**Societies Executive Committee Meeting 3**

**25/09/24**

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies from OP, CJ

JC acknowledges Natalie (Activities Coordinator) and Chris (student staff for 2+ years) have left Strath Union since last meeting. Committee thanks them for all their work and support and agrees they will be much missed!

1. Minutes of last meeting are approved.
2. Matters Arising
* Charity Year

JC will announce Charity Year plans at Socs GM on Thursday

Clarified categories

* Setting budget aside for prizes and grants

ER confirmed this is in progress with finance

* Misc chat – SM meeting Fusion Radio about grant request – ER to check what feedback they have already had

Committee noted that several new society requests don’t have a constitution so we have no info about their aims – ER to check how this was technically possible!

1. Budget Update: <https://www.strathunion.com/groups/societies-exec/>
2. New Affiliation Requests
	* Diplomacy and International Security Club

Not voting today as we don’t have any aims

Point for clarification – is this specifically related to the Masters course with this name?

Society should reapply **with a constitution** in time for next meeting

* + Latam Strath

Not voting today as we don’t have any aims

Wanted to check how commonly understood this short name is in the UK – would also suggest Latam Society – no need for Strath

Society should reapply **with a constitution** in time for next meeting

* + Qatar Student Society

No issues with society aims or committee details

Check about their email address – why ‘Scotland’? Would this be a branch of a bigger organisation?

Happy to approve

* + MLitt Creative Writing

Not voting today as you don’t have a Treasurer and haven’t shared any aims – the info you have included helps but we need these set out in full

Society should reapply **with a Treasurer and constitution** in time for next meeting

* + Cosplay and Convention Society

No issues – happy to approve

1. Reaffiliations post-deadline (for information)
	* Strath Speechies
	* Ghanaian Students Association
	* Civil Engineering Society
	* Pakistani (SPakSS)

There are two separate applications from two separate groups of people for this society, both with different new names for the society

ER to put them in contact and explain the status of the existing society

Students should reapply together with one application in time for next meeting

1. Welcome Grant Requests (£45) – For Information. Total: £540.
* Pharmacy
* Skateboarding
* Nigeria
* Marketing
* StrathTV
* Harry Styles
* Boardgame
* SURGE (**Note: This is a retrospective request to fund flyers)**
* Motorsport (USM)
* Marine Robotics
* LGBTQ+
* Singapore Society
1. AGM Grant Requests (£25) – For Information. Total: £0.
2. Grant Requests. Total: £3015.45

**Human Powered Flight – Tools Funding (#1737)**

* Amount: £222.45 (50% of £444.91 total)
* Society Membership No.: 34

Agreed this is core equipment as it allows them to build the aircraft

 ER offered that we know this society doesn’t get funding from their department

 No detail given on the last item outlined – materials for bench

Happy to fund – but decision to query the application and this can be funded when society provides the missing info

**SUMSA – Sisters Escape Room (#1743)**

* Amount: £40 (28% of £144 total)
* Society Membership No.: 130

This is clearly retrospective so cannot fund

**Concert Band (SUCB) – Tuba Replacement Case (#1696)**

* Amount: £653 (100% of £653 total)
* Society Membership No.: 28

Comparative evidence is given

Good that this is effectively collaborative among the music societies

Reminder for society to explain/justify why you are not part-funding this from Savings as the committee can see there is a balance

Happy to fund – but decision to query the application and this can be funded as and when society provides missing info and committee are satisfied with the response

**SUMSOC – Welcome Picnic (#1750)**

* Amount: £90 (100% of £90 total)
* Society Membership No.: 60

Committee notes that this is the same project as #1757 below – only one application is allowed per project

In ‘expected income’ you should include the 2 x £90 contributions from the other parties. We also know from the info given in Singapore Soc’s application that you are charging £5 entry for this – this must be included in your expected income

It’s clear what you are asking the committee to fund and the split of the costs makes sense

However, not funded – see also notes on #1757

**Nigeria Society – Nigerian Independence Day Celebration (#1756)**

* Amount: £1800 (100% of £1800 total)
* Society Membership No.: 33

Society have used an outdated form that the Grant Application System now replaces so the application lacks info in places – you need to fill out every field, including Expected Expenditure and Income which are extremely important

SM notes this is actually part-funding – they just haven’t filled out the application right

Need more information on what food and drink you are getting in – not just ‘£1000 worth of food and drink’

 Committee fine with £800 of this – Venue and Security, DJ Services and MC Services

Discussion of whether to part-fund or reject as request hasn’t been completed correctly – ultimately voted to part-fund £800 from Arts & Culture. ER to feed back to society to please get in touch with your Socs Exec point of contact for support using GAS in future

**Singapore Society – Welcome Picnic (#1757)**

* Amount: £210 (82% of £255 total – rest from £45 WG)
* Society Membership No.: 20

Committee notes that this is the same project as #1750 below – only one application is allowed per project

If this application was the same as #1750 the committee would have been happy to fund both £90 contributions mentioned in that application

However, this is a completely different application with different food costs given – the committee is confused as to why there are different costs and evidence when it’s the same caterer and a joint event

The £5 entry charge and any funds the other societies are contributing must be included in your expected income

Not funded – see also notes on #1757

Note from staff – have funded £45 Welcome Grant soc is entitled to as this was part of the request

1. AOCB

JC and ER raised the 16 Days of Action against Gender-Based Violence, 25th November to 10th December. Keen for societies to get involved by leading or collaborating on events, activity and comms across the campaign. Our flagship event is the Fight for the Night march (week of 25th, evening tbc) and it would be great to have society blocs marching on the night. JC also plans to raise this at GM