Societies Executive Committee Meeting 16 Agenda

19/04/2023

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

* Justyna Kardasz (JK) – Chair
* Erin Ross (ERo) – clerk
* Sheik Malik (SM) – apologies
* Emma Reavey (ERe) – present
* Benn Rapson (BR) – apologies
* Jo Fitzpatrick (JF) – apologies
* Jamie Campbell (JC) – present
* Shreya Sachdeva (SS) – present
* Christopher McMahon - clerk
* Welcome to newly elected Socs Exec members!
* Cameron Pattinson (new member)
* Holly Page (new member)

1. **Approve Minutes from Societies Exec 15 – Approved.**
2. **Matters Arising**

**Arts and Culture budget**

* Note from KM – accidently calculated Arts and culture spending incorrectly which resulted in accidental spend on £111 over budget – Union Arts and Culture fund will top this up to make sure it is not in debt (reflected in the budget table)

**Enhancing Engagement**

* Elaine Keil will attend last socs exec meeting on 3rd May, 2pm, to discuss competition entries

**Safeguarding in clubs and societies**

* Next step: create a clear Welfare Officer remit and identify the essential training they would need
  + Still to be discussed and will be updated accordingly in due course.

**Student exec update**

* JK – no possibility of topping up the Arts & Culture fund from the union side
* Student executive not willing to fund projects like trips
  + Budget is for exec objectives, but they are not sure yet how this will be distributed.
* Socs exec need justification for why they don’t want to give more money to student engagement, and an idea of projects that they would want to fund before last meeting

**Strath January Intake Society**

* Confirmed that they were a society for all students – there is no focus on a specific course/school

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 |
| **Exec 13 Spend** | £100 | £7693.42 |
| **Exec 14 Spend** | £1521.04 | £2900 |
| **Exec 15 Spend** |  | £350.99 |
| **Reclaimed grant** |  | + £1710 |
| **Arts and Culture top up** | **+ £111** |  |
| **Remaining Budget** | **£0** | **£3544.27** |

* BR, as president of the Red society, has some money (~£500) from previous active and engaged funding that has not been used and plans to return to the general pot
* **Staff Action:** Contact BR to confirm.

1. **New Affiliation Requests**

* Humanities And Social Sciences Graduate School
  + SM course related society. JC no reason not to accept. There is an inactive “Humanities and Social Sciences” society.
  + **Staff**: Reach out and ask if all 20 members will be on the committee.
  + **Decision**: Approved (unanimously).
* Name Change: Alternative Investments Society
  + New aims:
    1. Education and Awareness: The aim of the Alternative Investments Society would be to educate and create awareness among students about various alternative investment options such as private equity, venture capital, hedge funds, real estate, and commodities. This would involve organizing workshops, seminars, and guest lectures by industry professionals to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of alternative investments.
    2. Networking and Career Development: Another aim of the society would be to facilitate networking opportunities for students interested in alternative investments. This would involve organizing networking events, career fairs, and mentorship programs to connect students with industry experts and potential employers. The society would also aim to provide resources and support for internships and job placements in the field of alternative investments.
    3. Research and Analysis: The society would aim to promote research and analysis in the field of alternative investments. This could involve organizing case competitions, research paper presentations, and investment simulations to provide students with practical exposure to the field. The society would also aim to collaborate with academic institutions and industry organizations to promote research and analysis in the area of alternative investments.
  + SM – needs to be clear that they are not offering investment advice. Could consider adding something to their name, or aims, to indicate this (e.g. Alternative Investments Education Society, Alternative Investments Awareness Society).
  + **Staff Action**: Socs exec recommend to the society that they have a name change that more accurately reflects their aims (i.e. does not include advice on investing).

1. **AGM Grants (for information). Total: £50**

* Motorsport (USM)
* Book Club

1. **Grant Requests. Total: £475.98**

* **Travel Society**
* Grant request: #1286
* Requested amount: £120.98 (100%)
* **Decision**: Approved (unanimously).
* **Staff Action**: Reach out to the travel society to support them on writing applications. They are essentially asking for “part-funding” as they are paying for the tickets and only asking for the car hire.
* SM asks that they highlight how these trips develop skills for those involved – to strengthen their applications for funding in future. Also, committee should be mindful to include evidence that they are bringing a diverse group of students to the society and fair, open and inclusive access for all for the trips. Students who attend trips could do a talk to the wider student body to encourage engagement in the society/union.
* **Aerospace Innovation - StrathAIS**
* Grant request: #1288
* Requested amount: £355.00 (100%)
* **Decision**: £345 approved (unanimously). NOT £355.
* SM reasonable not to include price comparison as the money is going back into the union. Good application that is well explained with clear benefits.
* JC notes an error in the total amount, should be £345 (based on Phil email evidence) rather than £355

1. **Active and Engaged. Total: £285**

**Silver (£15 each). Total: £75:**

* Book Club
* Neurodiverse Students Association
* Pole Fitness
* Strath Speakers
* SUMSA

**Gold (£30 each). Total £210:**

* Book Club
* Language Café
* Mary’s Meals
* Neurodiverse Students Association
* Pole Fitness
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1. **Remaining Budget**

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| **Arts and Culture top up** | **+ £111** |  |
| **Exec 16 Spend** |  | £800.98 |
| **Gold Society of the Year** |  | £500 |
| **Remaining Budget** | **£0** | **£2243.29** |

1. **AOB**

* JC – will we give extra funding to societies that we previously part funded due to budget constraints?
  + JK – essentially no.
* SM –difficult to see items on the webpage, particularly the “news” section could be more easily accessible and visible from the homepage. Also the enhancing engagement section is difficult to find without searching.
* SM – does the budget include the £500 that should be taken out for the “Gold Soc” of the year?
  + Need to check where this money will come from
  + **Staff Action**: Ask Lisa and check where these funds usually come from.
  + **KM edit** – this is to come from socs exec budget – this has been reflected in the remaining budget table above