Societies Executive Committee Meeting 14 Agenda

22/03/2023

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

Justyna Kardasz – Chair

Kelsey Murray – Clerk

Shreya – present (zoom)

Sheik – present

Emma – present

Benn – present

Jo – present

Jamie - present

1. **Approve Minutes from Societies Exec 13**

* SM – page 5 – add word balloon
* All approve

1. **Matters Arising**

* Reminder of £500 prize draw, this comes from Socs Exec budget so must be accounted for
* Email from band society re. grant of £100 – accidently applied for £100 rather than 100%
* £364 is the full ask for Bands
* ER – good event
* JK – are we happy to fund the remaining £264 from arts and culture?
* **All approve – KM to journal £264**
* Part funding for Malaysian Soc application last meeting was granted via email for £650. Which pot should this come from?
* **All agree to come from arts and culture – KM to journal £650**
* Staff action – journal Malaysian grant from arts and culture
* Mention of hoodies and an event (e.g dinner for committee) last meeting – are the committee willing for this to come from your budget?
* JK – could we decide this at the last meeting (socs exec 17)?
* All agree

1. **Budget Update**

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1. **New Affiliation Requests**

* Feminist Society

**ER and JK leave the room**

* SM takes over as chair
* BR – good that it’s coming back, it was around for years and it wasn’t continued – they were really good, more than happy to affiliate
* SM – clearly stated how they are different to WILN+, clear aims and what they intend to do
* All state they are happy to approve
* **Approve to affiliate**

**ER and JK enter the room**

* Hide & Seek
* JC – they need clearer aims
* JK – are there safeguarding issues?
* KM – their aims don’t mention playing hide and seek
* JC – they do want to promote physical activity at all levels
* JC – what does their money go to?
* ER – there are hide and seek competitions so it could be that
* ER – I think they have clear aims
* SM – I agree, there is probably scope to be clearer but I think there’s enough
* ER – I think the name is self explanatory
* JF – their aims could be clearer but I would be happy to approve
* SS – also agree, their aims should be clearer
* JK – my issue is that they have not explicitly stated they are playing hide and seek, we have assumed that this is what they are doing
* SS – I think their aims should be clearer
* JC, SM, BR, ER vote to affiliate, SS and JF vote not to affiliate
* **Approved to affiliate (staff to ask for clarification on aims)**

