Societies Executive Committee Meeting 12 Agenda

22/02/2023

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

* Justyna - chair
* Kelsey Murray – clerk
* Jamie Campbell – present
* Emma Reavey – present
* Benn Rapson – on teams
* Sheik – on teams – late
* Shreya – on teams - late

1. **Approve Minutes from Societies Exec 11**

* All approve

1. **Matters Arising**

* Travel Society transferring money over to Language Café – vote to approve?
* **All approve**
* MFL request to use grant for different use
* **All approve**

1. **Budget Update**

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|  | **Arts and Culture** | **General Pot** |
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| **Remaining Budget** | **£3,232.14** | **£13,603.32** |

* Only 1/3 left of general pot
* Aim for around £2k spend each remaining meeting

1. **New Affiliation Requests**

* ZHA-GARAM
* ER - Likes that it distinguishes the difference from other Indian societies
* KM – has spoken to President and they explained that SISA doesn’t cover South Indian culture and that this society is not just for people in this culture
* No one has any objections
* **All approve to affiliate**
* Prosthetics and Orthotics CDT StrathSoc
* JC - Is this a course?
* ER – yes, states they have 6 students in course
* ER – if another more well known course like Engineering asked to affiliate a PG society
* JK – does this society have enough reach/will enough students join?
* BR – it should be fair for all courses to be able to make a course based society
* ER – societies for courses are forming commonly for room bookings
* **All approve to affiliate**

1. **Grant Requests. Total: £14,103.54**

SS leaves the call

* SISA
* Grant Name: Rang De ‘ 23
* Grant Number: #1239
* Request Amount: £1000 (22%)
* Total amount: £4,516.99

* JK – they’re expecting more people than there are members
* ER/KM – lots of events have external tickets sold especially cultural events
* JC – the numbers on the grant request don’t match with the evidence
* Clarifying that we are going on the basis that they are asking for £1000
* ER – happy to fully fund but should encourage them to annual seek external funding
* BR – happy to fully fund from arts and culture – understands Emma’s point and we should tell them that – as committee changes each year it’s hard to communicate with new leadership
* JK – do we partially fund to communicate with them that we won’t guarantee fully funding this project annually?
* SM enters the call and JK briefs on what has been discussed so far
* ER – what is the money requested specifically going to? Has it been specified?
* SM – suggests that when they are looking for external funding, try to reach out to the International team at Strathclyde – good to work with and it’s likely they would want to work with them, it’s a great project that happens each year
* Staff action: to pass SM points on
* ER – it’s the only grant request I can think of they’ve asked for so far
* SM – it’s partially funded which is good
* **All agree to fully fund from Arts and Culture**

SS enters the call again

* SUMSA
* Grant Name: SUMSAs Collaboration with the Language Café
* Grant Number: #1240
* Request Amount: £107.10
* Total amount: ?
* KM clarifies that they made a mistake filling out the application – they are actually asking for 75% of the fees for 2 tutors for 6 sessions
* They are partially funding the fees
* SM – what bank account is it going to?
* Staff action: email the societies to find out where the money is coming from
* **All approve to fully fund from Arts and Culture**

JC leaves the meeting

* Book Club
* Grant Name: World Book Day Extravaganza
* Grant Number: #1243
* Request Amount: £200 (80%)
* Total amount: £250
* ER – it’s sustainable, it’s close to campus
* ER – it’s a good project
* JK – they said they raised £80 so the ask doesn’t match their funding
* BR – looks good to me, happy to approve from Arts and Culture
* JK – could suggest to have another bake sale, suggests to part fund this
* ER – happy to part fund it, we just have a limited budget
* ER – also, if they don’t reach the whole expenditure, they can buy less books and still run the project
* SM – it’s a great project and they’ve done what we ask of societies – would be happy to split from both pots and it’s not a massive ask financially
* KM – could we please avoid splitting between pots for admin ease?
* BR – is there an issue with spending the whole pot earlier? Does it need to extend to the last planned meeting?
* ER – this might exclude events planned at the end/postgraduates etc – closing it earlier cuts it off for certain groups
* SM – the published meeting dates are known for this term – also during upcoming exam season it won’t be as busy – could see a lot less applications in meetings to come, this can’t be predicted
* SM – doesn’t want to not fund this when it’s not too much money and then in later meetings have left over funding which could’ve been given to this good project
* ER – it could be a good idea to not pass a financial point so we can guarantee there is a certain amount left for the last meeting in case students want to apply for a grant at the last meeting for example, £500?
* SS – it’s unfair to ask them to part fund it even more when they have already done that and shown us with the bake sale
* **All approve to fully fund from general pot**

