Societies Executive Committee Meeting 7 Agenda

17/11/2022

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

**Justyna Kardasz – chair**

**Alexandra Bodnar - clerk**

**Benn Rapson – present**

**Jamie Campbell – present**

**Sheik Malik – present**

**Shreya Sachdeva– apologies**

**Emma Reavey – apologies**

1. **Approve Minutes from Societies Exec 6**

SM – semester 1 landing page missing, simple landing page could be more useful given GM next week

**Approved unanimously**

1. **Matters Arising**

* Discussion – Society Policy

BR- Form not available anymore, it’s been down since October. Should consult volunteers more involved in societies before changing society policy, since it’s disrespectful to them.

JK – asks what BR would like to do

BR- have a conversation about this at socs exec when E & S are present

JC & SM – agree with BR

BR – notes that if it’s a governance thing students should be consulted

SM- something important as this should be discussed with students. Suggests copy of latest amendments for next GM.

NOTE: Ask Lisa if socs exec can we see draft doc for socs policy

Reminder Kelsey: remind JK about this

* Staff note – society policy will be voted on at AGM to be implemented next academic year. Complaints procedure also currently being revaluated. Union Staff are adding changes/editing policy however socs exec are more than welcome to express their feedback through the same form provided to societies.

1. **Budget Update**

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|  | **Arts and Culture** | **General Pot** |
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| **Remaining Budget** | **£8042.43** | **£34,128.17** |

1. **Constitution Change Requests**

* Language Café

BR- Notes they still have banning members rule, which is against policy

JC- Agrees with BR

JK- Notes they changed some things in the constitution, but it looks worse. If something is wrong in the society, they should fill out official complaint

* .1.1.7 needs to be eradicated

BR- in theory understands the constitution, but it’s not the presidents role to act as a judge

JC- would not vote yes if they were in the language cafe committee

SM- Notes socs committee should address them if they’re disagreeing with any of the comments made last week

Comments: If unclear how to rectify constitution speak with a staff member

**Denied unanimously**

* Staff note – take out section about banning members – KM already communicated with Language Café that this will not be approved due to superseding Union policy.

1. **New Affiliation Requests**

* **Sports Analystics Society**

JK- Clarity about the name. Might be a typo

BR- Other than the name everything seems fine

JC- confused about aims

BR- notes sports analytics courses exists, and thinks is a university course related society.

JC- notes that people who are into this will understand aims

JK- agrees

**Approved unanimously**

Comments: Double check name

* **Blockchain Edtech**

BR- Notes it’s the same socs as last week. Aims weren’t clear, and financial stuff as well. They made some clarifications but aims still not clear.

-Make aims clear, staff can help you create clearer aims.

**Denied unanimously**

* **YSI - Young Straths for Independence**

BR- Notes that socs mentioned members age must be 16-30, but they can’t do that. Understands why they’re doing it but it’s not possible.

-They’re name isn’t clear since there was a pervious society “Strath Students for Independence”

- Notes the problems are A. The age limitation AND B. Similar society existed last year, they could reinstate that and it would be approved.

- Suggests committee can talk with him about it and he’ll help

**Denied unanimously**

* **StrathWind Racing**

JC- Asks what the society actually is

BR- Notes they were a previous society

JC- Notes they should submit risk assesment

**Approved unanimously**

* **Strathclyde 10-pin Bowling Society**

BR- Asks if this shouldn’t be a sports society since there were complications last year with the Female Boxing Society

JK- Notes they should be affiliated with the union and that there was another problem with another society last year, and the matters are not related.

**Approved unanimously**

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

* Accounting and Finance

1. **Grant Requests. Total: £3907.09**

* Electrical and Mechanical Engineering (EME) Society - £380 (42% of £900 total) #1188
* Engineering Ceilidh

BR-likes the fact they’re part funding

JC- agrees.

SM- are they using strath ceilidh band?

JK- notes they didn’t mention how they chose the band. Might be the one societies always use

BR- Seems reasonable

Everyone agrees.

SM- asks if this means a society pays another society

JK & JC- note that it’s not a society anymore, everyone graduated now

JK- Notes tickets are only £4 they could charge more

SM- Disagrees, says charging is ok since there’s no food just snacks.

BR & SM- Note the society is looking to keep the event affordable.

SM- Likes that it’s open to all engineering courses like not just Electrical and Mechanical Engineering.

**Approved unanimously**

* Indonesian Society - £280 (75% of £376.60 total) #1192
* Youth Pledge Day and National Indonesian Heroes Day Event

BR- likes that they part fund

JC- notes the event is today

BR- notes that they might be overspending if it’s today

JC- seems they submitted same doc twice.

JK- wonders if event is on union page

JC- points out they have unexpected costs

BR- notes they’ve purchased stuff, just evidence of costs without receipts.

JK- no event on actual page

SM- it doesn’t say where it’s happening

JK- checking Instagram to see where the event is happening

BR- technically approving before event, which is today, but they’ve purchased things, so they’re not waiting for approval

SM- notes it would’ve been easy approved if planned better

Comments: Retrospective, but no proof of costs so can’t be approved

**Denied unanimously**

* Omani Students Society in Glasgow - £1000 (100% of £1000 total) #1194
* Omani national Day

BR-notes event is in 2 days. They’ve paid 10% deposit, and should pay the rest next week

JC- notes they got approved last week

BR- clarifies this is for food, not for what they’ve got approved last week

BR- notes they attached a receipt not an invoice, so it’s already paid

JC- asks if they had the funds in the account

SM- notes they paid in cash for the food

BR- retrospective we can’t fund it. Should’ve been submitted more in advance

**Denied unanimously**

Comment: Retrospective. Submit more in advance.

* Strath Speakers - £669.70 (49% of £1369.70 total) #1195
* Strathclyde Speakers Student Competition

BR JC- appreciates it’s part funded

BR- seems reasonable

-notes they went to different speakers to fund their fees

JC- notes it’s not retrospective

BR- Perfect grant request.

**Approved unanimously**- General pot.

Note: make a workshop how to write a good grant application; Volunteering coordinator could do something like this.

* Aerospace Innovation StrathAIS - £1349.89 (100% of £1349.89 total) #1197
* Spaceport America Cup 2023 Entry Fees

SM- notes they were fully funded last time. One of feedback points was to look for part funding for future projects

BR- wonders if they’re paying for people to go

BR JC- note this sounds like something they could get sponsorship for

SM- notes they could easily get money from sponsorships because it’s course related.

-Department has all the resources to part fund. They were fully funded last time.

-Notes They have enough time to find other funding. Were asked to try to reach out to head of department for funding.

BR- notes they were given a lot of money last week

JC- suggest coming back in couple months after searching for alternative fundings with proof

BR- agrees, part fund could be offered if proof showed they reached out to other resources.

JK- agrees

**Denied unanimously**

Comments: demonstrate you tried to source sponsorships either internal or external.

* Symphony Orchestra - £227.50 (100% of £227.50 total) #1198
* SUSO Semester 1 concert

JK- notes it’s not 100% they’re paying 160

BR- happy to approve from Arts And Culture

**Approved unanimously**

1. **AOB**

* GM2 next Thursday 5:30pm – section for socs exec to present Enhancing Engagement competition

JK- asks if socs exec should have a section?

SM- says yes. But should have a landing page before that.

JK- asks if everyone is ok to the format as last time.

Everyone agrees.

JK- suggests if landing page not ready in time to make post to socs exec Instagram page with all the info.

BR- suggests chatting next meeting about attendance, there’s a problem and a lot of people don’t show up

Note: Ask Kelsey if she can get back to SM by tomorrow regarding landing page

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