Societies Executive Committee Meeting 1 Agenda

31/8/22

1. Welcome and Apologies

In attendance:

Justyna Kardaz (JK) – Chair

Chris McMahon (CM) – observer

Kelsey Murray (KM) – observer

Tally Kerr (TK) – Clerk

Sheik Malik (SM)

Benn Rapson (BR)

Emma Reavey (ER)

Haroon Tarar Murqadas (HM)

Shreya Sachdeva (SS)

Jamie Campbell (JC)

1. Training

TK gives training

1. Inter-soc representative

JK presents concept from her manifesto

ER comments that this will be good for communicating with Socs and collecting content for the Socs exec Instagram

SM agrees, Socs Exec have experience so could be a good help for societies, utilising contacts they already have

Vote to run a pilot: approved unanimously

1. Budget Update

£40k general pot

* Welcome grants, AGM grants, charity month, active & engaged prizes to come from this too

£15k for Arts & Culture

1. New Affiliation Requests

Mooting Society (re-aff from a previous year)

BR notes that the group did run mooting competitions last year but they weren’t affiliated

Vote: affiliated unanimously

SAP Consulting Strathclyde

ER notes that SAP is a specific software so this is different from other consulting socs

SM comments that previously Socs Exec have specifically reminded socs that they can’t give financial advice

Vote: affiliated unanimously

Taylor Swift Society (re-aff from last year)

Vote: affiliated unanimously

Ukrainian Support society

SM asks how we know the committee are students sinc in the application they haven’t used their Strathclyde email

TK clarifies that they’ve provided a DS username

Action: Staff add to use Strathclyde email to the affiliation form

Vote: affiliated unanimous

Neurodiverse Students Association

Vote: affiliated unanimously

Pharmacy Society (re-aff from last year)

Vote: affiliated unanimously

Student Carers Society

SM notes that a Union staff member is listed as the treasurer

TK clarifies that Widening Access socs get extra support & are exempt from 2 committee member minimum

Vote: affiliated unanimously

GoLang Society

SM notes that societies can’t limit who can join them

BR suggests that this could be 2nd team to compete against go-computing society, and that instead they could have 2 teams within the same society

ER comments that the provided society aims aren’t clear

Vote: HM for, rest against - Not affiliated

Action: Staff suggest that they join go-computing and start a 2nd team

Citywise Strathclyde

Vote: approved unanimously

Arab Society (re-aff from previous year)

HM notes that there are different Arab countries and wonders if there socs for them eg. Saudi

TK checks this and clarifies that there is not

Vote: affiliated unanimously

Malayali Association for Strathclyde Students

SS notes that this is a small group within Indian students which SISA already covers, and worries that there might be duplicate events

SM suggests that they’re trying to bring together a specific region & language so there is merit for them having a separate society

ER suggests that there will be an opportunity to collaborate with SISA on events

SM highlights that Paksoc & SUMSA have duplicate events for Ramadan

SS worries that there will be lots of smaller societies set up rather than one big one to support Indian students

BR suggests that this will be good test for the Intersoc rep role

TK clarifies that even though this society is for a specific region, any student could join it

Vote: SS no, res yes - Affiliated

1. Constitution updates

Coding Society

TK highlights that the point that differs from the template is the committee requirements

ER notes that there’s an exception written in so it would be ok

HM suggests that having only active members able to stand for committee might prevent committee members getting elected and not showing up

BR notes that exception they’ve written in gives power to current committee to pick who can and can’t run for committee

JK suggests that this could be changed to give power to committee to vote to remove inactive committee members

BR suggests that they need to include a line that nothing can supersede existing constitution

Action: Staff check whether there is already something in place to allow inactive committee members to be removed

Action: Staff feedback to soc and bring back to next meeting

1. Welcome Grant Requests (£45) – For Information. Total: £315

* Language Café
* StrathTV
* Medieval
* Debating
* Private Equity Club
* Fusion Radio
* Care Experienced & Estranged

1. Grant Requests. Total: £855

*\*Membership numbers are reflective of the previous academic year, as all society memberships expire on the 31st August*

Language Café applying for Tutoring Project from Arts & Culture - £480, 131 members\*

No evidence of tutor costs

BR notes that £10 ph doesn’t seem like a lot for tutors

SM wonders whether members are contributing to this cost at all

ER suggests they could contribute even £1 each towards this. If 15 people attend this would make a small profit for the society

JC notes that from the survey there’s not much interest in Italian but they’re equally distributing tutors across all languages

SM wonders when are they wanting to start this and suggests they come back next week with more evidence of tutor costs

Vote: not approved, bring to next meeting

HM leaves the meeting

Fusion Radio applying for Song credits - £300, 33 members\*

SM notes that they’ve not provided comparison of cheapest option

ER notes that on ilikemusic this is the most cost effective package

TK clarifies that they were set up with 500 songs from alumni funding when setting up the studio from ilikemusic which is likely why they’ve chosen this company

SM suggests that this comes from Arts & culture

Vote: approved in full from arts & culture

Fusion Radio applying for SRA membership - £75, 33 members\*

Vote: approved in full from arts & culture

1. Active & Engaged revamp

SS notes that societies aware of active & engaged but not very engaged with it

TK summarises changes that staff and JK have made to Socs Exec’s proposal

ER notes for the open days mini badge that there are only 2 and the 1st one is soon

TK clarifies that this badge is not essential, so this won’t hold any socs back

SS notes that the values criteria is vague

JK explains that this is deliberately so, and that it’s up to the society’s interpretation for how they want to submit it

BR wonders how the process for gathering submissions will work

TK explains that this will be similar to before and mentions that we will will chat to comms about how this will look on website

BR asks whether societies have been consulted about this

ER notes that it was mentioned at the last GM but not voted on

TK clarifies that this is a Socs Exec decision

ER highlights that we want to avoid miscommunication with societies

Vote: BR & HM abstain, rest approve – approved

Action: Staff to discuss with comms to get this set up on the website after Freshers

1. Feedback survey

ER – put out through website, and emails to socs

JK notes that there were 20 responses from society committees

ER notes that the results suggest there is not a lot of understanding of what Socs exec does, why they’re pushing the socs exec Instagram intros, FAQs, better communication through different channels, not just staff, sharing what was funded and photos of how funding was spent

Action – staff to pull together report of this

Action – outcome emails from socs exec

At first GM – explain role of socs exec, clarify staff vs exec roles

Socs exec will keep posting on insta – Intros, tips Tuesdays etc.

1. AOB

BR asks whether Socs GMs will be online

JK explains the plan is for them to be in person only, the 1st one is 28th Sept 5:30pm

BR suggests they are hybrid to make them more accessible

JK notes that there is appetite for people wanting to come back in person, but if someone needed to access online they could request it

Total expenditure:

General pot: £315

Arts & Culture: £375