

Motion Proposer: Aaron Caulfield
Motion Seconder: Imogen Robertson
Date: 26/01/2023

Amendment Proposer: Jess Reid
Amendment Proposer: Murray Bushell
Date: 30/01/2023



Motion Title: Clubs and Societies Coronavirus Recovery Motion (as Amended)

Motion Resolves:

Amendments for Schedule 8 will be permanent changes for all Clubs and Societies:

~~“3.3 Membership – Both an existing Society and any new societies which are formed must obtain a minimum of 3 paid members who fulfil the core committee roles of President, Secretary and Treasurer supporting their continuation and formation.”~~

“4.1 Membership fees – All Clubs/Societies must set an annual membership fee at their AGM (or EGM if applicable) prior the start of each academic year, communicating this to the Union in order for the Union to set the new fees to be displayed on the website.

- ~~a) — A minimum membership fee will be set by the Union, with approval of the Vice President Communities.~~
- ~~b) — The minimum membership amount is set by the CZEC, and will be reviewed annually.~~
- a) Clubs & Societies may apply to the CZEC to become ED&I Accredited using the correct form, granting the ability to waive Club & Society membership fees on the understanding this will have an impact on Club finances
- b) All membership fees are subject to VAT, where applicable.”

“5.5 Under no circumstances should Clubs use any agreements they have in place to lobby the Union to accept or not accept any marketing activity which they may directly be undertaking. The Union reserves the right to accept marketing activities and agreements with external bodies regardless of these being in competition with activities provided by Clubs or Societies —~~however it is the duty of the Vice President Communities to assess any impact this may have upon the Club or Societies impacted, and attempt to mitigate any detriment provided to such Society in undertaking any such agreement and provide this consideration to any such Society affected~~”

“7.1 The University of Stirling Students' Union logo **may** be shown clearly on all Club Publicity and in line with the Union's branding policy which can be found on www.stirlingstudentsunion.com”

“9.4 Non-Student Members - Such membership will have non-voting status and will not be eligible to be elected as Committee members of the Club/Society. All non-student members must adhere to the clubs/society constitution —~~for the purposes of affiliation, a non-student paid member counts for one-half of a student member however there must be a predominance of student members in order for this allocation to be given~~”

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Motion Notes:

That, therefore, Schedule 8 of this Students' Union should be reformed for a temporary period in order that the normalisation of clubs and societies can be achieved over time.

Amendment Notes:

In regard to changes to 3.3, rather than an assignment of a minimum number of society members, it should be that any Society can be formed and affiliated with the Student Union if they have a core committee. This is because any Society with a committee has the potential to grow and expand year on year.

The deletion of the amendment to 5.5 is necessary as the Vice President Communities could face reproach if marketing activities, where they could not prevent or remove, interfered with the principles or ideals of any student Society.

Finally, amendments to section 9.4 to be deleted as this change would be null and void with the amendment made to 3.3 as Societies would no longer need to keep track of membership numbers for affiliation.

Motion Believes:

That it is self-evident that the effect of the Coronavirus Pandemic has seriously stricken many clubs and societies within this Union and that recovery from this will only be possible with the assistance of the Union's core

That funds belonging to clubs of <10 members are unable to be accessed, leaving clubs and societies whilst are small in a death spiral.

Amendment Believes:

The Community Zone welcomes the original and amended motion, to build upon its' foundations, to make it easier to access funds, start new Societies and grow over time by making permanent changes to enhance the schedule.

The amendments made to the motion make it more accessible for students. Finally, to reaffirm the original motions intentions, for the academic year 2022/23 CZEC did not set a minimum membership fee and have been allowing societies to set their own memberships, this amendment supports the original motion and would make this a permanent part of the Clubs and Societies Schedule.