JC enters the meeting

* Mary’s Meals
* Grant Name: Funding for Scotland Malawi Partnership (SMP) Youth Festival
* Grant Number: #1244
* Request Amount: £55 (100%)
* Total amount: £55
* Evidence states that the bus is £22, and they have provided cost comparison with the train prices
* ER – the guidelines state only 2 people can be funded for a conference from socs exec funding
* JC – however one attendee requires a guide and this is out of their control – necessary
* SM – are they partially funding it?
* ER – yes they are paying for some member’s travels
* SS – are they wanting us to cover the lunch cost as well?
* BR – they are really cheap/ would expect it to be more
* **All agree to fully fund from general pot**
* Coding society
* Grant Name: Strath Hack
* Grant Number: #1246
* Request Amount: £5000 (25%)
* Total amount: £20000
* ER – heard things about this event and their society and it looks really good
* ER – their evidence is really clear
* Can’t fund t-shirts
* SM – don’t think they can ask to pay for wi-fi/extenders – super computers on Eduroam has worked before
* SM – is it only for Strathclyde Students? It might reach a wider Glasgow coding community
* SM – what about the department being a co-host and part funding this event?
* JC – when you take out things that we can’t fund e.g. tshirts, printing, emergency fund
* ER – should we ask them for more clarification?
* JC – they said they are not charging for entry, this isn’t clear
* SM – why are they not charging entry?
* ER – we should ask them to come in and provide more explanation
* SM – would like to see a more detailed explanation on their application
* JC – the application mentions GCU – how many of them are participating? We can’t fund them, only Strathclyde students
* Alexandra enters the meeting
* ER – is it just Strathclyde students attending?
* AB – No
* ER – is funding coming from other Unis?
* AB – No they’re not – external sponsors e.g. JP Morgan
* ER – can you clarify travel costs?
* AB – it’s not just Glasgow based students, the organisers want to provide travel costs
* ER – what about the emergency fund?
* AB – MLH are helping doing the budget and all the hackathons are doing it with their help – they suggested this part
* JC – what about the wifi?
* AB – we’ve taken out the £2k for the wifi – we received clarification that the wifi can handle this
* SM – why is it not ticketed?
* AB – they wanted the event to be free so everyone could attend, went and spoke to other hackathons and they were always free, this one should be free as well
* SM – have you spoken to the department about funding and co-host?
* AB – yes they have spoken to CompSci and someone is going to be on the board, but they will not contribute financially
* ER – there is £15k of sponsorship which is amazing!
* JC – how many Strath students?
* AB – expecting 70 strath students, potentially more – gauged from department and members
* ER – this seems like a really good event
* JK – it says that you are paying the volunteers £14?
* AB – I believe they are buying something for the volunteers
* ER – I think fund in the future but we need clarification
* KM – could you not specify what the money goes to like you have done previously?
* SM – we don’t typically do this – maybe more work needs to be done on the application and come back with more clarity on what the money would be going to
* SM has spoken to the President
* ER – unsure what intersoc rep they fall under but I would be willing to sit and help them with their application
* JC – hard to understand what needs funding in their evidence, needs a bit of clarification

