**Societies Executive Committee 2025-26 Meeting 1 Chair’s Notes**

**27/08/2025 – 13:00-15:00 – Level 8 Board Room**

1. Welcome & Apologies

*Present:*

*Nikkie Steinback – Chair (NS)*

*Shania Maritz (SM)*

*Kelsey Bannerman (KB)*

*Fern Dalziel (FD)*

*Matthew Bannerman – Online (MB)*

*Cammy Ward – Online (CW)*

*In attendance:*

*Ellie Gomersall – Minutes (EG)*

*Apologies:*

*Chep Jackson (CJ)*

1. Matters Arising

*There are no matters arising from the last meeting.*

1. Budget Update: <https://www.strathunion.com/groups/societies-exec/>

General Pot - £34,000 TBC

Arts & Culture - £15,000 TBC

Please note that these budgets are still approximate at this time and will be confirmed in the next couple of weeks.

1. New Affiliation Requests (papers attached) Explain this for everyone:

Run Club

*Members noted that there are similarities between this society and existing society Strath Girls Run, however this should not present too much of a clash due to the gendered nature of SGR.*

*Unanimously approved.*

Pub Mapping

*EG informed members that the society attached the wrong document instead of a constitution, and have been informed they’ll need to attach the correct document in order for their application to be considered.*

*Members noted that their goal to map all pubs in Glasgow would mean the society no longer has a purpose once they have completed this. They noted the large difference in membership fee between student members and associate members as something the society might want to consider, and asked if the society was likely to do more socials, etc. that would give it wider purpose beyond just mapping the pubs.*

*No decision made.*

AgriCapital

*Members noted that the society seems quite niche, but that this would allow it to carve out its own identity compared to other business societies already affiliated. That the society already has 12 prospective members was considered evidence that the society would be able to be successful.*

*Unanimously approved.*

Fintech

*Members noted that this society also has a lot of similarities with existing societies including Trading, Business Analytics, Coding, Accounting & Finance, etc. and that other societies possibly ought to be contacted to ensure that they don’t feel that this society would encroach on their activities and members. FD noted that Fintech is a very up-and-coming industry, particularly in Glasgow which is one of the Fintech capitals of the UK, and that there are a number of Fintech societies at other universities across the UK.*

*Some members noted that they’d like more information about how they’d work with the other similar societies, and the merits of being a separate society rather than being part of the other groups, and were therefore minded to either reject or query this application.*

*~~2 approves, 4 queries. Query.~~*

*NS subsequently requested to change her vote.*

*3 approves, 3 queries. NS breaks tie as Chair, approved with note encouraging the society to reach out to and actively work with the other similar societies.*

Indian Strathclyde Forum

*Members noted that this society has very similar aims and activities to existing society SISA.*

*Unanimously reject.*

Assassins Guild of Strathclyde

*Members noted a number of concerns relating to how this society could carry out its activities safely, particularly relating to the use of pens if these might be being thrown or used to draw on each other, and if the game is being played in public spaces where distress or injury could be caused to members or bystanders. A concern was also raised regarding the use of the word “killing” in their aims, which it was suggested should be amended. Members also noted that they will be playing board games and video games which could overlap with existing societies, but is unlikely to encroach on others. It was also asked if this group needs to be a society, and if the activities would remain manageable if the membership grows substantially.*

*1 reject, 5 query. Request Risk Assessment in advance and amend wording in aims around “killing”.*

Strathclyde Desi Society

*Concerns were raised by members about substantial overlap with SISA, particularly with regard to cultural events such as Holi and Diwali. EG noted that concerns had also been raised regarding this to the Societies Team prior to the meeting. Members noted that this society could provide an important space for students from Desi backgrounds not already represented by an existing society, such as for students from Nepal, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, and asked if the membership of this new society and its committee was made up more of students from these backgrounds, or from students who might otherwise wish to join SISA or the Pakistani Society.*

*Unanimously rejected, encouraged to reapply with amended application showing what they would do differently to existing societies..*

1. Reaffiliations

111 societies have so far reaffiliated for the 2025-26 academic year.

SNP Society

1. Society name changes

Strathclyde University Motor Racing Club 🡪 Strathclyde Kart Club – SKC

*Unanimously approved.*

Maharashtra Strath Union Community 🡪 Bollywood Events of Strath Society

*EG explained the reasons provided by the society for the name change, including that the society wishes to be more open to students from outwith the state of Maharashtra. Members noted concerns that the society’s aims may have drifted further from the originally intended aims and into aims already covered by existing societies such as SISA, and that the requested name change would further this issue.*

*Unanimously rejected.*

1. Welcome Grant & AGM Grant Requests (for information)

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| **#** | **Society (Finance Code)** | **Type** | **Amount** |
| 1929 | UN Women UK (997) | Welcome Grant | £45.00 |
| 1933 | Malaysian Society – SUMSOC (838) | Welcome Grant | £45.00 |
| 1934 | Singapore Society (899) | Welcome Grant | £45.00 |
| 1932 | DMEM Society (818) | Welcome Grant | £45.00 |
| 1925 | Chess Society (481) | Welcome Grant | £45.00 |
| 1930 | Naval Architecture Development & Research – NADAR (518) | Welcome Grant | £45.00 |
| 1936 | Equate – The Society for Women in STEM (873) | Welcome Grant | £45.00 |
| 1924 | Human Powered Flight – HPFStrath (580) | Welcome Grant | £45.00 |
| 1940 | Piano Society (938) | Welcome Grant | £45.00 |
| 1937 | MK Culture Society (992) | Welcome Grant | £45.00 |

*Unfortunately due to time constraints the meeting came to an end at this point in the agenda.*