**Societies Executive Committee Meeting 12 Agenda**

**12/02/25**

1. Welcome and Apologies

Present:

Jamie Campbell, VP Community (Chair) – JC

Rachael Baird – RB (present from item four onwards)

Chep Jackson – CJ

Cameron Pattinson - CP

Jo Fitzpatrick – JF

Shania Martiz – SM

Apologies:

Oli Page

In attendance:

Ellie Gomersall, Activities Coordinator (Clerk) - EG

Sarah Holmes, Activities Coordinator - SH

JC welcomed members to the meeting. The minutes from Meeting 11 were approved.

1. Matters Arising

JC noted that Socs Exec elections are coming up at the AGM. Last year JC and SM made social media posts talking about their time on Socs Exec to encourage folk to stand – members could consider doing this this year if interested. AGM is on Tuesday 25th March in Mandela.

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

SM noted that they’ve sufficiently explained their distinction from the English society. SM noted that most members are likely to be on a Creative Writing masters. They are leaning more towards being Course-based than Hobby. CP suggested that this should still be further clarified to avoid any ambiguity and CJ noted that students could feel alienated if they aren’t on the masters course. JC noted that references to activities specific to the Creative Writing course have been removed.

JC noted that USM is a hobbies-based course despite being very tied to a department. CP said that the key issue is what the content of the society actually is.

Approve with comment asking the society to confirm the content of the society to determine if they should be hobbies or course-based.

* + Central Asian-Turk Society

The constitution has not been filled out correctly; the aims appear to reference the societies policy rather than their own aims.

CP asked for clarification around the region covered. There are three names given in the documentation: Central Asian, Central Asian-Turk and Central Asian-Turkic. The society should clarify which they wish to be known as and unify this across branding and documentation.

SM noted there doesn’t seem to be any conflict with other existing societies.

JC noted they should be reminded they will need to duly elect their committee as per the societies policy.

Queried – clarify their aims in the constitution and the name of the society.

1. Reaffiliations (for information)

* N/A

1. Welcome Grant Requests (£45) – For Information.
   * Business Analysis Society - 552
2. Grant Requests. Total: £12,537.29

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| **#** | **Society (Finance code)** | **Description** | **Fund** | **Amount (%)** | **Memberships** |
| 1848 | Fusion Radio - 880 | SRA Membership | A&C Grant | £300.00 (100%) | 26 |

JC and SM noted that this request had previously been denied. JF noted a lack of evidence of part-funding or member contributions. CJ noted lack of clarification on how many people are attending. CJ suggests they could show the difference between an accommodated vs. unaccommodated ticket and book accommodation separately, with cost comparisons and justification. All expenditure should be evidenced.

Rejected and encouraged to reapply – needs evidence of part-funding and member contributions. Needs information on number of attendees. Needs cost comparisons and justification of all expenditure.

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| 1844 | Symphony Orchestra – SUSO - 914 | SUSO Essential Printing – Sheet Music for Semester 2 | A&C Grant | £50.00 (41%) | 53 |

Noted costs and other additional information have been added since last time, meeting the asks from previous.

Approved

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| 1840 | Law Society - 835 | Glass Painting wellbeing social collab night with psychology society | A&C Grant | £50.00 (97%) | 225 |

The event is taking place tomorrow and they have already put in a payment request.

Rejected – grant requests cannot be accepted retrospectively.

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| 1851 | Telegraph – 882 | Glasgow Film Festival Coverage | A&C Grant | £67.20 (100%) | 32 |

JF asked are they all going to different events or the same one? CJ asked how much money they have in their savings. They do not charge a membership fee and exist to provide opportunities for free, so part funding is not a realistic expectation. They have already booked two tickets which is part-funding.

Approved

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| 1852 | Muslim Student Association – SUMSA - 878 | SUMSA 2025 Ramadan Grant | Exec Grant | £6,500.00 (42%) | 134 |

CP asked if the plates/utensils they’re purchasing is paper/disposable, as they also bought some last year. JC noted the assumption is that this is the case. SM noted that the high expected attendance could mean a high rate of non-students; JC noted that in previous years the high attendance is mostly students.

JF and SM asked about cost comparison for food/drink/utensil purchases from different supermarkets/online shops. SM noted that disposable material purchases should bear in mind sustainability. JC noted that often purchases are made informally via local/alumni connections rather than supermarkets, which may explain lack of cost comparison. CJ asked if they could potentially make use of wholesalers, etc. in future, though there could be storage concerns.

JC noted that if the request is queried, it won’t be heard again until two days before Ramadan. SM noted that if they’re only funding eight days, it could be the final eight days so any future reapplication is not retrospective.

CP and CJ noted that many of the values given are rounded, and more specific values should be provided.

CJ asks for future applications to be made clearer as to exactly what each invoice is actually showing, for example with a short label.

Rejected – JC and CP to meet with society to discuss the various issues above.

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| 1853 | Students for the Exploration and Development of Space – SEDS - 870 | NSSC (National Student Space Conference) accommodation | Exec Grant | £488.00 (100%) | 49 |

SM noted that evidence of cross-comparison would be helpful to accompany the explanation already provided.

Approved – with above note to be included in any future applications.

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| 1854 | Students for the Exploration and Development of Space – SEDS - 870 | Mach 25 entry fees | Exec Grant | £1000.00 (59%) | 49 |

JF asked for clarification of the calculations used to reach the amounts requested. There’s a discrepancy between expected attendance given (13) and overview which notes 15 attendees.

Queried (out of cycle) – clarification requested on exact number of attendees based on aforementioned discrepancy.

*Subsequently approved out of cycle via Microsoft Teams chat; society clarified the expected attendance was 15.*

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| 1855 | Concert Band – SUCB - 918 | NCBF Final - Manchester 2025 | Exec Grant | £2960.00 (100%) | 77 |

RB noted that they’ve not specified the exact accommodation requested. All members commended the high quality of the application.

Approved - £1485.39 from A&C Grant, £1474.61 from Exec Grant.

**Arts & Culture Grant is now closed.**

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| 1845 | Strathclyde Kilimanjaro Team – 902 | Strathclyde Kilimanjaro team weekend hillwalking trip to Glencoe 21st Feb 2025 | Exec Grant | £264.19 (100%) | 45 |

All members commended the high quality of this application, with all previous requests clearly met clearly and concisely.

If the amount spent at Lidl is less than expected, any change should be returned.

Approved.

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| 1842 | Travel Society - 577 | Travel Society Malta Trip February 2025 | Exec Grant | £724.40 (15%) | 105 |

CP notes minor discrepancy between amounts in the expenditure. All asks have been met.

Approved.

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| 1856 | Engineers Without Borders – EWB - 822 | Engineers Without Borders Design Challenge UK | Exec Grant | £138.00 (100%) | 37 |

JF notes good cost comparison, etc.. SM notes that the flight option would not have been viable anyway due to Union policy. Committee discussed if the final can be considered a separate project to the heats (which have previously been funded with a grant) – committee unanimously agreed that this is separate and therefore eligible.

Approved.

1. AOCB

SM has had contact from students who wish to revive the Naval Architecture Society. Noted bank account is still active and they can email the Societies inbox for information.

SH asks members to contribute to Grant Guidelines document in the Teams.

JF asks about First Aid Training, SH notes that availability is very limited and societies may be prioritised based on need.

Next Socs Exec is the 26th February.