Societies Executive Committee Meeting 5 Minutes

19/10/2022

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

In attendance:

Justyna Kardasz (JK) – apologies

Chris McMahon (CM) – Clerk

Kelsey Murray (KM) – observer

Sheik Malik (SM)

Benn Rapson (BR) – apologies

Emma Reavey (ER) - Chair

Haroon Tarar Muqadas (HM) – apologies

Shreya Sachdeva (SS)

Jamie Campbell (JC)

1. **Approve Minutes from Societies Exec 4 – Provisionally approved**
2. **Matters Arising**
   * 1. **Jazz Orchestra – Sheet Music**

The committee note that other societies do look for other funding, whereas music societies tend to get full funding (as with the first sheet music application) without looking for other funding sources. SM notes that some of the extra expense could have been foreseen (e.g. delivery cost) that is not related to the market turmoil in the pound/dollar. JC agrees – part funding could be an option. SM argues that it is not fair if all other societies are expected to find part funding from elsewhere, whereas the music societies are not finding any external funding sources. SM suggests that the society could look for alternative fundraising. ER suggests that the society have done the correct thing, and that this is really outwith their control. The committee note that “hidden costs” should not be an issue – societies should research full the cost, but market factors that are not within the societies control should be considered. SM highlights the need to ensure that all applications are considered on an equal basis. SM thinks that it is too early in the year to full fund this extra cost.

**Decision:** **To fully fund 135.05. Approved (3/4 votes for, 1/4 against) – Arts and Culture**

* + 1. **Alumni Fund – discussion to be arranged**

To be arranged at an alternative time.

* + 1. **Discussion: Retrospective applications for grant funding.**
* Some points from previous meeting to consider:
  + Should there be a small emergency fund? (i.e. £50)
  + How many times could this be claimed per society?
  + How do you define “emergency” vs deliberate over expenditure?

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1. **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 |
| **Exec 3 Spend** | £690 | £1540 |
| **Exec 4 Spend** | £3566.27 | £435 |
| **Remaining Budget** | **£9,566.82** | **£36,170** |

1. **New Affiliation Requests**

* Strathclyde Nepalese Society

**Vote: Approved unanimously.**

* Country Music Fans

**Vote:** **Approved unanimously.**

* Strathclyde Camping and Outdoors Society

**Vote:** **Approved unanimously**

* Let It Out Glasgow

**Vote:** **Approved unanimously**

* Cymdeithas Cymru Glasgow Welsh Society

**Vote:** **Approved unanimously**

* Biomedical Engineering Society

**Vote:** **Approved unanimously**

* Women+ in Strathclyde Physics Association (WiSPA)

**Vote:** **Approved unanimously**

1. **Welcome Grant Requests (£45) – For Information. Total: £270**

* IBML Society
* Business Networking Society
* Equate – The Society for Women in STEM
* Neurodiverse Students Association
* Mooting Society
* Esports (Socs exec told society to apply for WG instead of general grant request for freshers)

1. **AGM Grant Request (£25). Total: £0**

* None.

1. **Grant Requests. Total: £1665.04**

Note: Duplicate of Pole Fitness – needs considered.

* Pole Fitness – £160 (100% of total £160) (#1161)
  + Halloween Workshop

**Vote: Not approved (most recent application, below, considered instead).**

* Erasmus Student Network - £100 (100% of £100 total) (#1166)
  + National ESN UK Assembly Durham

The committee note this is a retrospective application. SM thinks that this retrospective application is unfair based on previous decisions on grant applications. The committee say that retrospective applications will not be considered, please try in future to submit before payment is made. The committee suggest that the society could use money from their savings to pay for this expense.

**Vote: Not approved unanimously.**

* Malaysian Society - £437.10 (?% of ? budget – needs checking) (#1170)
  + Malaysian Games 2022

**Staff action**: The committee are happy to fully fund the logistics (equipment, rehydration and kuih). £150 + £100 + £163.35. Total £413.35. The committee would like to note that it is not possible to fund clothing for society members.

**Vote: Approved unanimously (to part fund £413.35 – Arts and Culture).**

* SUMSA - £565 (100% of £565 total) (#1168)
  + Charity Week

The committee note that £35 for the Champions League event is retrospective – so this cannot be funded. The committee also note that they cannot cover printing costs. None of the grant monies should be used for printing. The committee note that the other societies cannot apply for funding for this same event. The committee note there is a lack of evidence for the dodgeball equipment – so this should be provided to allow price comparison. The committee note the £25 towards the laser tag should go towards the food – not for tickets.

**Vote: Approved unanimously (£510 – Arts and Culture).**

**Staff Action:** Remind society not to use funds for printing costs as these will not be reimbursed.

* Jazz Orchestra - £120 (100% of £120 total) (#1172)
  + Tutor fees for sectional

The committee are conscious of how many applications have been submitted by the society. The committee do want to encourage applications, but they do need to make sure the budget is divided fairly amongst all societies. The committee also suggest that the membership fees of the society could be used to fund these types of activities.

**Vote: Approved unanimously (Part fund: £60 – Arts and Culture). Staff action**: Provide the society information on how they could raise additional funds to raise money for the same sectional in semester 2.

* Human Powered Flight – £70.50 (100% of £70.50 total) (#1174)
  + Full Team Merch/Team Gear

The committee note that this is not a core need for the society as it is not for core equipment.

**Vote: Not approved unanimously.**

* Jazz Orchestra - £72.45 (100% of £72.45 total) (#1171)
  + Sheet music printing

The committee believe these are foreseeable costs and the monies should have been requested with the grant application when the sheet music was being purchased, as you know the music would have needed to be printed. The committee also note the society have a lot of money in their savings – so this money could be used.

**Vote:** **Not approved unanimously.**

* Symphony Orchestra - £59.99 (100% of £59.99 total) (#1176)
  + Music purchase

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

* Pole Fitness – £80 (100% of total £80) (#1177)
  + Halloween Workshop

**Vote: Approved unanimously.**

1. **AOB**

* JC: Nerd societies would like their own confederation – to be discussed.
* SM: Another application to the Alumni Fund (deadline 1st Nov) for monies for charity fund – to be discussed.
  + Committee are happy for this to be submitted. SM will lead.

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| **Exec 5 Spend** | £1178.39 | £350 |
| **Remaining Budget** | **£8388.43** | **£35,820** |