**GULS Meeting 12th September**

Attendees: Eilidh Haldane, Katie Hindle, Alex Enaholo, Rebekah Patterson, Ethan Darroch, Bilal Shahzad, Findlay Crawford, Marianne Colleran and Holly Marsden

Apologies: Chloe Robertson, Kara Mclachlan, Amber Collins, Carrie Fusco and Fay Lightbody

[Meeting begins 21:05]

[Holly Marsden joins 21:09]

**Law Ball**

* Ethan shares that his first venue idea costs £4200 which will be approx. £80 per person. It means we can host a drinks reception on the balconies, it is more of a wow venue than others and it is a good location. The venue can take up to 550 people.
* An alternative venue we are looking at can take up to 520 people. However, it is a harder location to get to.
* We also have alternative venues and the benefits of these are that they are possible cheaper. One can take 500. Another can take up to 900 and is £45 per person including a meal. If the law ball is split, a first year law ball could be held in a venue which can hold 276 people without a dance floor and would be £61 per person. The venue can stay open till 12am/2am and they can provide us with a ceilidh band or DJ.
* After party- We rule out previous after party venues. However, we consider another venue which can give us a room to hold 400 people.
* Theme- could be a masquerade ball. Committee is split on this.
* Eilidh likes the idea of the first venue. However, she adds it may be more expensive. She highlights that at the 4th venue, 900 people may be unmanageable to organise. Eilidh is on the fence about a split law ball. It would be a lot of work for Ethan and the year reps. Eilidh suggests another poll.
* Bilal asks if it would be first and second year together or what the split would be. Ethan says he was thinking of doing a first year ball then a second, third and fourth year ball.
* Alex thinks that we may not be able to sell 900 tickets. Bilal thinks we might because people have missed out because of covid. Ethan says 900 is only the maximum we don’t need to sell 900.
* Bilal asks about the pricing if we don’t sell all the tickets. Ethan says it stays at £45 per person. Alex says we have enough money to do this so shouldn’t worry about that.
* Ethan asks for committee opinions.
* Correspondence from Fay Lightbody- “Just wanted to let you know that I spoke to a few people in my year about law ball and most people said that they wouldn’t mind a split one with 1st year especially if the likelihood of getting tickets would be increased. I agree with this just as long as people actually did get tickets and it was slightly easier than the situation for getting tickets last year.”
* Correspondence from Chloe Robertson- “I’ll be quite happy with whatever everyone decides for the law ball(s), the only thing I wanted to bring up was raffling off tickets for charity (think they did this last year).”
* Bilal does not want to split the law ball as he enjoys meeting people from other years there.
* Katie says that splitting the law ball takes away from it being the wow GULS event of the year. Bilal and Alex agree.
* Marianne thinks we shouldn’t have it at the fourth venue as, from her experience, it is nothing special.
* Findlay highlights that the first venue might have banned university balls. Holly says it may just be medics that are banned.
* Katie says that she thinks the first venue is preferential, but we should take into account complaints about ticket numbers from last year. Marianne agrees that to maximise tickets the fourth venue would be best.
* Ethan thinks improving communication is the way to solve tickets problems i.e. making it obvious who will and will not get tickets on the day so people don’t waste their time. Katie says we did this last year but we still had complaints.
* Findlay thinks we may get worse feedback in the fourth venue. Marianne disagrees as she thinks people will be less worried about food quality etc and more worried about if their friends are there. Holly says that the previous venue was so good last year that the fourth venue may be a let-down. Bilal says that he would rather have a better venue with less tickets. Findlay says that at the grad ball everyone spoke about how good the quality of the ball was which shows that it is important for older years. Holly wants to prioritise experience over tickets. Marianne thinks we should prioritise tickets over experience.
* Ethan wants a fire breather.
* Alex highlights that we normally make a loss on the law ball so the more tickets we sell the more we lose. He also wants to keep it an exclusive event. Marianne agrees that the exclusivity is part of the attraction.
* Eilidh likes the idea of having a masquerade ball especially if its in the first venue as this matches the theme. Marianne likes this idea.
* Rebekah says she wants the first venue as the top choice for law ball.
* Eilidh says that there may be controversy if we split the law ball. Katie agrees. Ethan says he would announce it before to avoid this.
* Marianne thinks that a first year law ball is a good idea. Eilidh is open to this idea. Bilal suggests a vote.
* Ethan is going to get us more detailed information on all the venues.
* Ethan REALLY wants a fire breather.
* Findlay says everyone has an equal chance getting a ticket so it is fair as whoever is there first gets one.
* Holly suggests doing the ticket sale in the evening so more people can come. Holly says she does not want to do an online sale.
* Bilal highlights that if we have a 900-person ball then we also have to find an after party venue that caters to 900 people.
* Ethan highlights that the first venue might get cold later on but does not think it is a big problem.
* Ethan asks what we think about having a club for after party rather than a bar. We all like this idea. Ethan says the way this would work at the venue is that we would get a private room with a bar in it with security on the door. We are universal that we want a club after. Alex isn’t coming if it’s not a club.
* Ethan thinks that each committee should get a free ticket and that in his first year they also got to pick who was on their table. Katie says that last year committee got a free ticket and also got guaranteed a plus one who had to pay for their ticket.
* Ethan asks our opinions on bringing plus ones?
* Rebekah thinks that only law society members should be able to come. Holly doesn’t know if this will help as people can just sign up to be a GULS member even if they are not interested in being in the society as membership is only £10.
* Findlay asks if diploma students can go. Holly confirms that they can.
* Marianne thinks we shouldn’t get plus ones. Eilidh is on the fence about plus ones. Katie asks how we would get people to prove that people are buying a plus one ticket for a GULS member. Ethan suggests using Moodle to prove that you are a law student but since the society is open to non-law students too this may not work. Eilidh thinks no plus ones. Rebekah wants law students to be prioritised so doesn’t think we should have plus ones. Alex thinks committee must stick to this and not have plus ones in that case. Katie suggests having the after party open to everyone and then no plus ones at the actual ball.
* Eilidh wants to clarify that committee will get a free ticket as we will be dealing with stuff on the night so its not the same experience as simply attending. She wants more info then we can make final decisions on it.

