Societies Executive Committee Meeting 12 Minutes

07/02/2024

In attendance: Jo Fitzpatrick JF, Ollie Page OP, Shania Maritz SM, Jamie Campbell JC

Chair: Justyna Kardasz (VP Community) JK

Clerk: Natalie Brayshaw (Activities Coordinator) NB

1. Welcome and Apologies
	* Apologies from Karen Low
	* Apologies from Cameron Pattinson who expects to join the meeting halfway through
2. Approve Minutes from Societies Exec 11
	* Vote: minutes approved (amendment to Jo’s initials)
3. Matters Arising
* Chinese New Year event – Jubilee yes confirmed, they have discussed with University
* AGM food and joint quiz prize with sports – both of these will happen on the same night, potential for joint buffet and Battle of the Societies and Sport; no confirmation as of yet
1. Budget Update

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|   | **Arts and Culture**  | **General Pot**  |
| **Start of year**  | £15,000  | £40,000  |
| **After Exec 1**  | £14,410  | £38,785.26  |
| **After Exec 2**  | £12,964.82  | £38,135.26  |
| **After Exec 3**  | £10,324.82  | £36,328.79  |
| **After Exec 4**  | £9780.77  | £35,233.79  |
| **After Exec 5**  | £9580.77  | £34,797.26  |
| **After Exec 6**  | £6992.08  | £30,723.79  |
| **After Exec 7**  | £4962.68  | £28,528.88  |
| **After Exec 8**  | £4962.68  | £27,836.10  |
| **After Exec 9**  | £4783.02  | £27,592.10  |
| **After Exec 10** | £4783.02 | £27,592.10  |
| **After Exec 11** | £4497.02 | £25,017.10 |

1. New Affiliation Requests
* SUBS – Strathclyde University Bulgarian Society
	+ Check area code for Treasurer’s number
	+ Approved
* Poetry Society
	+ Discussed if this was distinct enough from English Society and Book Club – yes
	+ Approved
* Future Teachers Society
	+ Good that they have reached out to Education Society; queried whether this was different enough
	+ More event-based rather than studying
	+ Could be sports leaders / tutoring; any form of teaching
	+ So long as this is distinct enough on the website
	+ Approved
* Fashion Enthusiasts Society
	+ SM – if affiliated, they must hold and EGM to elect members
	+ Approved

**Cameron joined the meeting**

* United Kannadigas Society
	+ Want to start two societies; reached out to JC
	+ Queried whether they have reached out to the Indian Society
	+ Not enough distinction between this and Karnataka Connect
	+ Reached out to JK re. applying; Treasurer not currently formal student and so cannot affiliate the society.
	+ Staff to reach out to both societies to suggest either working together, or defining differences. Reach out to Indian Society. If sorted within two weeks, we can revisit
* Karnataka Connect
	+ As above; no vote

1. AGM Grant Requests (£25) – For Information. Total: £25
* SEDS (Students for the Exploration and Development of Space)
1. Grant Requests. Total: £9900.96
* SUSO & SUCB (Symphony Orchestra & Concert Band) – E flat clarinet (#1564)

Requested: £450 (32%)

Expected Income: £0

Total Budget: £1450

Members: 35 + 64 (across both societies)

* + JC – like that it is part funded;
	+ OP – good application overall
	+ JF – cost comparisons; sustainable
	+ Approved from General
* Economics Society – Alumni-Student Networking Event (#1570)

Requested: £244.9 (100%)

Expected Income: £0

Total Budget: £244.9

Members: 4

* + JK– evidence does not include a venue; no part funding; very small number of students
	+ Reach out to SM and come back to us
	+ OP – No comparative evidence; food is expensive
	+ SM – premature application; look at events to grow membership rather than specialised events
	+ Not approved
* Bands at Strathclyde – Replacement of stolen guitars (#1573)

Requested: £600 (59%)

Expected Income: £0

Total Budget: £600

Members: 39

* + JK raised that the guitars had been stolen from the cupboard
	+ JF was aware of this; was under the impression the Union had been informed.
	+ Part of Welcome Desk end of night checks is that the socs cupboard door is shut – often find is propped open.
	+ JC – there are a lot of instruments there; potential need for a cage
	+ Potential to check Royal College
	+ CP – cannot fund this until there is evidence these have been stolen
	+ OP – code has not been changed; this should be looked at
	+ Staff to ensure that Welcome Desk staff are checking the cupboard is locked
	+ Not approved due to lack of information – feed back that this should have been reported; list reporting processes
* Boardgame Society – New Boardgames (#1575)

Requested: £77.44 (70%)

Expected Income: £0

Total Budget: £110.64

Members: 80

* + JC – they said they had savings to buy these games; want to use 30% of savings and keep the rest for events
	+ SM – good evidence of research
	+ OP – happy that members have been polled
	+ Approved from General
* Engineers Without Borders – EGM (#1576)

Requested: £15 (100%)

Expected Income: £0

Total Budget: £15

Members: 39

* + Retrospective funding – not approved.
	+ NOTE: this is actually a wrongly categorised AGM grant and as such £25 has been awarded
* LGBTQ+ Society – Gaylidh (#1568)

Requested: £150 (100%)

Expected Income: £0

Total Budget: £150

Members: 127

* + JF – did intend to put in last year’s attendance; 50 attended last year
	+ JC – good that they have done cost comparisons and found a ceilidh band who are Strath
	+ OP – like the collaboration
	+ Use #CharityMonth2024
	+ Approved from General
* Aerospace Innovation (StrathAIS) – Spaceport America Cup 2024: Transport Hire and Flight Computer (#1579)

