**Societies Executive Committee Meeting 4 Minutes**

**09/10/24**

1. Welcome and Apologies

Present:

* Jamie Campbell – VP community (Chair)
* Jo Fitzpatrick
* Chep Jackson
* Ollie Page
* Shania Maritz
* Isabella Shepherd – Student Engagement support staff (Clerk)

Erin Ross (Activities Coordinator) joined to talk about balls then left after 20 minutes

Cameron Pattinson joined on Teams

CP left at 15:49, rejoined 15:55

A note for clarity: Items in red were added after the meeting after discussions/amendments were made and agreed by the socs executive

1. Matters Arising

* Changes to union support of ball events
  + Email Lisa. Put on discord. Take note of any concerns from societies that need clarified.
  + Concern of balls – paying invoices. Does that mean no money can be used from a savings account? Money will be paid out to a person or to a business.
  + You need an agreement for this to occur from the Union.
  + PGR wellbeing society have said they will email about their ball.
  + Is there going to be somewhere they can access a policy? Yes. Changes need to be published. There will be more info on how to organize a ball.
  + Needs to define what it means to have a partnership with an external venue.
* Request from MK Culture Society to change category to ‘Political & Activism’
  + Ollie will meet with the society. Find out why they want to change.
  + Mixed between activism and faith/culture.
  + Can point them towards Teilo if there is change.
* Fusion – grant request.
  + They needed more money than they thought for a new broadcasting system. Due to this, they no longer are going to use a new system. They want to use the grant money for the old broadcasting system
  + Still for the same core equipment (broadcasting system). Better using the old broadcasting system as it works out cheaper.
  + It is being approved by everyone.
  + Rest of the money being claimed back into the societies bank account
  + SM to let Fusion know

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

* £34,160.
* Arts and culture spent £800.

1. New Affiliation Requests

* The Strathclyde Review
  + Masters Literacy Course. A project within the course.
  + Concerns - Will there be conditions on memberships i.e. is it just for those on the course? Why do they want a society if it is purely for those on the course?
  + They want to grow their community via their constitution. It is not detailed enough though in their aims whether they are a society for creative writing or the specific Masters – feed this back
  + Not approved. - encourage to reapply with clearer aims.
* MSc Psychology Society
  + Can there be two presidents? Yes.
  + Psychology department are active in the psychology society. The Psychology Society has the same aims that the MSc has added in the constitution.
  + Concerns – not a big enough difference. Possibly about how there are year reps right now, so it doesn't include postgrad. They could contact the psychology society about creating postgrad reps. Why are the staff pushing it? Why should we separate the master's and undergrad students?
  + The Psychology Society is accredited with a wider body. They have events planned this year.
  + Not approved – see questions regarding concerns. It is best to contact psychology society regarding differences in aims. Also contact staff members who were pushing for the creation of the society.

Post-meeting edit – this is a reaffiliation and should only have been included for information

* Strathclyde Kilimanjaro Team
  + Happens every year, never been a society. Seems more charity and fundraising based.
  + Is it involving sports? If they are looking for insurance, they will have to look elsewhere.
  + Concerns – How much are they giving to charity? When they were not a society, were they still fundraising? If so, why do they need to be a society?
  + How does being a society add to their experience if they are aiming for Kilimanjaro whether they become a society or not?
  + Not approved – Querying.
* Strathclyde Nepalese Society
  + Aims are to the point. Decent committee.
  + Approved
* Diplomacy and International Security Society – see constitution
  + Applied last meeting but didn’t have a constitution so we didn’t know their aims
  + Approved

1. Reaffiliations (for information)

* EEE society (Use Senuka’s form)

1. Welcome Grant Requests (£45) – For Information. Total: £450

Corrected total - £630

* ~~Strathclyde University Whisky Society~~ Request was in draft, not submitted
* Architecture 131
* Cooking Society
* DMEM Society
* Mature Students Association
* Chinese Students & Scholars Association
* Language Café
* ESN
* Cafe Hopping Society
* Christian Union
* ~~Saudi Student Society~~ No request made

These were missed in the papers but requested on time in the system:

* Sci-Fi Society
* Cocktail and Mocktail Society
* USEV – Uni of Strathclyde Eco Vehicle
* Chemical Engineering Society
* Google Developer Student Club

1. AGM Grant Requests (£25) – For Information. Total: £0.
2. Grant Requests. Total: £6665.12

**Concert Band - Band Camp November 2024 (#1782)**

This request was in draft and should not have been discussed – #1696 was resubmitted in time after application was previously queried and should have been discussed

* Amount: £6046.60 (100% of £6046.60 total)
* Society Membership No. 69
  + Query – should this not be paid by attendees?
  + Charge members appropriately and then apply for grant.
  + Deny – reapply with more information and for part funding.
  + Use contributions from students, SU and society fund

**Concert Band – Tuba replacement case (#1696)** resubmission – discussed in writing post-meeting

* Amount: £553 from Arts & Culture (£85%)
* Society have provided clarification about their funds and that they would part-fund up to £100
* Committee are happy to approve – fund £553 from Arts & Culture

Mella Ruadh (SE support staff) joined from 15:30 to take over minutes

**Catholic Society – Art and Crafts Night (#1775)**

* Amount: £52.41 (100% of £52.41 total)
* Society Membership No. 35
  + Date is for yesterday? Not sure when it happened/if date is wrong
  + No comparative evidence
  + Attendance vs amount of paint bought
  + Sustainability issue – paper plates necessary?
  + Can they borrow equipment from other societies
  + Query if retroactive – more information needed, possibly not able to fund for paper plates
  + If not retroactive, please reapply – comparative evidence, what are the paper plates for? Why so much paint and acrylic?

**Telegraph – Filming Equipment (#1776)**

* Amount: £60 (100% of £60 total)
* Society Membership No. 54
  + Deny – JF and RB to contact society about appropriate application methods

CJ left

**Calisthenics Society – Social Media and Training Equipment #1770**

* Amount: £506.11 (100% of £506.11 total)
* Society Membership No. 65
  + Adobe Creative Cloud already used by Fusion, should this be shared?
  + Previously applied for SD card, funding was unavailable at the time
  + Share union cameras with society? – cameras being sold on gumtree?
  + JC to discuss adobe cc use by fusion, strathtv and telegraph
  + Yes to SD card, wooden parallettes
  + With camera – look into union solution, if this won’t work, agree to fund
  + With Adobe – look into union solution, if this won’t work, agree to fund

Post-meeting – cameras union is selling would not be in same price bracket, so agree to fund camera. JC still looking into Adobe sharing with Fusion and other media socs, so not funding Adobe for now

Agree to fund £312.29

Also requested in time on system but missed in papers:

**HPFStrath – Tools funding (#1737)** resubmission – discussed in writing post-meeting

* Amount: 276.62
* Society have provided missing evidence
* That they have increased the amount requested – society notes that they underestimated the original cost
* Committee notes they are still only asking for 50% funding, this is solidly part-funded
* Happy to approve – fund £276.62

1. AOCB