**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:** 15.09.2021

**Panel members present:** SU VP Opportunities- Omuwa Ayomoto, Student Participation Manager- Kerry Dean, Community Project Lead- Gillie Lewis, Student Opportunities Manager- Emma Davies

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| Proposed Club/ Society Name | Proposed Membership |
| **First Love Society** | £1 |
| Main Proposed Activities | | |
| * We are a young, vibrant student group, enthusiastic about Christ and aim to build a family of young people who want to grow their Christianity, as well as a place to freely asked questions for those who are simply curious about Christian faith. * The First Love Society will offer an open environment to explore faith through various activities and the opportunity to meet likeminded students. * We provide innovative opportunities for young people to be involved through our different activities which include: Dancing Stars, Praise & Worship Stars, Film Stars, Media team and more. This gives everyone the opportunity to showcase their talents/skills in our meetings and our events, as they get more acquainted with the word of God, hence providing a more proactive participation from our members. * We believe that being a Christian is more than just worshipping God on a Sunday, so, as a society, we hope to build up people's faith by regularly coming together, to encourage each other, worship together and be a family. * Our society aims to spread the word of God to those who have not heard it yet and capture the hearts of many young people. | | |
| Accepted/ Declined & Comments | | |
| ***Accepted***  This application is well written and details the objectives of the proposed society however the awarding committee note that the application may be to be similar other SUBU Faith Societies. The Awarding Committee will need further information from the applicants as to how this society will differ from the offerings of the existing Faith Societies, and how any differences could be made clear to students.  In addition the awarding committee would also like some information regarding what the connection is with the local church and what involvement they would have with the society which is required to be led by BU students.  The committee would also like to know what the society’s approach would be to informing students and gaining new members that would be new to First Love. Will the activities of the societies be open to people of all faiths?  After further information provided by the proposed committee the awarding committee is happy to accept this new society. | | |

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| Proposed Club/ Society Name | Proposed Membership |
| **Power Lifting** | £30 |
| Main Proposed Activities | | |
| * As a society, we want to achieve the objective of creating a community of like minded individuals who feel supported and welcomed into a society that pushes them to achieve their goals in the sport or simply to improve their overall physical and psychological wellbeing through regular exercise. * Encourage more people to be involved with the sport and ultimately grow it through organised events and competitions whilst also providing opportunities to compete in regional/national/international events. * Provide an outlet for those who also intend to compete competitively through the use of specialised resources such as specific equipment, coaching, programming and overall support of a community with the same objectives. | | |
| Accepted/ Declined & Comments | | |
| **Decline**  The awarding committee are pleased to see a well written application for the prospective club however, SUBU has recently transferred a large number of their competitive sports clubs to be managed by SportBU. The clubs that were transferred are ones that are competitive, compete at performance level, represent BU at BUCS and also have a high cost for students to be an active member. These are qualities that are shared with the application from the proposed society. As such the committee is not able to accept this application as it does not align with SUBU’s sporting portfolio which is aimed at being recreational and as accessible and affordable as possible.  The awarding committee understand from the SportBU performance team that Powerlifting is a sub-section of another discipline which unfortunately SportBU cannot support at this time. However you may wish to contact them further down the line. | | |

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| Proposed Club/ Society Name | Proposed Membership |
| **Gym Society** | £10 |
| Main Proposed Activities | | |
| * Create a community to find gym partners. * Educate on related topics. * Motivate each other * Weekly gym sessions in SportBU gym * Lectures on health related topics * Competitions within society | | |
| Accepted/ Declined & Comments | | |
| ***Accepted***  The awarding committee sees merit in the nature of this proposed society however have concerns that it is heavily affiliated with the activities of the SportBU gym and the application suggests that members of the society will also need to pay for a SportBU gym membership to take part in activities within the society. Unfortunately SportBU gym and fitness class discounts will not automatically be able to be offered through the society.  Due to these concerns, the awarding committee suggest modifications to the objectives of the society, along with a change to the name to encompass a wider range of fitness activities. An example of a new name could be BU Fitness Society; the activities could then include gym sessions for those who are able to purchase a membership but also other activities such as circuits/ runs/ walks etc. This would make the society more accessible as well as diversifying the activities to be border than gym sessions.  SUBU does have space for a general fitness society to be added to the sporting portfolio but the proposed society will need to be modified from the original application in order to be accepted as a SUBU affiliated club or society.  The proposed committee were happy to make these changes and the awarding committee were pleased to accept this new society. | | |

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| Proposed Club/ Society Name | Proposed Membership |
| **Baking & Cooking Society** | £40 |
| Main Proposed Activities | | |
| * You get to meet new people * Trying new cooking recipes with friends * Gain a new skill   We are a society that will offer weekly cooking/baking activity which would include trying out new recipes all the time.  We will also be creating our own recipes which would be a lot of fun, we are open to anyone meal suggestions that would be made.  There would be activities were one or two people makes a dessert for the club and we all come together in the night and eat it and have discussions in the club.  When this is done we will release the recipes of the dishes made if people like them so they can be made outside of the club. | | |
| Accepted/ Declined & Comments | | |
| **Accepted**  The awarding committee are happy to accept this new society and were pleased to see the considerations that the application gave to ensure that the society is as open and accessible as possible. The committee did note however the membership fee may appear to be high for some students. Instead, the society could charge a termly membership such as £10 per term which may be more manageable for members.  The awarding committee would also be interested to know where the planned cooking activities will take.  We wish the new society good luck and would love to try some of the recipes. | | |