**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 24th November 2020**

Panel members present: Emma Davies - Student Opportunities Manager, Kerry Dean - Head of Student Participation, Jen Caldwell - Clubs and Societies Co-ordinator, Ugo Andy-Eke - VP Student Opportunities, Nyasha Madhuku- Part Time Officer

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| Proposed Club/ Society Name | Proposed Membership |
| Bluetooth Rave Society | 10 |
| Main Proposed Activities | | |
| Bringing people together for the love of music, to hold music based socials.  We own a license to a locally-hosted and fully secure instant  messaging service, which we will be using to communicate with  our members. | | |
| Accepted/ Declined & Comments | | |
| **Declined**  The application did not include 5 individual committee member details, some names were duplicated. As a standard requirement, all clubs and societies must have 5 different committee members across 5 positions to be set up.  The Awarding Committee had additional concerns regarding the proposed plans to run activities in ‘undisclosed’ locations as this increases the risk of activities. The Committee were also unsure as to the need for a separate messaging service to be used by the members. | | |

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| Proposed Club/ Society Name | Proposed Membership |
| The Economics Society | £5 |
| Main Proposed Activities | | |
| The first objective of the society is to enable students with a  keen interest in Economics and finance to network with potential  employers through networking sessions.  The second objective of the society is to create a group where  all individuals from related courses can learn off each other  and discuss topics in the news.  The third objective is to enable students of related courses to  enhance their CV. | | |
| Accepted/ Declined & Comments | | |
| **Accepted**  This will be a good addition to SUBU’s academic society portfolio, and the committee were happy that it was stand alone and not related to any current academic societies. There lots of opportunity for students to learn new skills and network within this new society. | | |

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| Proposed Club/ Society Name | Proposed Membership |
| Photography | £5 |
| Main Proposed Activities | | |
| To teach and learn from each other’s technical skills about  photography.  A chance for people to showcase their own work and view other  peoples. We want to provide a platform where people can  critique work to allow people to better their skills.  Provide a space for people with similar interests regardless of  age / course etc | | |
| Accepted/ Declined & Comments | | |
| **Accepted**  This will be a good addition to the groups that students can join. The Committee were pleased that thought had been given to students that may be taking part without equipment. Because of this, the low membership fee, and the fact that students need no prior experience means the clubs is accessible to many students. | | |

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| Proposed Club/ Society Name | Proposed Membership |
| The Social Dilemma | £2 |
| Main Proposed Activities | | |
| Place for people to make friends  Reduce screen time and get outside more  Explore the local area | | |
| Accepted/ Declined & Comments | | |
| **Accepted**  This club has the potential to be a good way for bringing students closer together and creating a network based around new and interesting activities.  The Committee did query what considerations have been made for activities that could be run by this club if the pandemic continues and physical/face-to-face activities cannot be run. The nature of the society is to reduce screen time however the pandemic has forced us to turn our attention to moving activities online.  The Committee would like to clarify that not all societies focus on drinking, as was stated in this club’s application, many clubs pride themselves on offering a range of activities. In addition, parody nights of existing societies were also mentioned, the panel would like to make clear that they would not be encouraged. | | |

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| Proposed Club/ Society Name | Proposed Membership |
| Olympic Weightlifting Club | £110 |
| Main Proposed Activities | | |
| We want to create a safe environment for people to train in  Olympic weightlifting with the support of professional coaching  and equipment. Being able to provide a sporting activity will  assist in keeping people physically and mentally healthy with a  team!  We want to support and provide coaching to allow athletes to  succeed in Olympic weightlifting, to then represent BU nationally  and internationally. This is intended to be a team that attends  competitions and becomes successful within the sport.  We want to create a second family, whereby we have a strong  support system and ensure athletes also have an amazing time  at University! Being able to provide a sporting activity will assist  in keeping people physically and mentally healthy with a team! | | |
| Accepted/ Declined & Comments | | |
| **Declined**  For a new club or society to be approved there needs to be a minimum of 15 students who would join once approved, this application gave a number less than this. The club application was for a small group of dedicated and highly competitive students, with little acknowledgment made to widen that out and encourage new members, which means it would not be inclusive or accessible to a wide range of students.  The majority of the facilities, equipment, and specialised knowledge required for this society to blossom fits within the SportBU’s portfolio. The Committee suggest that the proposers speak to SportBU about creating a new Olympic Weightlifting performance team, or consider joining an already active performance team | | |

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| Proposed Club/ Society Name | Proposed Membership |
| Chess Society | £5 |
| Main Proposed Activities | | |
| To get more people interested and involved in playing chess.  Teaching people the fundamentals and more complex strategies  of chess, giving them the necessary knowledge to further  develop their skills and own unique playing style.  To create a competitive chess culture to aid the growth of our  members | | |
| Accepted/ Declined & Comments | | |
| **Accepted**  With affordable membership this will be a positive new addition to the clubs and societies portfolio. It seems accessible for novices and enthusiasts alike.  The Committee would like to query where the aforementioned £475 grant from BU will be awarded from? It was also unclear if it were to be awarded, how it would be spent by the club. | | |

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| Proposed Club/ Society Name | Proposed Membership |
| Ladies 5 a-side football | £10 |
| Main Proposed Activities | | |
| Why Join Us?  1. If you want a kick about, give us a shout!  2. Fun :)  3. Meet new non-competitive ballers  4. Social nights out  What we do?  BU Ladies 5 a-side FC!!!  Once a week training and fortnightly matches, outdoor location  (weather dependent). Fun, inclusive and positive environment to  play some football, no judgment on experience. We aim to keep  a well balanced stress life from Uni work and socialising.  Weekly themed socials to let your hair down! | | |
| Accepted/ Declined & Comments | | |
| **Accepted**  The application was well written and acknowledges that the society will consists of a fun, open, and social activity which students can take part in, regardless of their experience.  The application also stated however an intention to complete at British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS) therefore the Committee has requested clarification as to whether this referred to the national governing body of BUCS, or a desire to play and compete smaller tournaments and local competitions just for fun. The clarification is being sought as it may change the nature of the proposed club.  Further information was provided by the proposed committee stating that the nature of the society will be for fun and informal activity and therefore the decision has been made to accept this new society. | | |

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| Proposed Club/ Society Name | Proposed Membership |
| Plant Based Society | £3.50 |
| Main Proposed Activities | | |
| Spread Awareness and meeting like minded people who are/  interested in eating plant based  Create a community supporting a healthy lifestyle  Providing education and support for those who already follow/  wish to adopt a plant based lifestyle | | |
| Accepted/ Declined & Comments | | |
| ***More information needed to make a decision***  Another solid application but the Committee would like some further clarity about how this will differ from existing societies to ensure this can be articulated well to the student body.  SUBU has a Reducetarian Society, the Committee requested that the proposers explain the main differences between the Plant Based Society and the Reducetarian Society in order for us to make an informed decision about the similarities and differences. | | |