**Societies General Meeting 2 – 24/11/2022**

Justyna – Chair

StrathActive – Lee Gallacher (lee.gallacher@strath.ac.uk)

* Free social sport and active health programme open to staff and students, don’t need to be a member
* Different activities and sports (Badminton, Dodgeball, Indoor Football, Tennis, and new in Semester 2: 3v3 Basketball)
* Provided equipment by Sports Union and completely free – just bring yourself
* Please don’t be intimidated by StrathSport – for everyone to get involved, all abilities
* StrathActive leaders who are students help out at session
* Sign up via the StrathUnion website and sign up for any sessions you would like to attend
  + Need good turnout to run the sessions

Enhancing Engagement Competition

* Competition run by Societies Executive committee
* Committee: SM, JC, SS, BR
* Inspired from Charity month competition which is very successful
* All about enhancing engagement at Strathclyde
* Over 20,000 students at Strath, key element of student experience is engagement in activities
* Competition – alumni fund £500 and socs exec match fund £500
* Greatest Impact award, best collab, increase in membership
* Information to come out in newsletter next week about how to enter
* Application form will detail what to include
* Encourage collaboration in future events to enter in the competition
* Question – where is the application form?
  + KM – will be up and running on website by next week, can be accessed in committee resources and event on the website
* SM – eligibility dates from 1st Oct so any events you feel are eligible that has been run in the past can be entered
* Presented at STAR awards – not just financial incentive but present at STAR awards

Text on StrathUnion Webpages

* When putting information about your society on the union website, please be mindful of the requirements for accessibility tools.
* The accessibility tools cannot read Canva/graphics. Posters and artwork can still be used but please copy the text below it so people can access the information. This also helps when the images cannot load for any reason.

Native switchover

* What does this mean – new training. You can find it at: Training and Workshops (strathunion.com). Run to inform you how to use Native, societies can upload tickets instead of staff
* What is native? A platform for advertising our events and selling your tickets online. You can add and manage your own tickets without having to get Union staff to do so.

Discount cards

* How to get them:
  + Log 2 hours on the Volunteering Portal on the Union Website. We recommend those two hours being spend doing the committee training and finance training.
* Where to get them:
  + Pick them up from the Welcome Desk Monday-Friday 2-4pm!

Successful grants (presented by socs exec)

* Look at how much money in your savings and if you are asking for full funding – might wonder why you are not using your savings if you can afford to finance it currently
* Socs exec will not offer retrospective grants – apply far in the future
* Please include conversion rates when applying if you are buying something not in Pounds

Re-freshers

* When: Week of 16th January 2023
* What can you do?
  + Promote your society
  + Engage with students
  + If you want a stall, email the socs inbox and we can book you in with one

Active and Engaged

* Adding a new element to Active and Engaged – keeping Bronze, Silver and Gold but adding mini badges – smaller criteria to achieve mini prizes. These will also be displayed on societies webpages.
* Question – what is the deadline?
  + KM – start of April, application form up on committee resources next week

Society policy

* Feedback form rereleased in Nov newsletter next week – really value your opinion and want to hear if societies have any input or issues with the proposed changes
* Will be voted at the AGM in March
* All society members can feedback
* Can also be accessed in the committee resources

Foodbank Donations

* Donations are accepted at the welcome depth from now until the end December

Toy Drive

* Supporting student parents
* Donations welcome at the welcome desk or the library
* Toys can be picked up from 14th December
* More info on the webpage: <https://www.strathunion.com/events/event/4150/>

Christmas Lights Switch On

* When: Monday 28th November @ 5pm

Christmas Programme

* Any societies that would like to get involved in some way, please email Lisa (lisa.brennan@strath.ac.uk).

Santa Dash

* Registrations now live @ [www.glasgow.gove.uk/santadash](http://www.glasgow.gove.uk/santadash)
* The Beatson will be selling merch in the Union on the 11th of December. There will be free mulled wine and mince pies.

Beatson collection

* The Beatson are also doing Christmas Bucket Collections. If you are interested in helping out then email: [community@beatsoncancercharity.org](mailto:community@beatsoncancercharity.org)

Socs Exec election

* Nomination from 16th January
* Election at GM3 in January
* More information to come in future newsletters

Strikes

* Wednesday – University strikes so University buildings will not be open – any bookings on this day will not happen
* Union will be open

Inter-soc rep scheme

* JK lists the Inter-soc reps within Socs exec and their categories that they help to support and facilitate:
  + Political and activism (Benn)
  + Hobbies & interests (Jamie)
  + Course Based (Sheik)
  + Faith and culture (Shreya)
  + Community (Emma)
  + Media, arts & music (Justyna) (Temporarily – role will be taken by new rep in Jan elections)

Mentimeter activity

* “What do you like about your society?”
* “How do you want the intersocs rep to work for you?”
* “How do you want to be communicated with?” – overwhelming response saying email

Budget update

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|  | **Arts and Culture** | **General Pot** |
| **Total Budget** | £15,000 | £40,000 |
| **Exec 1 Spend** | £375 | £315 |
| **Exec 2 Spend** | £801.91 | £1540 |
| **Exec 3 Spend** | £690 | £1540 |
| **Exec 4 Spend** | £3566.27 | £435 |
| **Exec 5 Spend** | £1043.34 | £350 |
| **Exec 6 Spend** | £346 | £1691.83 |
| **Exec 7 Spend** | £227.50 | £1094.70 |
| **Remaining Budget** | **£7949.98** | **£33033.47** |

Split into Inter-sec rep groups for discussion from socs exec members to answer questions and advise how best to support committees and societies.

End of meeting.