Societies Executive Committee Meeting 13 Agenda

10/03/2023

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

Kelsey Murray – clerk (in person)

Jamie Campbell – chair (in person)

Jo Fitzpatrick – present (in person)

Sheik Malik – present (online)

Shreya S – absent (attended for a portion online)

Benn Rapson – absent (attended for a portion online)

Justyna Kardasz - absent

1. **Approve Minutes from Societies Exec 12**

All approve

1. **Matters Arising**

* Enhancing Engagement competition deadline has passed – when should decisions be made?
* 8 entries for biggest impact, 3 for greatest member increase and 2 for collab – should we extend?
* Society stories – blog for comp extension? KM to ask Daniel
* All agree to extend the deadline to 29th March 11:59
* Society policy - consult on new phrasing - KM has emailed all socs exec the new proposed policy – Socs exec can email the societies inbox if they have anything they would like to raise in it
* Reminder of Active and Engaged prize money to come out of general pot each remaining meeting

1. **Budget Update**

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|  | **Arts and Culture** | **General Pot** |
| **Total Budget** | £15,000.00 | £40,000.00 |
| **Exec 1 Spend** | £375.00 | £315.00 |
| **Exec 2 Spend** | £801.91 | £1540.00 |
| **Exec 3 Spend** | £690.00 | £1540.00 |
| **Exec 4 Spend** | £3566.27 | £435.00 |
| **Exec 5 Spend** | £1178.39 | £350.00 |
| **Exec 6 Spend** | £346.00 | £1691.83 |
| **Exec 7 Spend** | £227.50 | £1094.70 |
| **Exec 8 Spend** | £731.00 | £3122.80 |
| **Exec 9 Spend** | £700 | £495 |
| **Exec 10 Spend** | £2,574.89 | £5,428.46 |
| **Enhancing Engagement comp** |  | £500 |
| **Reclaimed welcome grants** |  | + £1,333.15 |
| **Exec 11 Spend** | £951.90 | £11,216.68 |
| **Exec 12 Spend** | £1347.10 | £825 |
| **Remaining Budget** | **£1,510.04** | **£12,778.68** |

1. **New Affiliation Requests**

* **FinTech Society**
* SM – says it looks good, looking for any mention of investment and cannot find
* SM – mentions blockchain and we have a blockchain society
* KM – I can email saying they cannot give financial advice
* ER/JF – cannot see any issues
* **All approve to affiliate**
* **IEEE Student Branch - University of Strathclyde**
* KM – think it’s a reaffiliation
* JC – is this a postgrad course?
* ER – yes, wanting to engage with undergrads too – this is good!
* **All approve to affiliate**
* **Queuing society**
* ER – seems a little vague on what opportunities they offer and what they are aiming to do – but generally seems good
* ER – mentions equal access
* JC – seems to honour the values of Strathclyde
* SM – would like some clarity on their resources they mention
* ER/SM – queuing in relation to what and where?
* JC – should we get clarification and defer for next time?
* **All vote to defer to next meeting**
* **The Walt Disney Society**
* ER – already spoken to the committee
* ER – love it, good idea
* SM – would probably clash with StrathCinema
* ER – would disagree, it could be collaborative, it’s not competitive
* ER/JC – they wouldn’t compete, this is a niche also
* **All approve to affiliate**
* **Render & Visualisation**
* JC – is it a graphic design thing?
* ER – think it’s for product design
* SM – they’ve not mentioned it specifically to do with Engineering but generally to do with rendering, not actually course based so trying to bring in different courses with similar interests
* JC – don’t think there’s a clashing society which is good
* **All approve to affiliate**
* **Ghanaians Students' Association- University of Strathclyde**
* This seems like a simple re-affiliation
* **All approve to affiliate**
* **Harry Styles Society**
* ER – good idea!
* All agree this is a good idea
* **All approve to affiliate**
* **Connecting Service Families**
* Widening access group who have spoken to Sofia already
* They have brought their application back which specifies they won’t be recruiting, it’s for families of military for support
* All agree this is a better application and makes sense
* All approve to affiliate
* **Maharashtrian community**
* Socs exec have previously affiliated societies which are smaller regional areas – not really a clash with SISA or other Indian societies
* SM – sounds good, happy to approve – they have a clear case for a society, cultural identity
* **All approve to affiliate**

1. **Active and Engaged prize money awarded (for information) – Total: £45**

**Silver - £15 to savings account**

* Mary’s Meals
* Pole Fitness
* Language Cafe

1. **Welcome Grants (for information) – Total: £45**

* Arts & Crafts Society (hadn’t realised they needed to apply for it so had already spent it in Freshers)

1. **AGM Grants (for information) – Total: £25**

* SUSO

1. **Grant Requests. Total: £8,973.62**

**Nordic Society**

Request name: Re-grant welcome grant

Grant number: See separate document

Request amount: £31

* ER – I would be fine with any of these types of asks (asking for welcome grant back if it’s been reclaimed from semester 1)

**Core Econ**

Request name: Re-grant welcome grant

Grant number: See separate document

Request amount: £45

* All approve fully fund

**Cocktail & Mocktail Society**

Request name: Cocktail & Mocktail Society X Mary’s Meals Ceilidh

Grant number: 1253 (is a draft but unable to submit due to technical issue that staff are looking into)

Request amount: £200 (100%)

