Societies Executive Committee Meeting 10 Minutes

10/01/2024

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

Justyna Kardasz (VP Community) – chair

Jamie Campbell – present

Jo Fitzpatrick – present

Cameron Pattinson – present

Ollie Page – present

Shania Maritz – present

Karen Low – apologies

Natalie Brayshaw (Activities Coordinator) – clerk

1. **Approve Minutes from Societies Exec 9**

Minutes were approved.

1. **Matters Arising**

* Part-Time and Distance Students in Societies
  + - * Videos were filmed and will be edited by 11th January ready to post
* Charity Month
  + - * Videos are currently being edited, JK to run past societies exec.
      * Post up on the Instagram prior to Christmas, no questions arising as of yet
      * Video to be shared to Instagram
      * Will be pushed at General Meeting

1. **Budget Update**

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|  | **Arts and Culture** | **General Pot** |
| **Start of year** | £15,000 | £40,000 |
| **After Exec 1** | £14,410 | £38,785.26 |
| **After Exec 2** | £12,964.82 | £38,135.26 |
| **After Exec 3** | £10,324.82 | £36,328.79 |
| **After Exec 4** | £9780.77 | £35,233.79 |
| **After Exec 5** | £9580.77 | £34,797.26 |
| **After Exec 6** | £6957.08 | £30,723.79 |
| **After Exec 7** | £4930.68 | £28,528.88 |
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| **After Exec 9** | £4751.02 | £27,691.10 |

JK noted this is around where we’d want to be at this time of year, and that that the focus should be on pushing Arts and Culture first.

1. **New Affiliation Requests**

* Cooking Society
  + - Jo - are the aims different enough for the Food Society?
    - Justyna - Food Society is more about experiencing food culture rather than cooking
    - Signpost to advice hub in feedback
    - Lots of committee members already
    - Questions around zero membership fee; potential to charge for events
    - Approved
* Ghanaian Students' Association
  + - Ollie – questions around democratic process of committee members “to be added later”
    - Happy to approve, with the feedback that once affiliated, members must be elected democratically.
    - Approved

1. **Grant Requests. Total: £400**

Electronic Music Society – Frequencies (Grant #1551)

* Requested: £300 (100%)
* Expected Income: £0
* Total Budget: £300
* Members:  36

Jo – a need to further explain why Stereo is being used at a cost of £300 rather than alternative venues

Jamie – other unis are being invited; potential only a small number of Strath students will benefit

Justyna – as a new society we are happy to give feedback; there is another socs. exec before proposed event

Jamie – charge associate members £5 but nothing for student members

Shania – could they DJ events within the venue; is the equipment fit for purpose? Could subsidise costs of borrowing equipment. Make sure they know that students from other Unis can come into the Union if they sign in

Application could be improved by:

* + Cost comparison of other venues
  + Correspondence from the venue / evidence of cost
  + Detail of how this will benefit Strathclyde students overall
  + Part funding e.g. through ticket sales (appreciating this may not be allowed by the venue), fundraising, or funding from others

Socs exec would encourage the society to apply again, bearing in mind the feedback.

Staff to contact with an example application (e.g. SUJO) – the society can reach out to Justyna for support.

Not approved

SUSO – Printing (Grant #1552)

* Requested: £100 (100%)
* Expected Income: £0
* Total Budget: £100
* Members:  99

The Union used to provide free printing; is this the case and if so, why do we no longer do this? Natalie to feed back at next meeting.

Jo – need for more info on what music is being used for, and how the calculations have been arrived at. There is ambiguity around how much was actually used in previous grants, with the wording “most if not all”

Justyna – attach application from Concert Band as an example

Jamie – evidence how they intend to re-use the music (which pieces are being re-used that socs exec have funded before)

Ollie – potential for sheet music sharing library

Justyna – concerns around copyright

Ollie – potential deposit scheme for the return of music; incentivise music returns to ensure this is sustainable and cost-effective

Potential for part-funding e.g. bake sale; £1 charge for music per member

This is a recurring cost which should be planned for

Arts and Culture fund is for all arts and culture projects, not just arts and culture societies; Erin and Natalie to highlight this in meeting with music socs.

Happy for them to re-apply with feedback in mind; reach out to Justyna, Karen, or staff for support.

Not approved

1. **AOCB**

**Things to be mentioned at the GM (29th January)**

* Jo – info on volunteering discount
* Justyna – charity month
* Justyna – sustainability month

**Podcasts**

* Justyna – checking podcast dates for 31st Jan 12 – 1.30pm; will send doodle poll for second date
* Shania – democratic route for committee election to be pushed in the podcast

**Other**

* Query whether Iranian Students Community are re-affiliated – no
* Jamie – query from a student around somebody on committee not doing their job; how do they remove the person from the society? Question for Erin. Discuss how we can help students; put this into policy or include in constitution template. Potentially a wider problem which could be addressed at a GM.
* Can societies gatekeep positions e.g. have a requirement of people having been on committee before? Natalie to feed back at next meeting.

**Budget Update**

Please note slight adjustments as a result of work on reconciling finances with previous minutes.

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