

## Societies Council Meeting 4 Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March

**Time:** 3pm

**Room:** NH208

**In Attendance:**

Rachael Brown (RB)-Chair of Societies Council

Monica Allen (MA)- Head of Hobby, Social and Political societies

Emma Wallace (EW)-Head of Academic Societies

Kathryn McNicol (KMC)- Head of Membership and New Societies (Present from Item 9 onwards)

Antonia Voss (AV)- Head of Communications

Ernest Baah (EB)- Head of Logistics

Lora Addison (LA)- Societies Coordinator (Clerk)

	<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Action Required</b>	<b>Person responsible</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Declaration of Interests</b>  RB welcomed all members, and no interests were declared.	Update	Chair
<b>2.</b>	<b>Apologies</b>  Susan Docherty (SD)-VP SCEBE  LA noted that Eileen O'Neill (EON)- Head Of Culture & Faith Groups was absent without apologies.	Update	Clerk
<b>3.</b>	<b>Approval of Previous Minutes</b>  RB drew members' attention to the minutes from the meeting on 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2020 which had been informally approved online and asked for those present to vote on their approval.  Approved 4  Abstain 0	Approval	Chair

	<p>Against 0</p> <p>These minutes were therefore approved.</p>		
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising from previous meeting</b></p> <p>AV showed members the poster she created and will upload to the societies council Facebook group.</p> <p>EW emailed the events society but didn't get a reply, AV suggested contact via Facebook. Emma will try this.</p> <p>LA has circulated mailing lists to all members.</p>	Update	Chair
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Policy Motions</b></p> <p><b>1. Activation of New Societies</b></p> <p><i>These societies have been approved informally online but at the meeting a formal vote took place.</i></p> <p>NPH Glasgow Nordic Society Indian Society</p> <p>Approve 5 Abstain 0 Against 0</p> <p>These societies were therefore approved.</p> <p><b>2. Transport Policy</b></p> <p>RB talked members through the change in the transport policy and called a vote to approve.</p> <p>Approve 5 Abstain 0 Against 0</p> <p><b>3. Societies Policy Amendment</b></p> <p>RB updated members on the outcome of the societies policy going to Student Voice, and informed that Student Voice Members had called for an amendment to be made in that committee members should have their personal</p>		Chair

	email account contacted and not just their society one.		
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>January Event Debrief</b></p> <p>RB noted that the event saw a good turnout which was surprising. The organisation of the event was tough and Societies were not informed as well of the event as they could have been. The loss of the help from the events made it tough.</p> <p>MA thought communication wasn't the best as well as the organisation. MA also said that a lot of members were relying on staff to organise the event, which was not right as this was a student led event.</p> <p>AV suggested the food timing could have been altered and communications could have been better. However, the turnout was good. AV suggested there could have been more of an activity.</p> <p>EW thought a lot of the event was quite spread out and not everyone was talking, even though council members encouraged students to mingle.</p> <p>All of council agreed that the new societies council should be encouraged to socialise during freshers' week and get their name out.</p>	Update	Chair
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>STAR Awards</b></p> <p>LA informed members that the event is taking place on 16<sup>th</sup> April in the bar. A good amount of nominations have been received as well as tickets sold.</p> <p>MA noted that some students are using the website to encourage students to nominate them and this should not be allowed, RB agreed and said that it looks like SA are endorsing these students. LA will action this.</p> <p>LA requested that all societies council members come to the event.</p>	Update	Clerk
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Funding for liberation/representation groups</b></p> <p>RB informed members that some liberation and representation groups have been enquiring about Dragons' Den funding, and RB wondered if we could open it to them.</p> <p>MA informed that they shouldn't be able to as they have access</p>		

	<p>to their own funding as well as common good funding, this budget is for societies only which there is already around 70 of and so to open this up to more groups we would be disadvantaging societies. MA also noted that the FTO lead for each group should be fighting for more funding for their respective group, rather than the members having to come to societies council for funding.</p> <p>MA suggested that going forward we have clear criteria that dragons den is only for societies, to avoid any confusion or disappointment.</p> <p>LA also reiterated the point that Dragons Den comes from the set societies budget and therefore it would not be fair to rely on the societies budget to fund other groups, but will feed forward to staff and FTOs that the liberation/representation groups feel underfunded.</p> <p><i>**EW left the meeting after this agenda item**</i></p>		
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Societies Council Elections</b></p> <p><i>**KMC joined the meeting**</i></p> <p>RB informed that we need to elect a new council, and this should be done before 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020. LA asked members if they knew anyone who would be interested, a discussion took place and LA asked all members to circulate the nomination form.</p>	Update	Chair
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Verbal Reports- Update on Work</b></p> <p>RB attended Student Voice, and is writing report for the next meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.</p> <p>AV keeping up regular social media activity, revived Instagram account. Started posting weekly society memes, and has created the societies poster.</p> <p>KMC has emailed societies to remind them of AGM deadline. She also asked that when the new committee is elected that they can make them aware of societies council and the guidance they can give.</p> <p>EB has been busy with lots of activities on campus and is regularly promoting the Students' Association and societies.</p> <p>MA has been working closely with the student solidarity network and social sciences society.</p>	Update	Council Members

	<p>LA read out an update on behalf of SD: Promoting society events including the STAR awards. Attended Extinction Rebellion meeting, and included societies in feel fab Feb. SD also ran a Circle Society Galantine's event and is regularly having catch up sessions with LA.</p> <p>EW has been keeping up contact with all academic societies but not having much engagement.</p>		
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Date Of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>RB noted this is the last meeting which needs to take place, but that we should meet with the new societies council for a handover around the end of April or beginning of May</p> <p>LA asked all members to type up a short handover and send to LA for the new council, in case not everyone can attend the handover session.</p>	Update	Chair
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>EB suggested having a set time for societies activities, and MA said that societies all have their own set times they meet ups which they manage within themselves. Not something we can facilitate but EB should include in his handover. RB noted the best way is to better promote Wednesday afternoons off.</p> <p>RB and LA thanked all members for their hard work over the year and for their contributions to societies council.</p>		

***\*\*The meeting concluded at 16:45\*\****