**Societies General Meeting 3 – 30/01/2023**

**Justyna – Chair**

**Alexandra - Clerk**

**Information**

**Society Satisfaction Research Project**

Kelsey talking about the survey and focus group; Any questions/suggestions from students are welcome;

**Native**

Kelsey: Talking about activation email, and issues that can come up with native; Email societies email address strathunion.societies@strath.ac.uk.

There is a training available, Native will make a condense video for the training;

Absorb fee for creating tickets so the society/person buying the ticket so the union covers the fee; Anyone who didn’t do that before will be refunded;

Any questions email strathunion.societies@strath.ac.uk

**Wellbeing Event – Hosted by Scott; Sports Wellbeing; Executive Officer**

Scott: Speaking about the pageant competition on the **16th of February**; It’s a fundraiser for LGBT Scotland; Tickets are 5 pounds.

Display your talent; The winner of the pageant will get a tiara, free sports ball ticket, flowers, 100 pounds;

Anyone can win; Deadline for application **is 9th of February**; To sign up send an email to wellbeing sports.

Questions: Will the event be advertised on a page?

Answer: Will be advertised on strath sport and union, screens in the union, tickets on native

**Alumni Fund – Applications Open**

Spring Application are now open for any questions email Elaine, at elaine.keil@strath.ac.uk. Dropping sessions in March, dates not available yet, will let you know later.

**STAR Awards Nominations**

**STAR** Awards Ball nominations are open; Log in your hours, there are prizes for that.

This year is going to be a black-tie event.

**Budget Update**

**Arts & Culture Fund – Spent 72.1%**

Almost done around 4000 left

**General Pot Fund – Spent 41.3%**

**More money left here**. If you need help with this email Justyna, at strathunion.vpcommunity@strath.ac.uk

**What a successful Grant Request Looks Like**

Looking for part funding first before submitting application;

Showing different cost options;

If not in pounds check conversion rates;

Give enough notice socs exec meetings only 2 times a month;

If money are asked for core equipment will be more likely to be approved as it’s related to the activity;

Nominations open for alumni fund in spring, if approved you will get the funding in April/May;

If the money your society requests are already spent application is not going to be approved;

For any questions email Justyna, at strathunion.vpcommunity@strath.ac.uk

**Enhancing Engagement Competition – Deadline 28th February**

You can run an event and then submit it for one of these categories below.

* **Greatest Impact Award 500 pounds**
* **Greatest Member Increase Award 250 pounds**
* **Best Collaboration Award 250 pounds**

You can find out more info on the Strath Union website strathunion.com, at Enhancing Engagement Competition. Any questions email Justyna, at strathunion.vpcommunity@strath.ac.uk

**Interim socs exec role**

Nominations open until next Wednesday, email societies, at [strathunion.societies@strath.ac.uk](mailto:strathunion.societies@strath.ac.uk) to nominate you or someone else. Will hold an online GM in the next month or so, just for this, no more than 30mins. The elected socs exec will serve until end of May.

Elected at AGM in March. For next year

**Nominations are open 23 full and part-time roles.**

Nominations now open. Email steathunion.dem@strath.ac.uk for any questions.

**Sustainability Hub**

Socs can book spaces to use it. Down at Livi Tower. To book email Sustainability Coordinator Kieran, at [Kieran.hein@strath.ac.uk](mailto:Kieran.hein@strath.ac.uk).

You can see the events that are happening at the Hub on the website strathunion.com, in the Sustainability section.

**Participation Fund**

Funding available for people in order to be able can participate in societies or sport clubs events/buy memberships.

**Strath Active**

Free program run by Sports Union. Info on Strath Active section on the website at strathunion.com. Email Lee at [lee.gallacher@strath.ac.uk](mailto:lee.gallacher@strath.ac.uk) for any questions.

**Mentimeter Time**

People giving advice to a new committee member.

What would you show if you took over our insta Page?

What socs are we missing from Strathclyde?

What training would you like? – bystander training; - mentioned a lot.

What is your favorite night out in Glasgow?

What is your ideal night in the Union like?

**Questions time:**

Is the socs exec a paid role?

No, it’s not.

Can we get progress on Active and Engagement?

Will check on this;

What is Socs Exec interim?

Each socs exec takes on a role, for eg. Ben is Political and Activism rep;

What is nominateHer?

It’s all about celebrating women at Strathclyde. We have multiple awards, and we are asking you to nominate people at Strathclyde who are doing extraordinary things at Strathclyde. Tickets are now live for the Ceremony. It’s all about inspiring and empowering.

What is the date for the STAR Awards?

It’s going to be formal wear, three course meal. Date TBC.

Can we get more details about the mini badges criteria?

All the information is on the website, but if you have any questions, we can arrange a meeting just drop an email.

Can we get more money?

Yes, if you apply for grants.

How is the split between the two grants defined?

It depends on how you can justify a project in your application. If you say it’s A&C we’ll usually give you money from that pot unless it’s not justified from that. There is also the general pot which all societies can apply for, regarding on what the project is.

**Socs Exec Nomination 2023-2024 Deadline: Wednesday 22nd March 12pm (6 roles)**

The deadline to apply is above. The application are not open yet but keep an eye out for when nominations open. The elections will happen during the AGM and the new socs exec will start in September.

Current exec talks about what they enjoy.

Learned a lot of skills that she can also apply to the socs she’s in. On a personal level: Financial awareness, following policies to approve different projects, good for job interviews.

It’s a good thing to know how guidelines and policies work to approve financial matters.

Liked approving new socs to be affiliated with the union.

It’s the most impactful committee that exists in the Union. You have a direct impact on the socs in the Union. You feel like you are making an impact with the decisions that you make.

Hopefully this makes it clear on what the role is about.

**Question time with socs exec members**

New Discord chat made so you can chat with socs exec informally. It’s about peer-to-peer support. If you have any questions about the union/native etc. Please email the societies team, at strathunion.societies@strath.ac.uk. The group is more about advice on events etc.

Splitting into groups to chat with socs exec.

General Question: Would you book university rooms if there wasn’t a booking fee during the weekend? Everyone says yes.

End of meeting.