

Societies Board Minutes 7th November 2018

In Attendance: Nazia Bharde (Chair), Mark Riley (Secretary), Muna Bashale (Faith Society Rep), Lesley Bayly-Bureau (Academic Society Rep), Ruqiyah Javid (Political and Campaigning Society Rep), Saqlain Riaz (Political and Campaigning Society Rep).

Apologies: Fatima Dhanani (Academic Society Rep).

Union Updates:

- NB raised the Community Fund and invited individual applications. LBB asked whether societies could apply, and NB clarified that societies can support individual applications, but can't apply themselves.
- NB promoted Islamophobia Awareness Month events and overall Campaign currently taking place.
- MR highlighted successful by-election period where only 7 societies closed down, lower than previously thought.
- MR raised societies training period, where 2 out of 3 committee members will need to be trained from each society to continue society activities.

Rep Updates:

- LBB raised that the Psychology Society's membership was down, and that a lot of their members were 3rd year, and so the society was focussing on promoting social events alongside their already scheduled academic events.
- RJ commented on a successful meet and greet for Palestinian Society, and commended the Islamic Society's successful charity week.

Submitted Items

Society	Request	Amount Requested	Decision	Reason
Arab Society	New Society Application	-	Y	
Artificial Intelligence Society	New Society Application	-	Y	
Arts and Crafts	New Society Application	-	Y	

Society				
Azerbaijan Society	New Society Application	-	Y	
Card Game Society	New Society Application	-	Y	
Dodgeball Society	New Society Application	-		They cannot partake in physical activity.
Fashion Forward Society	New Society Application	-	Y	
Internet of Things Society	New Society Application	-	Y	Their associate fee needs to be higher than the standard fee.
Mental Health and Wellbeing Society	New Society Application	-	Y	They should consider being named the Wellbeing Society. If not, their aims cannot clash with Psychology or similar societies.
Middle Eastern Women's Society	New Society Application	-	Y	Consider affiliation with MEWSO organisation
Women in Business Society	New Society Application	-	Y	Clarify if they would consider changing the name to 'Women Leaders' to engage non-business students.
Women In STEM	New Society Application	-	Y	Encourage affiliation to Women in STEM organisation

League of Legends Society	Funding Application	£305	N	Still need more clarification on the quotes, with a direct quote citing specific numbers. Also need an idea as to why Debonair has been chosen, when cheaper alternatives are out there.
Canadian and American Law Society	Funding Application	£642	Part	£321 granted as 50% of cost.
Chinese Society	Funding Application	£500	N	Need to know where the weekend events will be, and exactly how much will be needed. Need to know which sports are being booked at CitySport. Need more information about the AV equipment for the Chinese New Year event.
Computer & Games Society	Funding Application	£630	Y	
Dance Society	Funding Application	£1000	N	Need a breakdown of how long each session is, for how many weeks, and whether it's just for semester one or until the end of the academic year.
Italian Society	Funding Application	£150	Part	£20. Need clarification on the cards and an exact product. Would like to know if cheaper hoodies can be sourced.
Malaysian Society	Funding Application	£713	Y	
Music Society	Funding Application	£2000	Part	£830 for equipment provided it can be stored securely. Need breakdown of exact venue costs.

Pakistan Society	Funding Application	£500	Part	Need detailed breakdown of board games and DJ costs.
Palestinian Society	Funding Application	£1075.95, and prior requests	Part	£300 for a camera £99 for a microphone £150 for hoodies Clarification on if the hoodies can be sourced cheaper. No catering £5 for printing £480 for dresses
Radiography Society	Funding Application	£1200	Part	£400 for BodyWorlds. Clarify décor.
Society of Journalism	Funding Application	£1050	N	Need specific events with specific prices
Turkish Society	Funding Application	£500	N	Need a breakdown and quotes.
Islamic Society	Funding Application	£5220	Part	Need a link to the quotes for fabric, pens, and a breakdown of leaflets. Cannot fund personalised merch. Need more info on the Charity Week. £10 for message board, and £20 for the photo frame. A much more detailed breakdown of quotes for all other items is required.

AOB:

MR raised the Pro Bono Society's requirement for funding before the next round, and it was agreed that the Board would review their funding application, and give a decision after 13/11/18, when the Society meet the Law School.

NB raised catering as an issue for society funding, asking the Board to consider how it can efficiently grant funds for catering to societies in a way that is fair and democratic for future meetings.

NB asked the Board to consider being placed in a WhatsApp group for updates on bids between meetings, which was approved.

MR brought the proposed Rewards & Recognition Scheme to the Board for review, and it was agreed that Board Members would feedback over the coming weeks about criteria and rewards.