Societies Executive Committee Meeting 2 Minutes

11/09/24

1. Welcome and Apologies

Present:

Jamie Campbell – VP Community (JC)

Ollie Page (OP)

Shania Maritz (SM)

Rachael Baird (RB)

Cameron Pattinson (CP)

Natalie Brayshaw – Activities Coordinator (NB)

Apologies:

Jo Fitzpatrick

Chep Jackson

1. Matters Arising
   * Charity Year – what this will look like
     + To be discussed at GM1
     + To be split into two semesters; discussion around the dates for this
     + October onwards as September is busy; also gives socs exec time to do videos / promotion
     + First semester; Oct – final socs exec. Meeting (18th December)
     + Second semester; Jan – March
     + Staff action – open submissions on website
     + Awards – amounts to be set aside in socs tracker
       1. 1. Most funds raised S1 - £250
       2. 2. Most funds raised S2 - £250
       3. 3. Over both semesters = best collaboration - £500 (divided by socs)
   * OP – doing a “meet the societies” Instagram post
   * Save this Society board at Freshers – suggested societies
     + Suggestions from Teams – Gaelic Society; Mary’s Meals; Twilight Society; Weezer Appreciation Society; Jewish Society; Food Bank; Feminist Soc; Climate Action Group; Glasgow Marrow; First Generation; Girl Up; Pokémon; Jewellery Making Soc; Yoga Soc
   * Suggested amount to set aside from budget for Active and Engaged, Welcome Grants, and AGM Grants

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|  | **2022/23** | **2023/24** | **Advised for 2024/25** | **Notes** |
| Welcome Grant | 3406 | 1980 | 2700 | Big difference between two previous years, advise budget for 60 societies claiming |
| AGM Grant | 550 | 750 | 825 | Last year + 10% |
| Silver A&E | 120 | 210 | 240 | Last year + 10% rounded up |
| Gold A&E | 160 | 200 | 230 | Last year + 10% rounded up |
| **TOTAL** | **4236** | **3140** | **3995** |  |

* + Approved to set aside this £3,995 from General pot

1. Budget Update: <https://www.strathunion.com/groups/societies-exec/>
2. New Affiliation Requests
   * Wellness and Self-Improvement Society
     + Concerns around people reaching out to the society for help which the society cannot provide; there are existing services for this
     + Not approved – societies exist for yoga, walking, and other listed activities. Services available elsewhere, and there are volunteering opportunities for wellness etc. within the Union.
   * Freedom from Torture – FfT
     + Aims are those of the charity rather than society / Strathclyde students
     + Aims to be clearer and specific to Strathclyde students
     + Clearly well researched
     + Not approved - invite to reach out to socs exec / staff
   * SCOPE: Strathclyde Community for Optics, Physics and Engineering
     + No DS number for President
     + Constitution not correct
     + Unclear if they’re part of a bigger governing body
     + Confusion around bank account with the University
     + Expand on why they want to be affiliated if they are established / part of a governing body
     + Clarity required
     + Not approved.
   * Café Hopping Society
     + Like that they are supporting local businesses
     + Note that additional committee members must be elected
     + Approved
   * Glasgow Khaleeji Society
     + Contradictory information around educating Khaleeji and non-Khaleeji students; but only open to Khaleeji students.
     + Not allowed to set terms of membership in this way.
     + Approved – on condition that that membership cannot be exclusive.
   * Strathclyde University Celtic Supporters
     + Query around where this activity will take place
     + Like that they have done a lot for charity
     + Approved
3. Reaffiliations post-deadline (for information)
   * MK Culture Society
   * Believers’ LoveWorld
4. Welcome Grant Requests (£45) – For Information. Total: £765.

* StrathAIS
* K-Pop
* Esports
* Law Soc
* Book Club
* Equate
* Strath Trad Music
* Psychology
* Arab
* SMTS
* SUMSOC
* Calisthenics
* SUSO
* Walking Women Strath
* Engineers without borders
* Catholic Society
* Telegraph

1. Grant Requests. Total: £1778.96

**Symphony Orchestra – Semester 1 Sheet Music Printing (#1710)**

* Amount: £70 (64% of £110 total)
* Society Membership No.: 15
  + Lots of evidence; is core equipment
  + £70 approved from Arts & Culture

**Fusion Radio – Broadcasting Systems (#1718)**

* Amount: £782.46 (100% of £782.46 total)
* Society Membership No.: 9
  + SM met with Fusion; question around part-funding – keeping their Savings for a trip
  + Query around why they apply to socs exec every year – they are hoping that this time next year they’ll be in a position to part-fund
  + £782.46 approved from Arts & Culture

**Fusion Radio – SRA Membership (#1719)**

* Amount: £75 (100% of £75 total)
* Society Membership No.: 9
  + If this is for each member of the society, then this should come from membership fee income
  + Not core equipment
  + Would be good to see part-funding
  + Deny – advise to re-apply with part-funding after Freshers. Suggest putting up membership.

**Psychology Soc – Freshers Tote Bag Painting (#1717)**

* Amount: £26.92 (73% of £36.91 total – remaining 27% covered from WG)
* Society Membership No.: 21
  + Like the non-drinking aspect
  + Good evidence
  + Could have utilised the summary boxes more
  + Query – is there a reason your Welcome Grant isn’t being used for all of this? If reason provided, happy to fund. If not, then deny.

**Marine Robotics – Equipment for hands-on-projects (#1721)**

* Amount: £444.58 (60% of £749.58 total)
* Society Membership No.: 4
  + Query around transport and why Ubers are required
  + Good membership drive
  + Approved £444.58 from General

**Concert Band – Brass Instrument Repair (#1726)**

* Amount: £320 (100% of £320 total)
* Society Membership No.: 7
  + Approved £320 from Arts & Culture

**Symphony Orchestra – Cello (#1734)**

* Amount: £900 (54% of £1675 total)
* Society Membership No.: 15
  + Heavily part-funded
  + Great evidence
  + Money raised has been over years – been working hard
  + Approved £900 from Arts & Culture

**Telegraph – Filiming Equipment (#1735)**

* Amount: £60 (100% of £60 total)
* Society Membership No.: 14
  + Exact amount not input, rounded up amounts
  + No comparative evidence
  + More information required on where this content will be / why they need filming equipment
  + Deny – not enough information about how this will be used, and no comparative evidence. Encourage to re-apply

1. AOCB
   * Approve minutes from last meeting – approved.
   * Socs exec Instagram – announcement to go out re. GM1