Member count: 92

* JC – happy to approve
* ER – what ceilidh band is this?
* JC – think this is the Uni ceilidh band
* SM – they are asking for 100%?
* ER – they probably are spending on lots of other things, like decoration which they just haven’t mentioned and have only mentioned what they are asking for
* SM – fair, happy to approve from general pot
* All happy for it to come from general pot

**All approve to fully fund from general pot (£200)**

**StrathSEDS**

Request name: StrathSEDS NSSC2023 conference

Grant number: 1255

Request amount: £295.20 (50%)

Member count: 48

* ER – societies exec guidelines state we can only fund 2 people to go to a conference
* JC – this is a retrospective grant, they have provided payment confirmation rather than evidence
* **All vote not to fund**

**BR enters the call**

**SS enters the call**

**JF leaves the room**

**Neurodiverse Students Association**

Request name: Neurodiversity Celebration Week

Grant number: 1256

Request amount: £35.76 (100%)

Member count: 59

* ER – there is evidence for each thing, they could even apply for more
* All happy to approve this

**All approve to fully fund from general pot (£35.76)**

**TEDx**

Request name: TEDx Student Annual Ideas Conference

Grant number: 1265

Request amount: £2000

Member count: 36

* BR – for their annual conference they are hosting – typically large event
* ER – very big society event, gets a lot of involvement
* BR – we are conscious that Sheik is in both Hot Air Balloon society and TedX – should detatch this as they are different groups of students
* ER – are we paying for an event which is for a lot of non-students?
* BR – lots of students and staff went last year
* KM – they have 36 members, aware that more than just members will be there
* ER – is this not for a coach for the external speakers who are not students?
* JC – found evidence that says the speakers are all students (10 students)
* BR – acknowledged that they usually have more sponsorship however since there is more focus on students this year, the sponsorship is usually partnered with having a speaker slot
* JC – it’s a good grant request, it’s beneficial to students and it is required to have coaches at their conference
* **All approve to fully fund from general pot (£2000)**

**BR leaves the meeting**

**SUMSA**

Request name: SUMSA Ramadan Project

Grant number: 1264

Request amount: £4800 (75%)

Member count: 134

* SS – worked with the committee on this application, it is ONLY for students and there is evidence provided
* ER – really would like to fund it, it’s just a large amount in our budget
* JC – agree
* SS – it benefits so many students and it is a major project every year
* ER – we could approve and suggest other funding sources for the next few years
* SS – have already suggested Alumni fund for next year

SM enters the meeting

* SS briefs SM on the project being for students, suggestions to apply to Alumni fund
* SM – what is the cost per day?
* SS – this is to fully fund 13 days of Ramadan
* SM – should we give £4k instead of fully fund?
* SS – disagree – they have made lots of efforts to seek funds elsewhere e.g. weekly Friday prayers
* SM – is it definitely going to 100 students?
* KM – they have taken your feedback from their last application and submitted evidence that it is for students
* SM – what stops the money going to staff?
* KM – you have given grants for large projects and events which have also benefitted staff so you need to consider that
* SS – we could suggest that for next year, they can make it a Strath Union event, helps with keeping track of students
* SM – could we split between pots?
* KM – it is easier admin wise to come from 1 pot
* **All approve to fully fund from general pot (£4800)**

**Malaysian Society**

Request name: Malaysian Day 2023

Grant number: 1258

Request amount: £1000 (12%)

Member count: 28

* JC – I think they are asking for funding for tshirts?
* SM – bit confused what they are asking for to fund specifically
* Should we ask the society through email for more information on what the £1000 will specifically be spent on – can you prove it’s for Strath students and provide evidence of cost comparison
* **All vote to defer their application – the committee can approve over email**

**Camping & Outdoor Society**

Request name: Transport to Activity Camp

Grant number: 1257

Request amount: £400 (100%)

Member count: 24

* ER – an amazing society! Led by freshers and do great things
* SM – they are asking for 100%
* JC – they are asking for funding for the travel, but that’s just one element of the trip, they are charging £50 per person for the camp, food, activities etc
* ER – really good application, they are trying to make it affordable for students
* Which pot?
* ER – don’t think we can take this from arts and culture

**All approve to fully fund from general pot (£400)**

**Pole Fitness**

Request name: New First Aid Supplies

Grant number: 1260

Request amount: £66.66 (100%)

Member count: 60

* SM – relatively small ask, this seems like core equipment, do they have savings?
* ER – that’s even more reason for it to come from us, core equipment
* KM – they use their savings for instructors

**All approve to fully fund from general pot (£66.66)**

**Bands at Strathclyde**

Request name: BASS summer Concert Grant Application

Grant number: 1263

Request amount: £100 (28%)

Member count: 41

* ER – went along to their meeting and they are such a cool society, doing great things!
* JC – getting an income, charging £5 a ticket which is good – part funding
* SM – they mention Alumni fund – what is that going to?
* ER – they probably just haven’t mentioned the part that has already been funded – the alumni fund has bought them instruments before
* ER – this can come from arts and culture – all agree

**All agree to fully fund from Arts and Culture (£100)**

1. **Remaining Budget**

£5,170.90 remaining from general pot

£1785.04 remaining from Arts and Culture

1. **AOB**

* KM to send entries of competition
* SM – should we decide a date for deciding the competition winners? (April)
* KM to put out blog for competition extension
* All agree to put deciding winners of comp on meeting for 19th April (socs exec 16)
* Hoodies for socs exec 2022/23?
* Day out for socs exec 17?
* Bingo card for 2022/23?