1. **Welcome Grants (for information) – Total: £90**

* K-Pop society
* StrathAfghan

1. **AGM Grants (for information) – Total: £100**

* SUMSA
* Language Café
* Eco Vehicle – USEV
* Human Powered Flight – HPF

1. **Grant Requests. Total: £14892**

* **Coding society**
* Grant number: #1273
* Requested amount: 4989 (26%)
* Member count: 192
* This is a re-application – it was previously deferred
* SM – I don’t see clear improvements from what we suggested from their last application
* ER – the document they have provided explicitly states what they are asking to fund – lots clearer than last application
* SM – the evidence is for more than they are asking for, who are the sponsors?
* ER – we don’t specifically ask that, for example WILN+ did not specifically state their external sponsors and still received a grant
* ER – they are only asking for money for Strath students
* BR – it is also feeding back into the Union
* They are asking to cover security costs – KM clarifies it is being held in a University space which costs minimum £95 for 4 hour block – this is required
* ER – I think it would be good to fund the security and prizes, so they don’t miss out, they need to pay this
* ER – it’s a really good event, really opportunity to expand for later years and encourage people to apply to the Uni for CompSci since we host a hackathon
* JC – I don’t think we can fund the full security fee considering the budget remaining
* BR – I think we need to fund security costs, this is required for the event to run
* JK – Alumni fund?
* All state they wouldn’t get the money on time for the event as it is in May
* ER – think we should cover security, we don’t want societies to lose out as they have to pay for the space
* BR – we should look at each application on its basis and how good it is rather than the remaining budget – it might result in us only funding small applications
* ER – I think ideally cover prizes and security
* BR – they are paying for 36 hours as it is in 4 hour blocks
* JF – I think we should cover security, as Emma stated
* SS – agree, we should just fund security at a minimum
* SM – Should we revisit asking the executive officers for extra money in the general pot?
* ER – Last year we received £1000 from the exec, is their budget in their budget to give to societies?
* SM – there are lots of projects which need funding, it is worth asking all the executive officers
* JK – clarifies that the ask is £1000-2000 from executive officer budget?
* Yes
* SM – back to Coding, think we need to consider future AGM grants etc which will come out the pot
* SM – should we give them the prize money and allow them to reapply if we get more funding later? Ie ring fence it?
* BR – I think it makes more sense to give them their ask for security now since they are asking, and not waste the £300 which could risk them not running their event
* VOTE
* JF, SS, ER, BR vote to pay £1710 for security fees – SM, JC vote against funding
* **Approve to part fund £1710 from general pot**
* **SUCB – Concert band**
* Grant number: #1272
* Requested amount: 2000 (26%)
* Member count: 54
* JC – this is their main big event for the year
* SM – it’s a decent application, good show of part funding and contribution of members, would love to give them a good chunk of money from arts and culture however our budget couldn’t cover it all
* BR – I still believe that we should fund them if we think it’s a good event and application, for example give them all of the remaining arts and culture
* JC/ER – I do think we should be saving some for future meetings
* SM – giving them the remaining arts and culture would still be giving them part funding
* ER – have they provided comparative evidence of the accommodation?
* JF – there is a bit explaining in the summary – states they have looked at lots of this was the most cost effective
* SM – what are they specifically asking for?
* KM clarifies that they are asking for the remaining cost of coach and accommodation after alumni fund and ticket sales
* JC – I want to give them £500, a quarter of their ask
* JF – based on the application I would want to give them the rest of arts and culture however we have a limited budget
* JK – it’s a good application, regularly we would give the full £2k
* ER – coming round to wiping arts and culture and give them what we can from that pot
* KM – staff have discussed that we are going to get the tutor fees from all arts society noted so we can see if there is any remaining arts and culture fund to allocate to socs exec
* SS – agree to fund £1000 from arts and culture, we shouldn’t save it for something hypothetical
* JF, SM, ER, BR vote for remaining arts and culture, JC vote for £500 and SS vote for £1000
* **Approve to fund all of the remaining arts and culture pot - £1521.04 – 650 = £871.04**
* **USEV**
* Grant number: #1275
* Requested amount: 5300 (58%)
* Member count: 64
* JC – have spoken to USEV, they are aware there isn’t enough budget to accommodate this entire ask
* JC – got alumni and outside funding, departments haven’t gotten back to them yet
* ER - Each person is paying £250 to compete already, large member contribution
* JC – could we fund a specific thing listed?
* KM – they are already trying to get tents from Camping society – working with staff on this
* SM – flights, fuel and food would be paid through members contribution – we don’t need to fund this, is the hostel covered?
* ER – spoken to the society and the major cost and worry is the haulage which is the main fee - £4000, should be contribute partially to this? Usually funded or part funded from department but they haven’t responded
* (Separate conversation) would be a good idea to make a case to get the arts and culture increased, there are more arts and culture societies, it has ran out already and it would be great if it was closer to £20k each year
* JC – we should look at funding the hostel and the transport
* SM – however, what’s the point of the trip if they can’t get the car over?
* SM – in the case that we part fund, we should find out how else they will get funding for the rest of it
* ER – we wouldn’t ask another society to tell us for after where they are getting other funding
* SM – if there is potential of topping up the fund, should we let them revisit it after part funding?
* BR/ER – think it would make more sense decisions on the fund we have now, not potential in the future
* BR – I would be happy to fund £1000
* SS – think we should part fund it, we can’t give them the full ask, we don’t have enough money and we also have 2 more applications
* **All approve to part fund £1000 from general pot**
* **Arts & Crafts**
* Grant number: #1269
* Requested amount: 1600 (100%)
* Member count: 54
* All agree they don’t feel it is entirely within the aims of the society, they are not going to make art but rather appreciate it
* We also have £1770.90 remaining, we cannot fully fund this regardless due to AGM grants and welcome grants which will be applied for the next few meetings
* BR – I still feel we should give them something, they are making a case it is an art focused trip, don’t fall on the side of ‘this is nothing to do with art’ – could be comparable to the StrathSkate trip which we did fund – I don’t think this decision would be made earlier in the year when we had more money
* JC – we are allowed to reject grants based on budget restraints – we have to give AGM, Welcome grants and Active and Engaged
* SM – I think the trip isn’t too directly related to their aims, would vote against due to this
* JF, SM, JC, ER, SS vote to not fund, BR vote to £800 (50%)
* **Voted to not fund this application**

**SM leaves the meeting**

* **ACG PGR**
* Grant number: #1276
* Requested amount: £1003 (39%)
* Member count: 4
* BR – they only have 4 members, they should apply to participation fund rather than societies exec, I would vote no
* All agree with those points
* SS – we cannot fully fund this due to the lack of funding in general pot anyways
* **All vote to not fund this application**

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1. **AOB**

Enhancing Engagement

* 19th April, penultimate meeting we can decide on winners for Enhancing Engagement
* KM to reach out to Elaine about coming to this meeting
* KM to speak to comms about the EE comp blog
* ER – could we revisit socs exec being allowed to enter Enhancing Engagement competition? We don’t want our societies to feel like they are being punished for us sitting on this committee
* JC – agree, Book Club would like to enter but we cannot due to me being on the committee
* KM – unfortunately, this was decided at the start of the proposal so we cannot change this rule, was decided on at the start and it is in the minutes
* ER – could staff please update the WILN+ name on website?
* KM – update WILN to WILN+ on website
* BR – should we look into how many AGM and Welcome grants we should be expecting?
* Staff action: look into last year’s applications to estimate how many more applications to expect