**Societies General Meeting 2 – 27/11/2024**

**Jamie Campbell (VP Community) – Chair**

**Sarah Holmes (Activities Coordinator) – Clerk**

**Start of meeting 5.34pm**

JC says hello and welcomes everyone, introduces Sarah Holmes as new activities coordinator, then runs over agenda. Explains no menti meter, encourages socs to chat to Jamie with any questions/suggestions/complaints

**Sign in**

Societies sign in using QR code

**Budget Update**

63% left in general pot, little less in A&C, encourages socs to apply to socs exec to cover any expenses that would usually be covered by this with grant money.

**Winter Welcome**

JC explained there will be some welcome events, e.g. fair on 15/01 for societies and sports, form with link will be sent out for sign up, also includes a link to sign up to international food fair. Also explained that societies can hold a stall at any point throughout the year

Burns ceilidh – societies can sell tickets to members and make money up to £3, get in touch with strathunion.societies@strath.ac.uk if interested.

Battle of the societies will be taking place.

If societies want to host any welcome events at any point, get in touch with JC

**Charity Year**

Fill out charity year form by 17th December for a chance to win £250. deadline for grant requests is also this day. Can split between societies who have collaborated with one another.

**Logging Hours and Skills**

Reminder to log volunteering hours, volunteering discount is coming out soon, JC apologised for delay. 15 hours of volunteering is the amount for society volunteers to qualify.

**16 Days of Action and Fight for the Night**

Invited socs to come to the Fight for the Night march. Parallel event in union at same time, everyone will come together afterwards. JC also encouraged societies to go to campaigns webpage and find out about pledges and fundraising opportunities.

**Balls**

Explained the level of support the union could provide for balls, societies can contact Lisa Brennan to access old ball funds. JC also explained the union’s definition of balls. Contact Lisa if unsure of whether or not your event counts as a ball and how it can be supported.

**Training**

JC explained there is an opportunity for First aider training for committee members, please contact strathunion.societies@strath.ac.uk if interested. Places are limited, may offer more if large level of interest shown. JC reminded societies to complete committee and finance training.

**Elections**

Elections are coming up, JC encouraged socs to consider running for elective roles. Focus group on Mon 9th December, 12-1pm about review of elective roles, sign up through native. Do it if you want to make a positive change to student experience.

**Strath Mates**

Deadline for sign up is tomorrow, but please consider applying.

**Strath Pantry**

Commencing in January, donations and beauty bank, referral scheme twice a week from level 8. More info coming soon.

**Socs Exec Time!**