# Societies Executive Committee Meeting 1 Agenda

30/08/2023

## Welcome and Apologies

Present: Justyna Kardasz (she/her), Ollie Page (she/her), Jamie Campbell (she/they), Cameron Pattinson (he/him), Erin Ross (she/her)

Absent: Emma Reavey, Elohor Ekohwo

Apologies: Jo Fitzpatrick (they/them)

## Matters Arising

* Year at a glance
* Freshers Fair request deadline – Friday 1st September
* Monday 11th/Tuesday 12th September – Freshers Fair
* Thursday 28th Sep 2023 5:30pm-7:30pm: Societies GM 1
* Monday 20th Nov 2023 5:30pm-7:30pm: Societies GM 2
* Wednesday 31st Jan 2024 5:30pm-7:30pm: Societies GM 3
* Tuesday 26th March 2024 5:30pm-7:30pm: Societies AGM
* Thursday 7th September 10-11am Level 8 – meeting with Sports Exec and photographs taken

## Budget Update

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|  | Arts and Culture | General Pot |
| Start of year | £15,000 | £40,000 |

JK suggests aiming to spend less than half in this semester and review near Christmas

JK notes need for caution as the Alumni Fund has changed to one application window rather than two. This will be in January and is likely to affect Societies Exec funding. Important that this is communicated to societies

## New Affiliation Requests

* **Turkish Society**

Agree to affiliate

* **Sudanese Society in Scotland**
* Agree to affiliates
* Check if they want the ‘in Scotland’
* Suggest changing category to Faith and Culture
* Aim to help non-students get to uni – this is fine, but they need to be careful around membership and funding that their society mainly impacts students
* Personal email addresses are used – please don’t
* One committee role is called ‘member’ – this needs changed to something that differentiates it from general society members
* **DMEM Society (Design, Manufacturing & Engineering Management)**
* Agree to affiliate
* Note their requested Strath email address – double ‘society’ – leave one off
* **GDSC (Glasgow Development Student Clubs)**
* NEED the acronym in full somewhere – in your society name
* Needs to be made clear how they differentiate for the Coding Society
* Since this isn’t a course run at Strathclyde, recommendation to change the category to Hobbies & Interests
* Model U.N. – reaffiliated
* Psychology Society
* Not affiliated – need to elect a separate treasurer
* Biomedical Sciences Society – reaffiliated
* Nepalese Society – reaffiliated
* IBML – reaffiliated
* Strath TV – reaffiliated
* Debating Society – reaffiliated
* Marine Robotics Society – reaffiliated
* UoS IMarEST Student Section
* Affiliated – suggest dropping UoS
* Electrical and Mechanical Engineering (EME) Society – reaffiliated

## Welcome Grant Requests (£45) – For Information. Total: £630

* Boardgame Society
* Fusion Radio
* Chemical Engineering Society
* Harry Styles Society
* Abercrombie & Stitch
* Book Club
* Neurodiverse Students Association
* SUMSA
* StrathAIS
* HPFStrath
* English Society
* Symphony Orchestra – SUSO
* Engineers without Borders
* Climate Emergency Action Group
	+ Issue arising after the meeting – they are not a society and don’t have a finance code!
	+ One has been created for them and funding for action groups will be reviewed going forwards

## AGM Grant Requests (£25) – For Information. Total: £25

* Marine Robotics

## Grant Requests. Total: £525 from General Pot, £590 from Arts & Culture

* **HPFStrath**
* Grant request #1304
* ‘Icarus Cup Transport’
* Requested amount: £850 (70%)
* 40 members
* Note this is retrospective (ER/JK to fill in socs exec about communications with society)

Rejected with regret mainly due to policy of not awarding retrospective funding

Recommend advance planning and organisation, especially around cost-effective travel options

* **Fusion Radio**
* Grant request #1316
* ‘Song Credits’
* Requested amount: £275 (100%)
* 21 members

Agreed to fund from Arts & Culture

* **Fusion Radio**
* Grant request #1317
* ‘SRA membership’
* Requested amount: £75 (100%)
* 21 members

Agreed to fund from Arts & Culture

* **Fusion Radio**
* Grant request #1321
* ‘Citrus 3 subscription’
* Requested amount: £240 (100%)
* 21 members

Agreed to fund from Arts & Culture

Please include information about alternatives and trial and error solutions you have explored e.g. that you tried to collab with Coding – the Exec were aware of this and this benefited your application

Confirm with society that they will need to submit an Arts & Culture report for these grants

* **SUMSA**
* Grant request #1329
* ‘Freshers Week Sisters’ Sip n Paint’
* Requested amount: £50 (82%)
* 198 members

Agreed to fund but from General Pot

* **SUMSA**
* Grant request #1327
* ‘Freshers Week Sisters’ Badminton Tournament’
* Requested amount:- £90 (72%)
* 198 members

Agreed to fund

* **SUMSA**
* Grant request #1330
* ‘Freshers Week Sisters’ Pizza + Game Night’
* Requested amount: £90 (76%)
* 198 members

Double-check that this is not to be held in union – outside food not allowed

Agreed to approve

* **SUMSA**
* Grant request #1326
* ‘Sumsa Freshers Tournament’
* Requested amount: £100 (24%)
* 198 members

Agreed to approve

* **Engineers Without Borders**
* Grant request #1345
* ‘Travel arrangements for the Building Community Leaders event at Aston University’
* Requested amount: £152 (59%)
* 32 members

Agreed to approve

* **Engineers Without Borders**
* Grant request #1346
* ‘Equipment for EWB workshops run in schools’
* Requested amount: £43 (81%)
* 32 members

Agreed to fund

Committee is interested to understand how many members (students) this benefits? How many workshops

do you hope to run (i.e. impact)?

* **Climate Emergency Action Group**
* Grant request #1351
* ‘Fossil Free Campaign’
* Requested amount: £34.74 (100%)
* 28 members

Happy with project aims – need to understand more about the product itself. Why tokens, why they need purchased and what they actually are

Issue arising after meeting – they are not actually a society. Department to consider how action groups should be funded

## AOCB

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**After Meeting Budget Update:**

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|  | Arts and Culture | General Pot |
| Start of year | £15,000 | £40,000 |
| Exec 1 | £14,410 | £38,785.26 |

**Next Meeting:** 13/09/23 @ 2pm