**Societies Executive Committee Meeting 11 Minutes**

**29/01/25**

1. Welcome and Apologies

Jo Fitzpatrick – JF

Chep Jackson – CJ

Shania Martiz – SM

Rachael Baird – RB

Cameron Pattinson – CP

Chair: Jamie Campbell – VP Community – JC

Clerk: Sarah Holmes, Activities Coordinator

Oli Page not present with apologies

1. Matters Arising

Change last week’s meeting: Chep initials should be CJ not CP

Change spelling ‘sued’ instead of ‘used’ at the bottom.

Otherwise approve

1. Budget Update: <https://www.strathunion.com/groups/societies-exec/>
2. New Affiliation Requests
   * Young Professionals

MDP programme is very similar. Aims a bit vague, do you have a different purpose to the services provided by the union/university, e.g. advice hub, careers service? Are you just going to be a help service or a social function as well? If you planning on providing guidance, are you qualified to do so? You can reach out to the careers service if you need any help or signposting.

Not specialised enough, similar to marketing society.

Have you considered handing over during the handover period? Why have you chosen December?

Is this for a specific course? What type of young professionals are you? Does this cater to the whole category of young professionals, or is it course/department specific?

How is this more beneficial to students for networking when there are already plenty of course specific societies that are more tailored to individual subjects?

Queried – respond with answers to the questions above and we will rediscuss at the next socs exec meeting.

1. Reaffiliations (for information)

* N/A

1. Welcome Grant Requests (£45) – For Information.
   * N/A
2. Grant Requests. Total: £5080.04

**Travel Society - 577 - Travel Society Malta Trip February 2025 #1842**

* £869.28 (18%)
* Memberships : 99

Did all the tickets from the last event get used? Have you gauged interest, e.g. social media post or google form? How did you decide how many tickets to buy for each activity? Can you provide evidence of interest from the society members in each activity.

Queried – could you provide evidence that there is interest from your members in the different activities you are applying for funding for.

**Marine Robotics Society - 944 - NJORD Challenge 2025 - Registration Fee #1839**

* £742.56 (12%)
* Memberships: 13

Approved from General Pot – just to let you know Socs exec cannot cover any fluctuations in currency conversion rates, the amount awarded now is fixed.

**Chorus - 912 - Chorus - Semester 2 A&C Funding #1843**

* £1130 (55%)
* Memberships: 21

(RB left the room in order as their position as president of Chorus impacts their ability to consider this grant application.)

May be an issue changing name to Choir as there is a university choir so may cause confusion.

Approved from Arts & Culture – Societies executive appreciate that you demonstrated how you will cut costs.

(RB returned after decision was made)

**Symphony Orchestra - 914 - SUSO Essential Printing - Sheet music for Semester 2 #1844**

* £50 (46%)
* Memberships: 63

Have not specified printing needs – what music will you be printing. You have not listed exact costs.

Query – please give specific evidence of cost of printing, how did you come to the figure of £50?

(JF had to leave the meeting for another commitment)

**Neurodiverse Students Association - 811 - Neurodiverse Society Core Equipment semester 2 #1846**

* £57.2 (100%)
* Memberships : 61

Approved from General Pot

**Strathclyde Kilimanjaro Team - 902 - Strathclyde Kilimanjaro team weekend hillwalking trip to Glencoe 21st Feb 2025 #1845**

* £1036 (100%)
* Memberships :25

Application is good quality.

Queried – Please amend your application or reapply with answers to the following questions: Is tesco the cheapest option for food, could you purchase your food from a cheaper store such as aldi beforehand and take it with you? Could you specify what van costs will be? How did you come to £25 per person? Could you increase the cost per person by £5 or so? Could you provide evidence of interest, e.g have 25 people signed up/expressed interest.

**Aerospace Innovation-Strath AIS - 936 - StrathAIS - Airbus UniCOM CubeSat Day #1847**

* £1195 (78%)
* Memberships: 192

What is the estimated cost per person? Why are members not paying for the trip? Could you have it be part funded as it is a small subset of people, could you ask your members to contribute an amount per person? Is there a reason you are not using department funding for this trip?

Queried – Answer questions above, once this is done, socs exec will be happy to approve accommodation option 1 out of cycle so you don’t need to wait until the next socs exec.

1. AOCB

SH asked if the socs exec were happy with the new acronym for the Sustainability society – SITY – yes they were.

Wellbeing officers – looking to introduce them as a pilot for next year.

It was agreed at the AGM that if a socs exec member had not been on a committee in the previous year, they could rerun for socs exec.