Societies Executive Committee Meeting 8 Agenda

30/11/2022

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

On zoom

Kelsey Murray – clerk

Justyna – Chair

Benn – present

Jamie Campbell – present

Shreya Sachdeva – present

Emma Reavey – present

Sheik Malik - present

1. **Approve Minutes from Societies Exec 7**
2. **Matters Arising**
* Enhancing Engagement – what should the application look like? (survey on website)
* SM base off from Charity Month application, ask socs to upload answers in a template
* ER – same as STAR awards – what was it called, how does it meet that criteria
* KM – survey on website logistically makes most sense
* SM – need to be able to attach files, photos, testimonies, videos
* EM – will send KM charity month files from last year
* Each event – entry up to all 3 categories, can enter multiple events
* SM – can only win one category
* KM – will make the survey this week and get uploaded by end of week hopefully
1. **Budget Update**

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1. **New Affiliation Requests**
* Tiny Changes at Strathclyde
* Great idea – agreed by all
* KM – communicated with staff about wanting to start a Strath branch, already a relationship with the Union

Agreed unanimously

* Strathclyde Blockchain Society
	+ BR – taken initial vague aims and expanded them to make them clearer
	+ KM – even if we don’t all necessary know what BlockChain is, they have said they wont give out financial advice and they want to start a new society to discuss it
	+ ER – agrees, looks like any other society application

Approved unanimously

* Cricket Society

BR – great idea, high in demand

SM – can they not be a sports club?

JK – needs to be a society for 1 year to become a sports club

Approved unanimously

* Robotics Society

JK – is fighting robots dangerous?

All agree it doesn’t seem dangerous

SM – says they are taking over an existing society – how does this work?

BR – wants to update their name and aims but last member has left it seems which seems valid

JK – that is implied however, unsure

JC – marine robotics exists but this is different

JK – the last member in previous society is trying to start it

JK – if affiliated, could we contact to ask if they want to transfer over existing funds in socs bank account?

SM – need to clarify that the soc 2 years ago had a European wide project (Mars), Physics dept backed and supported – is this a core part of the society? What happened to this project and is it still relevant? Is there a clash with Marine Robotics?

KM – is there a clash, when you wouldn’t object to multiple Engineering societies co-existing?

KM – money would realistically not be able to be transferred from the other society as it is not this societies money

SM – what about the equipment? Needs to find out where equipment is

KM – application implies this is essentially a re-affiliation from 2 years ago with a name change to suit slight changed aims – therefore, money they would get

JK – if there was union money funding them, that belongs to the Union

KM – money in alumni account but should have been used in that academic year

JK – need to ask if they have equipment and if they have access to this as this is Union property

KM – no money in savings or grant

BR – worth clarifying is this is a reaffiliation and name change and about their assets

Unanimous approved – KM to ask if it is a reaffiliation and name change and if they have access to previous assets

1. **Welcome Grant Requests (£45) – For Information. Total: £90**
* Polish Society
* Travel Society

1. **AGM Grant Request (£25). Total: £0**
* KM – can we use the AGM grant for societies to use for ‘re-freshers’ stalls?
* BR – just need to clarify that they can’t then apply for an AGM grant after
* ER – can they use for both a stall and AGM
* All agree they can choose which to use it for or both
* **Unanimously approved** - that societies can apply for AGM grant to use in January for a stall to engage students
1. **Grant Requests. Total: £5761.66**
* Hong Kong Society
	+ Grant Name: GUHKS x SUHKS 2022 Christmas Ceilidh - Heel, Toe, Mistletoe!
	+ Grant Number (#): 1179
	+ Request Amount: £574.35 (77%)
	+ Total Amount: £748.69
	+ KM – how do they know they’ll make £300 from raffle
	+ BR/JK – notices it is included in ticket price
	+ BR – event last year got cancelled, some aspects are retrospective which is not allowed
	+ BR – if it was purchased last year, why do they now need to be reimbursed?
	+ BR – happy to fund anything which is not retrospective
	+ JC – agree
	+ JK – not just their event
	+ ER – polaroid pictures is expected income from GU society
	+ ER – if we gave them money for the venue and the band, would GU not be funding half of this, so the money wouldn’t be going to what we agree
	+ JK – on the spreadsheet, next to ceilidh band it says needs to be requested – so will the Strath society get their money from them?
	+ BR – some of the amounts missing in the spreadsheets so we are unsure what is being funded sometimes
	+ BR – raffle prizes are retrospective
	+ ER – decorations are too
	+ KM – half of the venue already funded
	+ JK notes that they are going to try and get funding from Glasgow SRC
	+ BR – could suggest if they are short to raise funds
	+ SM – agree with all comments, and agree to part fund

**Unanimously vote to approve to part fund £370 from Arts and Culture (must go on Venue and Band – nothing else)**

* Strathclyde University Concert Band (SUCB)
	+ Grant Name: Strathclyde University Concert Band Music Semester 1
	+ Grant Number (#): 1201
	+ Request Amount: £289.51 (100%)
	+ Total Amount: £289.51
* SM – seems like a simple request, asking for music for concert next week
* Haven’t provided conversion rates yet are asking for products in US dollars
* SM notes this is core equipment for them, it would last them quite a while so inclined to fully fund from Arts and Culture
* BR notes socs exec give lots of music societies and don’t hold them to the same standard as non-music societies due to arts and culture fund
* BR – as we stated as GM2, we encourage applying for partial funding, would be happy to part fund them

