Societies Executive Committee 2026/2027 Meeting 1 Agenda

Tuesday 25th August 2026, 13:00-17:00 – Level 8 Board Room

1. Welcome & Apologies
   CD welcomed everyone to the meeting.

   Present:
   Callum Denton – CD – Chair
   Kelsey Bannerman – KB
   Lateefah Isegen – LI
   Cammy Ward – CW
   Freya Sneddon – FS

   Apologies:
   Fern Dalziel – FD
   Luca Baccino – LB

   In attendance:
   Ellie Gomersall – EG - Minutes

2. Induction & Training

3. Matters Arising
   During the summer, a small number of grant requests were for the 2025-26 academic year were brought to our attention and awarded by the Activities President/Strath Union staff:
   3a. DMEM – AGM Grant (£25)
   3b. Ukrainian Society – AGM Grant (£25)
   3c. StrathAIS – request to increase grant #2102 by £100.00 due to increased flight costs

4. Budget Update: https://www.strathunion.com/groups/societies-exec/
   The budget for 2026-27 is yet to be confirmed, however based on previous years we would expect Arts & Culture to be around £15,000 and the General Pot around £30,000. This will be updated as soon as the budgets are confirmed.

5. Affiliation Requests
   5a. SUGAS
   KB noted section 6 of the constitution has a couple of issues including removing committee members for "inadequate performance" and terms ending at the end of their final academic year. Members noted the membership fees are very high and would like justification of this. KB noted that it would be a good opportunity for collaboration with other course-based societies. EG noted that there is potential for overlap with student voice activities, she will speak to the Voice Manager about this to get her thoughts. Unanimously queried.

   5b. Liberation Society

EG noted that, similar to the last request, there is potential for overlap with student voice activities and will speak to the Voice Manager to get her thoughts. CW and CD raised that the aims and name of the society are potentially a bit vague. Unanimously queried with members asking the society to make the name and aims of the society more specific and clearly differentiated from existing widening access and inclusion groups and Union campaigns work.

5c. Fibre Arts

EG confirmed that Abercrombie and Stitch were not reaffiliated for 2026-27, so if this society wished to they could take over this society and change the name. Unanimously approved, with EG to check if the society wants to take over the disaffiliated Abercrombie and Stitch.

5d. Strathclyde Bowling Society

Members weren't sure if this was about tenpin bowling or traditional bowls, and if it was more suited as a sports club than a society, although the fact they aren't competing means it's probably not a society. Members noted that the constitution is poorly formatted and needs a bit of work, and that things like setting up an Instagram is probably not an activity to include in the constitution. 1 vote to query, 3 votes to reject, encouraging to reapply.

5e. Women's Catan Society

CW noted that a Board Games Society exists already which often plays Catan, though FS noted that this isn't necessarily just for women. CW noted that Video Games Society host regular women's nights which BGS could consider. Unanimously rejected with encouragement to speak to BGS – if BGS don't want to run a more regular women's night then the society is encouraged to reapply.

5f. Small Business Startup Society

CD noted potential overlap with work of Strath Inspire. KB noted that one of their aims includes tips and tricks and helping figure out legal paperwork – important to make clear that the society cannot give legal advice. Unanimously rejected with encouragement to get in touch with Strath Inspire.

5g. Endo SOS Strath Support

Members really liked the idea of this society. Unanimously approved.

Due to time constraints the meeting ended here, the remaining requests will be considered at the next meeting.

5h. Filmmaking Society

5j. ASHRAE Society

6. Re-Affiliation Requests
   6a. Ahlulbayt Society
   6b. The GIST

6c. Greens Society

7. Welcome Grants
   7a. The 93% Club (see Grant #2153 below)
   7b. Naval Architecture Development and Research - NADAR

8. Grant Requests

#	Society	Description	Fund	Amount (%)	Memberships & Prev. Grants
2153	The 93% Club	Prizes for Freshers Fair	Exec	£195.68 (100%)	9/£0.00
2167	Video Game Society	New Core Equipment (Downloadable Content)	Exec	£36.38 (100%)	49/£0.00
2169	Strathclyde Trading Society	Fuel Roadshow 2026	Exec	£240.00 (100%)	33/£0.00
2168	Language Café	Tutor grant	A&C	£490.00 (100%)	183/£0.00

Total : £962.06

9. AOCB