

Societies Board Minutes 5th December 2018

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

Union Updates:

- NB raised the successful Islamophobia Awareness Month.
- MR highlighted the work being undertaken to improve academic societies with the new Societies Intern, specifically the lecturer and programme rep handbooks, and the research into missing societies.

Rep Updates:

- LBB raised that the Psychology Society's 3rd annual journal, and the work they have been collaborating on with Paula to provide funding for the society. Also raised the University Mental Health Day on 7th March, which is being discussed with NB to organise a gala dinner.
- FD promoted the Law Fair being co-hosted with the Careers team, and the way that they're promoting the society by including society information in the Law Career Guide.

Submitted Items

Society	Request	Amount Requested	Decision	Reason
Turkish Society	Funding application, follow up	£250	Y	
Islamic Society	Funding application, follow up	£4761	TBD	Application to be forwarded onto Board to read, due to size
Art Society	New Society Application		Y	Focus on academic side of activity, collaborate with Arts & Crafts Society. Suggest the name of "Art & Design" or "Fine Art Society".

Brazilian Society	New Society Application		Y	
Cocktail Society	New Society Application		Y	Ensure that advertising includes responsible drinking promotions, and Drink Aware guidance
History Society	New Society Application		Y	
Moroccan Society	New Society Application		Y	Associate Fee needs to be raised
Photography Society	New Society Application		Y	
Street Doctors Society	New Society Application		TBD	MR to research into logistics of material being taught at university.
Card & Board Games Society	Funding Application	£249.53	£169.53	Everything excluding two games (one that the Union already has, and one that was deemed inappropriate)
Catholic Society	Funding Application	£150	N	Need clarification on how many hampers will be bought, and how are they being allocated.
Check Mate Society	Funding Application	£383	Y	Check to see if PAF have approved the space.
Malaysian Society	Funding Application	£1817.53	N	Need more clarification on what is going to happen on the trip, and a general itinerary.
Sikh Society	Funding Application	£560	£240	More info is required about the costs that the social events will cover.
Women In Business Society	Funding Application	£990	Y	Can't fund travel for speaker

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.