Requested: £1624.25 (100%)

Expected Income: £0

Total Budget: £1624.25

Members: 74

* + Queries whether this project has been funded within this academic year; yes it has.
	+ Send policy to the society; check meeting notes from last application.
	+ Suggested sitting down with the faculty for funding
	+ Not approved – cannot fund for same event twice
* Women+ in Leadership (WILN+) – CelebrateHer Ball (#1585)

Requested: £1269.44 (15%)

Expected Income: £5500

Total Budget: £8438.11

Members: 105

* + JC – NET budget does not match where additional funds are coming from
	+ Potential confusion around what is defined as a ball; this is also an awards ceremony
	+ SM – potential to fund aspects of it e.g. the awards
	+ JK – potential to fund Ceilidh Band at £400; trophies £225; personalised cookies £278; total = £903. Funding awards aspect only. In future, current policy is we don’t fund balls. Can only fund parts which are not ball
	+ Part-approved £903 from General
* Fusion Radio – SRA Conferenece (#1580)

Requested: £600 (100%)

Expected Income: £0

Total Budget: £600

Members: 21

* + JF – not fully completed application
	+ JC – queried where the £1000 is coming from need full breakdown of costs
	+ JC – queried who is driving the cars; clarity around petrol costs
	+ Reapply – JC to speak to the society. Potential to take public transport with sustainability in mind
	+ Not approved
* Concert Band (SUCB) – National Concert Band Festival: Final (#1565)

Requested: £2515 (52%)

Expected Income: £1045

Total Budget: £5975

Members: 64z

* + Reapplication
	+ SM – happy with how points have been addressed both in application and email
	+ Approved from General
* Mary’s Meals – Kiltwalk (#1581)

Requested: £100 (50%)

Expected Income: £100

Total Budget: £200

Members: 30

* + Approved from General
* Walking Women Strath (WWS) – Core Equipment for Committee (#1583)

Requested: £74.10 (100%)

Expected Income: £0

Total Budget: £74.10

Members: 32

* + SM – first aid kit is fine but hoodies are not essential, however safety vests would be fine
	+ Happy for First Aid however there needs to be more of a justification for the hoodies, as they are personal - potential for it to be on a luminous vest (e.g. if it is for safety). Share policy with them re. ordering hoodies
	+ Reach out to Jo if they want help with future applications
	+ Part approved - £10.99 for First Aid kit; can come back to us for safety vests
* Motorsport (USM) – Formula Student Germany 2024 Portal Funding (#1582)

Requested: £2000 (12%)

Expected Income: £0

Total Budget: £17868.74

Members: 252

* + SM – shared context; on waiting list for Germany, one team dropped out so they were invited as only UK team. Have paid entry fee, but this is to part-fund student attendance
	+ JK – evidence of entry fee already being paid, this has not been requested back
	+ JK – great application; can subsidise costs for individuals more as £400 is still a lot of money. Fund an extra £300 per person?
	+ OP – don’t want people to miss out due to cost
	+ Expected attendance of 15, x £300 = £6000; this lowers the budget a lot
	+ Potential to look at participation fund (this has been topped up)
	+ Want to subsidise costs per participant, it must go to this
	+ Approved £4,000 from General
* Malaysian Society (SUMSOC) – Lunar New Year Gathering and Lunar New Year Dinner (#1584)

Requested: £180.83 (100%)

Expected Income: £0

Total Budget: £180.83

Members: 37

* + Reapplication
	+ JF – have added information around other collaborators
	+ OP – society never reached out
	+ CP – no clarification around
	+ 20 – 25 students from
	+ OC – queried why Singapore Society have not applied for funding
	+ JC – total cost split among 6 collaborating societies, 20 from SUMSOC and SUSS – want to reduce to £22 per head
	+ JK – what are they actually requesting; these will not arrive in time for event
	+ Can subsidise £6 per person but cannot subsidise decoration as this will not arrive on time
	+ £30 for decorations / material costs not funded; already purchased so retrospective
	+ Part-approved; £150 subsidiary cost from Arts & Culture
1. AOCB
* Welfare Officer Position
	+ This will be advised but not enforced this academic year; it will take time
	+ Training and support will be offered
* Concerns re. specific society
	+ Faculty approached JK re. concern around how money is spent, they receive finance from faculty each year
	+ Used to be an agreement between the society and the faculty; Covid de-railed this and there is not an up-to-date agreement
	+ Faculty were looking for advice; this was to communicate with the society
	+ JK will share societies policy with faculty
	+ Check minutes for this society’s mini-grant application system; and their Instagram
	+ JK, Erin and Natalie to discuss
* Gatekeeping of Committee Positions (e.g. requirement of previously being on committee)
	+ This should not be allowed
	+ This is in current policy, but should be highlighted in comms to societies
* Welcome Grant
	+ Can this still be claimed? Yes, but get it in ASAP (subsequently clarified that no, this deadline has passed, unless this is a newly affiliated / recently reaffiliated society)
* Travel Society
	+ Did not elect committee democratically, staff to follow up
* Events not hosted on Native
	+ Has been spotted on societies social media over the past weeks
	+ This is against societies policy; should be flagged immediately and asked to take down
* Grant Application System
	+ Potential to provide further info within the portal to students who are applying
	+ Staff to follow up