Societies Executive Committee Meeting 3 Minutes

21/09/2022

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

In attendance:

Justyna Kardaz (JK) – **apologies (illness)**

Chris McMahon (CM) – Clerk

Kelsey Murray (KM) – observer

Sheik Malik (SM)

Benn Rapson (BR)

Emma Reavey (ER) - – **apologies (has class)**

Haroon Tarar Muqadas (HM)

Shreya Sachdeva (SS) – **apologies**

Jamie Campbell (JC)

1. **Approve Minutes from Societies Exec - Approved**
2. **Matters Arising**
3. **Budget Update**

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|  | **Arts and Culture** | **General Pot** |
| **Total Budget** | £15,000 | £40,000 |
| **Exec 1 Spend** | £375 | £315 |
| **Exec 2 Spend** | £801.91 | £1540 |
| **Remaining Budget** | **£13,823.09** | **£38,145** |

1. **New Affiliation Requests**
* EEE Society (Electrical and Electronic Engineering)

**Vote: Approved unanimously**

* OLAM

BR and SM ask what the society name acronym stands for. This was discussed by all committee. JC would like them to reapply with some more information to explain what makes this society unique. All committee agree that they would like to know:

* + What does OLAM mean/stand for?
	+ What 5 states are you hoping to represent?
	+ Do you know that there is a strath society that is similar?

**Vote: Not approved. Deferred.**

* Strath Photo Club

This society did exist before. JC has spoken with a member of this society who was hoping to reaffiliate as they were worried about their equipment. This was an active society in the past few years. There are no other clubs with this remit.

**Vote: Approved unanimously.**

1. **Welcome Grant Requests (£45) – For Information. Total: £855.**
* Marine Robotics Society (#1130)
* Women+ in Engineering (#1128)
* Piano Society (#1126)
* Jazz Orchestra (SUJO) (#1120)
* LGBT+ Society (#1125)
* Coding Society (#1123)
* Mature Students Association (#1068)
* Football Manager Society (#1110)
* Bands at Strathclyde (#1069)
* Muslim Student Association (SUMSA) (#1118)
* Nigeria Society (#1117)
* Trading and War Gaming Society (#1087)
* Symphony Orchestra (SUSO) (#1116)
* Renewable Engineering Society (#1115)
* Poker Society (#1089)
* Women+ in Tech (#1113)
* Malaysian Society (SUMSOC) (#1111)
* Climate Emergency Action Group (#1107)
* Arab Society (#1105)
1. **AGM Grant Request (£25). Total: £25.**
* Arab Society (#1105)
1. **Grant Requests. Total: £2225.25**
* Strath Speakers - **£600** (67% of £900 total cost) (#1129)
	+ Public Speaking Workshop

BR thinks this is a good summary.

**Vote: Approved unanimously.**

* Symphony Orchestra - **£40** (49% of £82.68 total cost) (#1131)
	+ Conductor’s Stool

Good that evidence was provided.

**Vote: Approved unanimously. (Arts and Culture)**

* Nigeria Society - **£1300** (100% of £1300 total cost) (#1122)
	+ Independence Day Celebration

SM asks why the event is not ticketed. JC asks how they know how many people will turn up (therefore, they may overpay for food unnecessarily and this is a significant part of the cost). BR agrees that there should be tickets and some of their savings used so that the full amount is not from the grant, plus some of the costs are not well evidenced. BR notes that the food being brought into the union would have to be checked by union staff (Phil). JC suggests the food is funded. It is noted that the society only has 3 registered members now. SM thinks £550 towards the food, based on the provided evidence. The committee agrees that there should be a ticket to help cover some of the cost. For future applications, please try and submit more evidence for all costs and submit as early as possible to provide time for feedback and potentially more funding.

**Vote: Approved unanimously to part-fund - £550 only for the food (rice) – nothing else. (Arts and Culture)**

* Symphony Orchestra - **£100** (100% of £100 total cost) (#1114) – **Arts and Culture**
	+ Music Printing – Semester 1

**Vote: Approved unanimously. (Arts and Culture)**

* Poker Society - **£119** (100% of £119 total cost) (#1070)
	+ New Poker Table Top

SM notes that there have been several poker tables funded recently. BR asks if the society has any money in their bank account. It is noted they do have some money that could cover it. SM asks if they can operate without this table – to make sure the money is being used to buy something that will be used. JC suggests giving part of the funding (i.e. half). HM notes that it may not be their fault that this damage occurred so this should be considered. HM notes that the store cupboard should be better organised, and appropriate space allocated to societies. **Action:** Staff should see how the cupboard could be more secure and organised.

**Vote: Approved unanimously to part-fund - £60.**

* Modern Foreign Languages Network - **£27.06** (100% of £27.06 total cost) (#1109)
	+ Freshers Fair Drinks Equipment

BR notes this is a retrospective application, and these are not usually funded. There was much discussion between members on this point. SM notes that if you make an exception for one society this would set precedent for future societies that apply retrospectively. SM thinks discretion should not be exercised due to lack of evidence and small amount of money. The committee note that a small membership to the society could help with these small costs.

**Vote: Not approved. SM votes no. BR votes in favour. JC votes no. HM votes no.**

SM highlights that retrospective applications will not pass votes and this should be noted by all societies.

BR advises that the society split the cost between their membership/committee to ensure the cost of these items does not fall on one person.

* Esports Society - **£36.19** (100% of £36.19 total cost) (#1108)
	+ Jersey for raffle

SM asks if the society has applied for a welcome grant. It is noted that they have not. SM suggests they use the welcome grant money (£45) to pay for the jersey.

**Vote: Not approved unanimously.**

**Action: Staff will email the society and advise they apply for a welcome grant.**

1. **AOB**
* SM suggests if the grant application portal could have a box added for the society to fill in how many members they have. KM notes staff can add this to the agenda before meetings.
* The committee discussed the policy for retrospective applications. BR suggests small costs <£50 could be applied for retrospectively at the start of the year or in unexpected circumstances. SM notes that this could result in a lot of applications retrospectives multiple times by societies. JC notes there is a difference between an emergency cost and then deliberate over expenditure. BR thinks there should be some wiggle room, but this should be clearly defined. **Action: Discuss at the next meeting.**

**Total Expenditure (this meeting)**

General: £1540

Arts and Culture: £690

Updated Table:

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