**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: **Tuesday 6th October 2020**

Panel members present: Emma Davies (Student Opportunities Manager), Jen Caldwell (Clubs and Societies Coordinator), Ugo Andy-Eke (SU VP Student Opportunities), Toluwa Atilade (SU VP Welfare & Community), and Kerry Dean (Head of Student Participation)

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| Proposed Club/ Society Name | Proposed Membership |
| Courgette Society | £10 |
| Main Proposed Activities  |
| -Growing Courgettes-Selling Courgettes |
| Accepted/ Declined & Comments |
| **Declined.** Unsuitable application; process was not taken seriously. To be an affiliated SUBU club an application needs to have 5 individuals committee members as per club or society constitution which this application does not have. |

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| Proposed Club/ Society Name | Proposed Membership |
| Portugese Society | £12 |
| Main Proposed Activities  |
| -Reunite Portugese Students-Help individuals learn the language and understand the culture. |
| Accepted/ Declined & Comments |
| **Accepted.** This will be a good addition to the cultural societies in the SUBU portfolio, it will do well to support students at BU.The committee has queried the proposed cost of £300 to be an active member for a year. Considering the nature of the society this cost seems a high, however the initial membership fee seems fair. |

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| Proposed Club/ Society Name | Proposed Membership |
| Adult Nursing Society | £3 |
| Main Proposed Activities  |
| -Supportive academic society and promote study-Theory time-Provide re-assurance and comfort-A safe space for students studying the same interest-Events to expand industry knowledge |
| Accepted/ Declined & Comments |
| **Accepted.**This promised to be a good, supportive academic society.Nice to see that thoughts towards being financially sustainable have been considered in the form of charging tickets for events.  |

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| Proposed Club/ Society Name | Proposed Membership |
| Rounders | £6 per year |
| Main Proposed Activities  |
| -Make new friends in a casual setting-Exercise to keep peoples metal health and physical health stable-Have fun and not be overly competitive  |
| Accepted/ Declined & Comments |
| **Accepted.**Good, casual and fun nature of the society. Sustainable and easily accessible for students, especially due to the low cost. |

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| Proposed Club/ Society Name | Proposed Membership |
| Femboys | / |
| Main Proposed Activities  |
| -To bring femboy culture into the modern light |
| Accepted/ Declined & Comments |
| **Declined.**The application was not completed fully; relevant information was not accurate. To be an affiliated SUBU club an application needs to have 5 individuals committee members as per club or society which this application does not have. |

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| Proposed Club/ Society Name | Proposed Membership |
| Rollerskating | £10-£20 |
| Main Proposed Activities  |
| -Practising roller skating and roller derby-Compete with local teams-Provide a social space-Help others to learn a new sport |
| Accepted/ Declined & Comments |
| **Accepted**Further information was provided on what the main purpose of the society is as initially it wasn’t clear as to whether it would be a roller skating or roller derby society.We accept a roller skating society as it has a social capacity with the society signposting to local roller derby teams rather than running roller derby activites. |

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| Proposed Club/ Society Name | Proposed Membership |
| Vinyl | £5 |
| Main Proposed Activities  |
| -Share records -Form friendships-Expand musical horizons |
| Accepted/ Declined & Comments |
| **Accepted.**Low cost society and is accessible for students to join and share their music interests. Nice addition to SUBU’s portfolio of clubs and societies. |

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| Proposed Club/ Society Name | Proposed Membership |
| Chainlink | £3 |
| Main Proposed Activities  |
| -Educate people on the culture and interests regarding BDSM-Provide a safe environment for students to feel comfortable and not be judged for their interests |
| Accepted/ Declined & Comments |
| Further information was gathered by ED reaching out to the proposer and to similar societies at other Student Unions’ which gave examples of risk assessments and safeguarding practices in place.As a committee, we are happy to accept this society providing that the purpose of the society is to give a safe space for students to come together and have conversations about their interests without fear of being judged. Workshops and tutorials carried out by peers would not be allowed due to safety concerns. Additional conversations will need to be had with the committee ahead of starting any activities to ensure that safe guarding, risk assessments and health & safety practices are in place.  |