

## SUBU Clubs and Societies New Club Application Response Form

New club and societies applications are reviewed by the clubs and societies awarding committee that meets 4 times in the academic year. This Panel is made of one Student Opportunities Team Member, the VP Student Opportunities, one SUBU Student Engagement Staff Member and one or more student member of the Executive Committee.

This document provides a breakdown of the new clubs/ societies requested and which have been approved.

This information will be made available publicly on the SUBU website.

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**Date of meeting:** 23.11.21

**Panel members present:** SU VP Opportunities- Omuwa Ayomoto, Student Opportunities Manager- Emma Davies, Student Participation Manager- Kerry Dean, Clubs and Societies Administrator – Nicky Robinson

Proposed Club/ Society Name	Proposed Membership
<b>Taylor Swift Society</b>	£2
<b>Main Proposed Objectives</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To provide a safe and inclusive space for all swifties to be able to express themselves without a care in the world</li><li>• Bond over wine and girlbosses and overall have a fun time!</li><li>• Get over our exes through the medium of Taylor Swift</li></ul>	
<b>Accepted/ Declined &amp; Comments</b>	
<b>Accepted</b> The Awarding Committee accept this application for a new society. We note that the membership fee is quite low and it may be worth increasing this to fundraise some income for the society.	

Proposed Club/ Society Name	Proposed Membership
<b>Bench Ball Society</b>	£5
<b>Main Proposed Objectives</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The society aims to be a place where students who are interested in playing sport but don't feel comfortable trying out for a team at SportBU can come and take part in some non- competitive games.</li><li>• The society aims to be an alternative to competitive sports clubs or public gyms as a place people can come to get fit. Bench Ball can be a fairly high energy game, so we're hoping this could act as some members primary source of exercise.</li><li>• The society aims to be a social hub for members looking to make friends. Alongside the matches, we want to be a social- orientated society running a</li></ul>	

variety of nights out and other activities for those who aren't interested in the clubbing scene.
Accepted/ Declined & Comments
<p><b>Accepted</b></p> <p>The awarding committee are pleased to accept this new society and note that it will be a good addition to the SUBU sports club portfolio. As a minimum every club and society must charge a £1 membership fee, per session fees can then be charged on top of this. The awarding committee would like to make the new committee members aware of the risk of booking sessions in the Sports Hall and not having enough participants to cover the cost of this. We suggest that this is kept an eye on this.</p> <p>The application stated that approximately £100 would be required for balls and bibs funded through membership, however SUBU would likely support this through 'start up' grant funding, pending a suitable grant application. Additionally the awarding committee suggest speaking with SportBU staff to enquire about equipment that could potentially be borrowed for sessions.</p>

Proposed Club/ Society Name	Proposed Membership
<b>Cycling Club</b>	£1
Main Proposed Objectives	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a community of like-minded people who enjoy cycling and helping the environment to meet new people.</li> <li>• Improve fitness</li> <li>• Enjoyment</li> </ul>	
Accepted/ Declined & Comments	
<p><b>Accepted</b></p> <p>SUBU previously had a very active Cycling Club for a number of years but it recently closed due to having no active Committee to carry it on, as such the Cycling Club is currently on the list of SUBU '<a href="#">jump start</a>' clubs meaning they need essential committee positions filling.</p> <p>With this in mind the Awarding Committee are happy to accept this society, however more thought will need to be given to the proposed aims and objectives of the society as the ones in the application were very brief. There needs to be more detail in order to attract prospective members to know what the club does.</p> <p>The awarding committee also note that due to the previous popularity of the society it will be important for the new committee to ensure students outside of the Hope to Children London to Paris cycle ride are able to join in the society and that the society</p>	

continues post event. For example, students who do not have their own bike could also partake by using Beryl Bikes- the SUBU Student Opportunities Team has a good relationship with the Beryl Team and can help in developing a new relationship between the Cycling Society and Beryl Bikes.

Proposed Club/ Society Name	Proposed Membership
<b>Politics Society</b>	£1

Main Proposed Objectives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A safe space for all political opinions to be expressed and valued</li> <li>• A tight-knit community who respect and value difference</li> <li>• Keeping up to date with topical political events</li> </ul>
Accepted/ Declined & Comments
<p><b>Accepted</b></p> <p>This society is currently classed as Jumpstart Society which is one that has previously been active but currently no longer has any committee members. The Awarding Committee are pleased to accept this application however this society will fall under the 'Academic' category rather than a 'Political and Campaigning' Society.</p> <p>The awarding committee note that the name of the students in the role of President and Communication is the same and therefore the new committee will need to ensure that they have a different person in each role. Please confirm which students will be fulfilling each role.</p>