**All vote to defer to the next meeting**

* Sci-fi society
* Grant Name: Dr Who Worlds of Wonder
* Grant Number: #1247
* Request Amount: £60 (50%)
* Total amount: £120
* BR – looks really good and they are part funding
* JC – they have spoken to me about it, encouraged to apply for funding
* **All approve to fully fund from the general pot**
* SUMSA
* Grant Name: SUMSA Ramadan Project
* Grant Number: #1248
* Request Amount: £6238.54 (87%)
* Total amount: £7238.54
* ER – this gets funding from Socs exec every year and they are recommended to look for funding elsewhere
* BR – they are asking to fund water bottles, probably shouldn’t fund this
* BR – there is not the best evidence provided for us to see considering they apply annually
* SM – could be a reflection of new committees, could be included in their handovers
* ER – time is a constraint on this one, should they apply for alumni fund or even for next year?
* KM – just to clarify, they are partially funding around £4k
* SM – I know their committee does lots of fundraisers at their prayer sessions for example
* SM – is this for only Strathclyde students? Lots of their activities are not restricted to Strathclyde students
* KM – their application says they have over 100 members and are aiming to feed approximately 100 people – likely students
* ER – we have a meeting in 2 weeks time, they have provided evidence of other funding before then – maybe we need to speak to them about re-evaluating their application
* ER – as we’ve all said, it’s an amazing project that impacts around 100 students – we want to help but we need to get a more detailed application so we can fund this properly
* JK – Shreya should talk to their committee about editing this application for next meeting
* **All agree to defer to next meeting**
* Language Cafe
* Grant Name: Highlands trip
* Grant Number: #1249
* Request Amount: £800 (44%)
* Total amount: £1000
* KM – this could be the same application as travel society from last meeting – this needs to be cross referenced before considering
* Looks like it is for the same thing as the Travel Society were granted
* They’ve just reapplied for the same thing but we have agreed to transfer money from Travel Society for the trip to Language Café

JK leaves the meeting

* SUSO
* Grant Name: SUSO Spring concert 2023
* Grant Number: #1250
* Request Amount: £240 (53%)
* Total amount: £454.85
* BR – happy to fully fund from Arts and Culture – looks like a good application
* JC – they have provided evidence of a quote from December for something else rather than a new quote
* KM – we provide the van hire costs so this will still be the same
* ER - Extra player payments doesn’t have much evidence
* SM – would this not be covered from Arts and culture outside socs exec?
* ER – Arts and culture funds tutors and then we get a budget from arts and culture for other things – we need to cover something like this not the Union
* SS – they have part funded it so we should fully fund
* **All agree to fully fund from Arts and Culture**
* Camping and Outdoors Society
* Grant Name: Tents for camping
* Grant Number: #1251
* Request Amount: £510 (100%)
* Total amount: £510
* ER – core equipment
* BR – they have provided price comparison
* JC – they are a new society, haven’t had a chance to contribute anything
* BR – they are raising money and partially funding other core equipment
* SM – do they have enough members to justify 6 tents?
* KM – they have good turnout – their Ben Lomond hike had 24 people
* SM – should we fund 4 or 5 tents so we can encourage them to apply for the alumni fund?
* KM – however their society will grow to need more than 6 tents
* SM – could just be feedback to go to the alumni fund to get more funding for tents and core equipment
* BR/JC – wants to fully fund
* SS – if you recommend the alumni fund, that doesn’t make sense as they’ve showed what their asking for and where the money is coming from so should fund 6 tents
* ER – agree to fully fund for 6 tents
* **All agree to fully fund from General Pot**
* **Staff action**: email society to recommend alumni fund

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1. **AOB**

* Enhancing engagement – how is it going?
* KM – one entry so far
* We have all heard of societies who want to apply so expecting last minute entries at the end of the month
* Discussion of funding for the remaining meetings
* Some people want to run the pot dry as and when it happens, some people want to keep a certain amount for the last few meetings to allow societies to apply for later projects/accommodate for people who can’t apply just now for various reasons
* JC – agrees to ring fence some money for the last meeting so we don’t exclude societies from applying later in the semester
* BR – agrees that ring fencing is a good idea, just runs the risk that we view applications differently than we used to which was based on a good application/their merits, rather than remaining budget – this isn’t very equitable – ring fencing is probably a better approach however
* SM – seconds Benn on those points – how would the ring fencing work?
* ER – lets use the example of £500 – we have 5 meetings left now, we can’t go below £2500 as there needs to be £500 per meeting at a minimum
* SM – like a funding ceiling
* All agree on £500 as a basis for this idea