**Freshers Talk**

* Eilidh says we have lots of new followers on the Instagram following the talk that she, Ethan and Alex did for freshers which is good.
* Holly says lots of people have been buying membership too.

**Pub Crawl**

* Ethan says 30 people have signed up to pub crawl. He asks committee to push sign-ups for this at the freshers fair. Marianne is going to do a post on Instagram about it.
* Eilidh asks if we can print fliers for it.
* Holly has put £500 behind the bar for this. She is going to have raffle tickets so that everyone gets 2 free drinks.
* Ethan has booked 2 tables at Record Factory.
* Marianne is going to hopefully come later. Eilidh can’t make it.
* Ethan asks everyone to be there for 6.
* Ethan is going to assign groups on the night.
* Katie asks whether we should wear GULS merch. Alex is not keen to wear it.
* Marianne asks whether we will have name badges. Katie says we could just buy stickers and a sharpie. Eilidh agrees we should do this.

**Freshers Fair**

* Findlay asks us to ask freshers if they are interested in sports and which one when we’re at the freshers fair.

**Varsity**

* Marianne is going to send Findlay varsity information.
* Ethan asks for the dates for varsity for the social calendar. Eilidh says that its mid-November in Dundee.
* Marianne reads out information for varsity. She says that accommodation will be provided. On Friday there is a night out. Saturday morning will be playing sports then a big night out afterwards. Sunday we will have a big brunch together then head back to Glasgow.

**Sponsorship**

* Sanctuary is back open for societies. This is going to be our main social sponsorship.
* Pub crawl is still going to be at manuka as they are our other social sponsors.
* Findlay asks if Sanctuary is letting you wear fancy dress. Ethan says it is.
* Ethan says that whenever you go to Sanctuary you should say you are with GULS are we make £1 for the society for every member.

[Findlay Crawford leaves 22:20]

**Book Sale**

* Alex says we have to discuss book sale. Alex does not want to do it. We don’t make any money from it and it’s a big hassle. All books are online. Editions also change so we are unlikely to sell very many.
* Rebekah says that we can do a book donation instead. Small scale but still an opportunity to get books. Alex agrees with this. However, he raises the question of what we do with the ones we don’t get rid of. Bilal suggests a Facebook exchange post. Ethan says this means liability can fall on us. Ethan says the law society might take them for their sponsors. Katie suggests selling the leftover books on webuybooks.com because they will collect them for us. Alex likes this idea but thinks we should donate any money we make to charity.
* Bilal suggests a bonfire.
* Alex is going to check the textbooks are still in the Stair building and we can discuss further.

**Charities**

* Ethan asks if we have a charity we are sponsoring? We need Chloe to discuss this. Eilidh highlights that this needs to be soon.

**Committee drinks**

* Ethan asks what the plan is for this. Katie tells everyone that this is happening tomorrow at 6:30pm in the West end Kitty O’Shea’s

**Sports Kits**

* Alex says we need to get kits sorted ASAP. We need Findlay to discuss this.

**Family Ties**

* Ethan highlights that Latham and Watkins are sponsoring the pub crawl so we need to make it personal to them. He suggests naming it “Latham and Watkins Presents Family Ties”. Alex suggests doing a speech to thank them at the start. Ethan also suggests naming each family after a Latham and Watkins office but isn’t sure about this. Marianne will make it obvious on social media.

[Meeting adjourned 22:35]