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