**Societies Executive Committee Meeting 13 Minutes**

**26/02/25**

1. Welcome and Apologies

Cameron Pattinson – CP

Shania Maritz – SM – Chair

Ollie Page – OP

Chep Jackson – CJ

Sarah Holmes – Activities Coordinator

Jo Fitzpatrick, Rachael Baird, Jamie Campbell not present, with apologies

Socs exec wished luck to all campaigning

Minutes from socs exec 12 approved

1. Matters Arising
* USM would like to change the societies category from hobbies and interests to course based.

*We feel that as the society has grown over the past couple of years, it has become closer with the relevant university departments, such as MAE, EEE, CIS and DMEM. We feel changing to course based would represent the society's current relations with the departments, at present we are involved in open days for departments, and often do events for these departments. On top of this , the main goal of this society is to compete at formula student each year, which is a university based competition.*

Socs exec happy with this

* SMTS have emailed to say they are currently listed as being a Hobbies and Interest Society on the Union page, as opposed to Media, Arts and Music. They would like to be listed as Media, Arts and Music.

Socs exec agreed this should be the case.

1. Budget Update: <https://www.strathunion.com/groups/societies-exec/>

A&C officially empty

1. New Affiliation Requests
* Strathclyde University Shogi & Go

They reached out to CP, checking if they could get set up who vouched for their genuine interest in being a society. CP suggested Peever society could have a look at their constitution as a good example.

Approved

* Peever Society (SUPS)

Aims a bit contained under the name. Are you just the Peever society, or is your focus on local culture and history? Could your name reflect this more clearly? OP pointed out that this is just an interesting name, so is not necessarily be a bad thing. It may be confusing on the website, might not be the clearest name, especially to international students.

Approved with suggestion to have a look at Shogi & Go constitution and consider the fact that this may be a confusing name if the society has more purpose than just playing Peever.

1. Reaffiliations (for information)
* N/A
1. Welcome Grant Requests (£45) – For Information.
* N/A
1. Grant Requests. Total: **£9750.7**0

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| **#** | **Society (Finance code)** | **Description** | **Fund** | **Amount (%)** | **Memberships** |
| 1857 | Muslim Student Association – SUMSA - 878 | SUMSA 2025 Ramadan Grant | Exec Grant | £6,500.00 (43%) | 134 |
| Have received more helpful clarification since their last application. Last year there was an issue of non-students. How are you ensuring that it is only Strathclyde students? Are they all members of the society. Why do students not contribute financially? Could you make a cost per head, even £1 a night? Could be on the door, or ticketed on native, or donation? Socs exec are aware that the general pot would be halved by this cost. Queried – Have you considered members paying a fee for the meals? Could be as small as £1 a night or ticketed on native per night/in bulk or even a suggested donation. Also please submit this application before semester 2 next year to ensure there is enough time to adjust application/funds available. Considering this event runs annually, does this make it a core activity, socs exec are aware they are funding it every year, and £6000 is a large amount. Socs exec agreed to approve out of cycle if society agree to charge students an amount, or if they can provide an adequate reason why this wouldn’t be possible.Socs exec approved the request out of cycle and asked SUMSA to make their grant application before semester two next year. |
| 1858 | Fusion Radio - 880 | SRA Trip | A&C Grant | £300 (12%) | 27 |
| Application is much better quality. Spreadsheet a bit confusing. Approved from General Pot |
| 1862 | Diplomacy and International Security Society- 862 | Diplomacy and International Security society educational trip onal | Exec Grant |  | 25 |
| Rejected – application has not been filled out correctly1. Expected expenditure, attendance and income must be filled in
2. Requested amount and net budget must be filled in
3. Socs exec will not fully fund a trip, you have to show part funding. Have you gone to your department, or done any fundraising?
4. Is there a ticket price for attendees?
5. How did you decide who stayed in the hotel/hostel. You could offer different rates for hotel stay vs hostel stay. The fact that you are in a big group makes staying in a hostel safer, and members could pay more for a hotel if safety was still a major concern.
6. Flying Saturday to Saturday, not cost effective, do you need to go for a full week?
7. You have not provided evidence of attendance numbers, how did you come to the number of 27?
8. No comparative evidence for anything.
9. Will benefit from someone meeting with you. Please get in touch with Shania Maritz (Shania.maritz.2021@uni.strath.ac.uk) who is happy to help you before you reapply.
10. You can have a look at the grant request from another society for reference of a better grant application for a trip (Shania will show you this)
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| 1863 | Nordic Society - 492 | Language/Culture Societies’ Potluck | A&C Grant | £20.70 (100%) | 14 + 122 + 7 = 143 |
| Query – will approve out of cycle with answers to these questions.* What kind of dishes are you planning on bringing?
* What room have you booked?

Socs exec approved the request out of cycle  |

1. AOCB