Societies Executive Meeting 8/11/21 - 4pm – 6pm – Minutes

**1) Minutes, Apologies and Matters Arising**

* Apologies: Adela Morais, Gaia Ferro, Lucy Hart, Toby King

**2) Grant Recommendations**

Cooking and Tasting - £250

* How will they fund the gas?
* Storage concerns – H&S for gas cannisters, risk assessment etc
* Exec can see intentions but feel it isn’t fully thought through
* Do they need 25 stoves
* Electric recommendations
* Need to specify how many they need
* Request unclear on volume required vs cost
* **Verdict - go back to the Society with feedback/asking for more clarity**
* **Action** - Lizzie, Chloe and Ned to update Microsoft form on application outlining that groups need to clearly break down the budgeting of their requests

Islamic Soc - £42.75

* Potentially already determined previously
* Already have a lot of money in their account
* **Verdict – Rejection**

History Soc - £783

* £3700k+ in account currently
* How much will it cost without subsidy?
* Execs feel trip is still affordable without subsidy
* £3k ring fenced for Summer Ball
* Other money being saved for LCR hire for event
* Appreciate dedication to making it affordable
* Feels can find cheaper coach travel
* Potential for partial subsidy instead
* Already providing a lot of subsidy to their members across the year
* £24 would be expensive for some students, despite it being good value
* Academic nature of opportunity to be considered
* Split opinion between partial subsidy/grant and overall rejection
* Partial grant options – subsidy to allow tickets to be £15 - £627 needs to be found to allow this subsidy
* **Verdict – If the Soc provide £300, we’ll provide £330 to allow £15 tickets**

UEA Mallu Soc - £1000

* 47 members
* Total cost of event of around £2.5k
* Ticket Price - £20 per ticket planned
* Potential to charge more for external attendees
* 10% of overall pot
* Price variance between members and non-members important – breakdown required
* total cost per member, non-members tickets need to be more expensive
* Over half of people going would be non-members, so needs to be addressed
* More information required
* Verdict – Request paused for now - More info required
* Members vs non-members ticketing

Business Soc - £5000

* **Verdict – Rejection**
* Can submit another request for Summer event if required

**3) New Society Applications**

International Perspective

* Is this a charitable Soc, an Academic Soc or a Personal Development Soc – latter
* **Verdict – Approval**

Mindful Medics

* Feels like a support group for Med Students
* Similarities to Headucate
* Mindfulness component and focus upon Med Students as main key differences
* Concept liked by Execs – good idea
* Safeguarding concerns I.e. difficult conversations – opening up as result of the activity – clear training and support required
* **Verdict – Approval on basis of signposting Uni and SU support services as part of Committee Training**

Renaissance Faire Soc

* Concept has a big following / interest
* Seems like they’re trying to set up a Society just to put on an event(s)
* Concerns over space availability, risk assessment process, would the scale of this require Union involvement/organisation
* Cool event idea rather than Society idea
* **Verdict - Approval**

ABACUS

* Society previously removed 2+ years ago by Execs
* CSSA as quite closed off – issues should be addressed here I.e. inclusivity training
* CSSA happy for ABACUS to exist
* Chinese speaking vs British speaking challenges
* ABACUS recognised across the country
* Could the creation of ABACUS cause division?
* Can approve ABACUS whilst also looking to resolve CCSA issues
* Uea(su) to contact CSSA r.e. inclusion concerns
* **Verdict - Approval**

**4) Sabbatical Officer Update**

**5) Upcoming Campaigns**

**6) Society Executives representative updates from soc presidents**

**7) Executives’ discussion**

**8) A.O.B**