**Vote unanimously – part fund £250 from Arts and Culture fund**

* Let It Out Glasgow
	+ Grant Name: Breakfast for Betterment
	+ Grant Number (#): 1202
	+ Request Amount: £109 (100%)
	+ Total Amount: £109
* SM – notes this is a very worthy cause but these grants are intended for societies members and Strathclyde students whereas this application is for the general public
* ER notes they have not provided evidence that it is the cheapest, little evidence

**Unanimous vote AGAINST**

* Motorsport (USM)
	+ Grant Name: FSUK 2023 Competition Fee
	+ Grant Number (#): 1199
	+ Request Amount: £2280 (100%)
	+ Total Amount: £2280
* SM - USM are historically very good at getting sponsored, they have time to accumulate more money from other avenues
* BR – it’s not actually an 100% ask, they are partially funding this project so not asking the grant to fully fund this
* All note that they are applying well in advance because it is due to January so that’s why they have applied now
* ER – we ask societies to apply well in advance so not fair to say you are planning too early – this is a good thing
* ER – this is part funded – the cost they are asking for doesn’t pay for all 30 members mentioned
* SM – typically they get Alumni funding – why is this not mentioned?
* BR – alumni funding probably going to another project, building race car
* ER – agrees, probably being used elsewhere
* SM – would have liked more information regarding funding from external sponsored that would contribute to this
* SS – agrees with that, they need money for registration – what if later they ask for more money for this project?
* KM – socs cannot apply twice for the same project
* BR – they would have to cover any future costs, we can only fund or part fund this
* SS – need to make them aware that they can’t apply for more funds for this
* SM – where does it say there is a deadline?
* BR – they have written it, not in evidence but written in application
* BR – they have stressed urgency for the funding – not asking for funding for the car but for the entry fee
* KM – is this being scrutinised to the same level as other applications? As we are bringing in other factors which we wouldn’t bring up typically like knowledge that USM typically apply for Alumni funding – seems speculative
* JC – found evidence, need to pay by 19th January in actual document attached
* SM – why did they not include travel costs?
* BR – they aren’t asking for that aspect, only the entry fees so should just acknowledge and discuss this
* KM – even if they needed future funding for travel, they couldn’t make another application because it is the same project and you cannot do this twice
* SS – this is part funded and only for the registration fee

**Unanimously approve to fully fund** – general pot (email saying they cannot get no grants related to this project in the future)

* Strathclyde University Concert Band (SUCB)
	+ Grant Name: SUCB Conductors Fees
	+ Grant Number (#): 1203
	+ Request Amount: £1645 (100%)
	+ Total Amount: £1645
* They are asking for their conductors to have a pay rise however they have signed a contract with their conductor
* All state that this seems like a staff and Union issue not a socs exec issue
* SM – what is the deal with arts and culture funding tutors by default?
* BR – part of Arts and Culture outwith Socs Exec goes towards this so not part of the actual socs exec Arts and culture fund – usually automatic
* BR – this is retrospective as they have signed a contract and the evidence does not include the actual pay rise, just the initial invoice and agreed payment
* KM – the evidence doesn’t involve what they are talking about, just the current invoice

**Unanimously reject**

* Travel Society
	+ Grant Name: Manchester Trip
	+ Grant Number (#): 1204
	+ Request Amount: £52.80 (100%)
	+ Total Amount: £52.80
* They are only applying for a small percentage actually – lots covered by tickets
* All agree that it would be worthwhile for future projects to apply for more as you are part funding and it’s a big project

**Unanimously approve from general pot** – refer to intersoc rep for help with future grant applications as they can apply for more, think there could have been some typos on amount so can discuss how to make this clearer for socs exec to read

* Travel Society
	+ Grant Name: Budapest Trip
	+ Grant Number (#): 1206
	+ Request Amount: £111 (100%)
	+ Total Amount: £111
* Also not 100%
* SM – similar to last application, tickets cover majority
* BR – even though we said they should aim higher, we like that this is a small ask so they can ask for lots of small grants throughout the year to help with multiple projects
* ER – good for us to pay for experiences not for just accommodation – benefiting all

**Unanimously fully funding from Arts and Culture**

Discuss AOB first so Sheik can leave meeting for TedX discussion.

SM leaves the meeting.

* TEDx University of Strathclyde
	+ Grant Name: TEDx Speakers & Curators Workshop
	+ Grant Number (#): 1207
	+ Request Amount: £700 (26%)
	+ Total Amount: £2700
* £2000 from Alumni fund so only asking for £700
* BR – seems reasonable
* ER – it is core equipment and part funded
* All voice they are happy to

**Unanimously approve to fully fund from general pot.**

1. **AOB**
* Socs Exec 9 – start early to discuss societies policy
* Mentimeter from GM2 – JK will share these all and after returning from annual leave, socs exec will discuss how to run intersoc rep scheme.

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