Chair</i>	Chairing the East Midlands Regional BUCS meetings and learning best practises from other universities.

<i>University Behaviour Group</i>	Meetings with the University, SU senior staff and UoN Sport to discuss best practises surrounding sports clubs and societies.
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Varsity Series 2020	An exciting and engaging series of sports for over twenty clubs and hundreds of athletes, as well as thousands of supporters.
<i>Rainbow Laces Campaign and LGBT+ inclusion in sport.</i>	Working alongside the UoNSport Inclusivity Officer and the LGBT+ Officer to run a campaign championing inclusivity in sport with BUCS clubs and IMS teams whilst raising money for Stonewall. Continued to provide information and engaging content on UoN Sport social media.
<i>Club of the Month</i>	Encouraging clubs to engage and promote their successes both on and off the pitch. Rewarding clubs financially for good performances and results, as well as volunteering and charity work.
<i>Kit Tender</i>	Working with the SU and UoN Sport to ensure the new kit provider is of the highest quality and provides a high level of service to customers.
<i>Sports Exec</i>	Understanding the current guidance is not suited. Rewriting current policy and gaining feedback from staff and students to ensure new policy is inclusive and representative.

Policy:

This section requires you to report on progress made to policy attached to you through Union Council. You only need to update your actions taken. If more policy gets passed throughout your tenure, please add it to the report.

Policy	Events
Officers Responsible (PT & FT)	Activities and Sports
Policy Resolves	This Union believes that its events (including activities) should be ethical and non-degrading to its members.
Actions taken since last Scrutiny Panel	<p>Met with University and UoN Sport to discuss best practises.</p> <p>Learnt from BUCS Regional meetings how other universities manage issues of behaviour and the sanctions they put in place.</p> <p>Supporting BUCS new whistleblowing service.</p>