

Societies Council-Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 5th December 2018

17:00

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In attendance:

Calum McCormack (CMC)
Eilidh Fulton (EF)
Emma Wallace (EW)
Hannah Brown (HB)
Rachael Brown (RB)
Una Marie Darragh (UMD)

Head of Hobby, Social and Political Societies
VP SCEBE, Societies Policy Lead
Head of Academic Societies
Head of Logistics
Chair
Societies Co-ordinator (Clerk)



	Agenda item	Person responsible
1.	Welcome & Declaration of Interests RB Welcomes the council. There were no declarations of Interests.	Chair
2.	Apologies Monica Allen (MA) Head of Faith and Culture Groups Jess O' Neill (JO'N) Head of Communication Jonnie England (JE) Head of Membership and New Societies	Clerk
3.	Approval of Previous Minutes Minutes approved by all who were at the previous meeting.	Chair
4.	Matters Arising from previous meeting HB asked if Council would still like to have a Christmas Event in week 13 for those who were still in Glasgow over the festive period. Council agreed unanimously.	Chair
5.	Policy Motions Activation of The Language Café 5 Approve	Chair

	<p>0 Abstain 0 Against</p> <p>Activation of the Greek-Cypriot Society</p> <p>4 Approve 1 Abstain 0 Against</p> <p>Activation of the Startup Grind Society</p> <p>4 Approve 1 Abstain 0 Against</p> <p>Changes to the Transport Policy There was a vote to change the Transport Policy to allow European Union licence holders to be eligible to drive vehicles.</p> <p>5 approve 0 Abstain 0 Against</p> <p>Addition of section 15.0 Initiation Ceremonies</p> <p>There was a vote to include a new section on Initiation Ceremonies in Societies Policy. This section was taken from Sports Council Policy and was amended to be applicable for Societies.</p> <p>5 Approve 0 Abstain 0 Against</p>	
6.	<p>STAR Awards</p> <p>UMD proposed a new society award to recognise the contribution of an individual volunteer. Council voted to add the following award: Best Overall Contribution from a Society Member. It was agreed that the award should not be self-nominated.</p> <p>5 Approve</p>	Clerk

	<p>0 Abstain 0 Against</p> <p>ACTION UMD to create criteria for the award to be discussed by council.</p>	
7.	<p>Societies Council Event</p> <p>HB-Christmas event to be promoted on the committee leaders Facebook group and the Societies Council page. EF suggested that Re-Freshers might be a good opportunity to host an event. In reference to Re-Freshers, HB asked for a list of categorised societies to make it easier to recommend societies to students depending on their interests.</p> <p>ACTION- UMD to create a document with categorised societies. ACTION- EF and UMD to find out more about Re-Freshers. ACTION- HB and EF to have a look for decorations.</p>	Council Members
8.	<p>Verbal Reports</p> <p>HB had been organising the potential Christmas event. EF is in talks with the sustainability officer about funding open to societies for participation in go green week. She highlighted that there was potentially an additional societies cupboard if it could be locked. EW made a form to ask different academic societies on the benefits they felt they gained from being a part of their society. Feedback has been mixed so far. EW to share the link again. RB has recently been elected. She met with UMD to discuss her role on council. She also took part in a rescheduled Dragons' Den panel. CMC has also recently been elected and took part in the rescheduled Dragons' Den panel. He is planning to speak to the societies under his remit and check in with what events they have coming up next trimester.</p> <p>ACTION- UMD and EF to clear out the societies cupboard in the New Year.</p>	Council Members
9.	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>TBC- sometime the week beginning the 28th.</p>	Chair
10.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Council discussed the process for the deactivation of a Society in the situation that there had been no activity and the society in question had been continually unresponsive to emails and other correspondence. There</p>	All

	<p>was a consensus that if there was no response after three emails regarding their status over the course of two weeks that there should be a withdrawal of activation.</p> <p>ACTION-UMD to double check Societies Council Policy and make amendments for council to vote on if necessary.</p>	
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Matters Arising

Action	Date of Meeting	Notes	Progress
UMD to create criteria for the award to be discussed by council.	05.12.18		
UMD to create a document with societies categorised by definition/type.	05.12.18		
EF and UMD to find out more about Re-Freshers.	05.12.18		
HB and EF to have a look for decorations.	05.12.18	This is no longer necessary as the event did not go ahead.	
UMD to double check Societies Council Policy and make policy amendments for council to vote on.	05.12.18	Added to the agenda for the next council meeting.	
ACTION- UMD and EF to clear out the societies cupboard in the New Year.	05.12.18	In the diary for 24.01.19	