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## Motion Title: Update to Clubs & Societies (Schedule 8)

### Motion Resolves:

To update Schedule 8: Clubs & Societies with several major revisions as seen in the supporting Schedule 8 document. The key changes made to Schedule 8 include but are not limited to:

- Revising language to solely use 'societies' rather than 'clubs and societies' to make a clear distinction between the Communities Zone and the Sports Union.
- Revising the approval process for adding new society committee members to make it easier.
- Changing time periods for submissions for the Clubs Grant (which would be referred to as Society Grant) to make it more accessible for societies and reflective of the academic year.
- Amending the Publicity section to also cover offensive or abusive content on social media
- Amending the role of CZEC to include that it is 'To hold the Vice President Communities and relevant Volunteer Officers to account in their actions as an Officer, to ensure they are fulfilling their responsibilities to students and societies.'
- Expanding section 8 on CZEC to allow this committee to elect a Chair in the circumstance that Vice President Communities is not available to be Chair (for example if they are sick and the meeting can't be rescheduled).
- Adding a new point under section 9 regarding governance, to ensure that any member who wishes to run for a committee position should have attended three society meetings or been a member of the society for more than one semester.
- Added a new Section 11 which details our societies commitment and responsibilities regarding Equality, Diversity & Inclusion.

### Motion Notes:

That the revisions proposed to Clubs & Societies Schedule 8 would ensure our guidelines for societies are kept up-to-date with best practice, and provide greater clarity around how societies should be run.

These revisions and amendments also remove any out-of-date points in our current Schedule 8, for example the fact that Clubs Grant on the form says the deadline is the 31st of March yet Schedule 8 says the deadline is the 1st March. This proposed Schedule 8 Societies Charter lays out that all Society Grant applications, committee elections etc should be held before the teaching period ends.

In particular, it is noted that it is essential for our societies to be committed to our Union's Equality, Diversity & Inclusion and that this plays an intrinsic role in creating a safe space for all members.

### Motion Believes:

These changes will make the Communities Zone operate in a more organised and efficient manner. Societies will find it easier to elect dedicated and active committee members, and

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will. It will also make it easier for members to hold the relevant Volunteer Officers and Vice President Communities to account.

